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Dear East Hills Families:

It is hard to believe that I am penning the final Book of the Month letter for the 2015-2016 school year. What a year it has been! Your children have made such tremendous gains, both in and out of the classroom, due to the most passionate, dedicated and caring staff members that Mrs. Lewis and I are fortunate to work alongside. As we walk the halls of East Hills School, we are welcomed by the sound of curious questions posed by our inquisitive students as well as sagacious responses that provide our children with time to reflect, respond and wonder. Your children have grown in leaps and bounds and for that we are very proud! They have learned many lessons in math, literacy, social studies, library science, technology, art, music and physical education. They have also learned many life lessons; those that will remain with them throughout their lives. In picking the book of the month, we pondered, "What book will present a message that reminds our children of the importance of being themselves, having confidence and pride with who they are and not wishing they were like someone else?"

Well, *Three Hens and a Peacock* has done just that! This adorable picture book, written by Lester L. Laminack, a well-respected and beloved author (who has a wonderful sense of humor) tells the tale of three hens that are less than thrilled when a peacock happens upon their farm. The peacock, being proud and stoic, caught the attention of many passersby who couldn't help but admire her beauty. They bought all of the produce that was for sale. The hens, believing that they were doing all of the work without any of the accolades, thought of a plan to be recognized. It is our hope that the children will be able to connect to this tale as a reminder of how unique they are with their individual strengths. The message: be yourself!

As we bid goodbye to the 2015-2016 school year, Mrs. Lewis and I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It has been an absolute delight to be a part of your child's school year. A special thank you to our selfless PFA and SEPTA parents for all they have provided for our school and community.

We wish you all the best for a happy and relaxing summer. Please be on the lookout for our summer reading and math email which will be sent out on the last day of school.

Fondly,
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