



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

October 2009

Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents:

I hope you enjoyed the September Book of the Month, *Courage*, as much as I enjoyed reading it to all of the children. We learned from the story that "courage" is really about standing up for yourself and others, even when it could be a bit uncomfortable. Courage means doing what's right!

As we move ahead in our school year, I see our students becoming better writers, as well as learning to be good writing partners. It's quite impressive. When I came across this month's book, I just couldn't resist sharing it with you! For the October Book of the Month I give to you *The Best Story* written by Eileen Spinelli. This is a great read aloud for all of you who are now writing personal narratives during writing workshop. This story reminds us that the best story is one that comes from your heart.

In the book, the girl, seeking the advice of all family members, is writing a story to submit to The Red Brick Library story contest. None of the advice produces the story she can believe in until her mother suggests that, the best story is one that comes from your heart. The author doesn't name the girl, nor give us the results of the contest which makes us think about what is important in life.

This is a wonderful book that will inspire all of you as young writers trying to turn an idea into a good story.

With love,

Ms. Brown  
Principal