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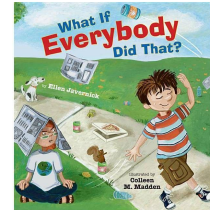
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Dear Parents/Guardians Students and Staff:



Can you believe September is over already? The school year has been off to a quick and wonderful start. The hallways and classrooms are filled with smiles and laughter as the students and staff have settled into an exciting and stimulating routine of academic, social and emotional learning. The first month of school has established a firm foundation for an amazing school year ahead. Part of our learning is focused around valuable lessons we gain from the books we are exposed to and I am pleased to announce our next selection for The Book of the Month. Our book of the month for October is, What if Everybody Did That? by Ellen Javernick and is beautifully illustrated by Colleen M. Madden.

What if Everybody Did That? is a story that asks an important question and helps teach responsibility and how one's actions can directly impact others. Consider this:

"If you drop just one soda can out the window, it's no big deal...right? But what if everybody did that? What if everybody broke the rules...and spoke during story time, didn't wash up, or splashed too much at the pool? Then the world would be a mess. But what if everybody obeyed the rules so that the world would become a better place?"

This children's book is a wonderful follow-up to our recent Code of Conduct meetings and uses fun examples to engage students in thinking about what they do and what they say and the impact it has on others. The story offers the opportunity for our students to discuss how their actions and the actions of others can influence their classroom, our school, our community and our society at large. It helps us to realize the choices we make can have either a negative or positive impact on those around us.

We look forward to your continued partnership as the temperatures begin to fall and the foliage starts to display its bright colors. We're off to a great start and each day will be better than the next because we all play an important role in keeping our school, neighborhood and homes safe and happy places!

Sincerely,

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