



Dear Families,

As the vibrant colored autumn leaves perform their celebratory dance signaling the end of daylight savings time, their swirls, spins and pirouettes remind us of the many varied ways in which our environment evolves: using what it possesses to compliment the metamorphosis that each season brings. As they land gracefully on the dewed grass, they create a montage of unique stories of triumph, challenge and growth from their diverse tree communities.

Struggles, risks, attempts and failures are all a part of our transformation as well. Over the past two months, your children have worked hard to learn and use new knowledge, to grow academically, socially and emotionally within the walls of our school community! We are all so very proud of the progress they continue to make.

“Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king’s horses and all the king’s men
couldn’t put Humpty together again.”

We can all sing that nursery rhyme from memory, but have you ever wondered what actually happened to Humpty? Dan Santat’s newest picture book, *After the Fall*, lets you know! It is our hope that this whimsical epilogue will encourage everyone to try and overcome their fears. Humpty did!

I hope that this Book of the Month finds its way into your homes as the holiday season approaches and you cuddle up with your children to share stories of resilience and perseverance for true gifts are found within the pages of our lives.

Please be on the lookout for our students’ selfless activities and events that will take place during the month. In the meantime, be sure to follow us on twitter @melissakrieger2.

We are full of gratitude and appreciation for all that our East Hills commUNITY does and continues to do for our students. We are most thankful for the opportunity to work with your beautiful children each and every day! We hope this holiday season is filled with Thanks and Giving!

With warm wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

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