



November 2015

Dear East Hills Families:

November has come in as swiftly as the mosaic of colorful leaves have made their journey from the oaks, elms, pines and maples to gently cover the grass like a blanket keeping the earth warm through the upcoming months.

The days are noticeably shorter as the clock is turned back. Within the walls of East Hills School, your children are busy moving forward as they make academic, social and emotional strides each and every day. We look forward to our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences which will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, the evening of November 12, 2015 and the afternoon of November 18, 2015. The teachers have prepared a most comprehensive review of your child's progress for these meetings.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is Election Day and a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about a famous woman in history. Our first book of the month is entitled, *I Could Do That!* written by Linda Arms White. This beautifully written picture book biography tells the story of Esther Morris who was instrumental in making Wyoming the first territory to allow women to vote. She then became the first woman to hold public office in the United States. As a young child, Esther wanted to do everything from sewing hems, making tea, opening a store, and voting, something that women didn't do in 1825! Her motto was always, "I could do that!" Well, she did each of the things that she set her mind to do. Through her determination, gumption and drive, Esther Morris changed the course of history in terms of women's rights. We have partnered this nonfiction text with a whimsical story that carries a powerful message. *What if Everybody Did That?* by Ellen Javernick shows the reader that every person's small, everyday choices - good or bad - have consequences one way or the other. It is our hope that these books help to teach our children the importance of standing up for what is right and just even when others say it can't be done!

On behalf of our East Hills staff, we are most thankful for the opportunity to work with your beautiful children each and every day!

With warm wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Fondly,

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