



## October 2020

**Theme:** Wellness and Happiness

**Books:** The Perfectly Perfect Wish, by Lisa Mantchev  
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*“Very little is needed to make a happy life;  
it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.”*  
Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

September has quickly come and gone and we have settled nicely into new routines and a new school environment. Harbor Hill students and staff have demonstrated great resilience and their strength is truly inspiring. Each day, students happily arrive at school eager to learn, create, and grow. They have been busy creating new friendships and their kindness towards one another makes us all proud. As we come into the fall, we are reminded of all the wonderful changes that occur around us. The weather grows cooler, the leaves change color and the days become shorter. It is a perfect time for a great book. Our October Book of the Month takes our students on a journey of self-discovery, imagination and empathy.

In The Perfectly Perfect Wish, by Lisa Mantchev, the author introduces the concept of a magic wish and uses it to explore real world empathy, kindness, and good will. “In the grass, a girl finds an extraordinary thing that gives her...just...one...wish. She asks those around her what they would wish for in her shoes, but nothing seems quite right. What will her perfect wish be?” This book highlights the idea that true happiness comes from making others happy, and that one person can change the lives of other people for the better. Never underestimate the impact that one kind word, or one kind act, can have on those around you. We encourage our students each day to treat others the way they want to be treated. Everyone student that walks through our doors is a valuable part of our school community and an integral part of our Harbor Hill Fam-We.

We are confident that our students will enjoy this book and be moved to give and create happiness, as well as make wishes that are bigger than they are.

☺ Mrs. Kemler and Mrs. Hazen