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## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

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Dear Parents,

Only one thing is better than a warm, home-cooked meal on Thanksgiving: Companionship. A sense of community and connection is just as nourishing as food. The definition of companionship is the feeling of friendship or fellowship – it's a vital connection with somebody which gives a sense of togetherness. Companionship is a basic human need.

Students in grades prekindergarten through second will read The Cookie Store Cat by Cynthia Rylant. This sweet tale tells the story of a forgotten kitty without a home who is found and adopted by the kind bakers of a town. The cat is nurtured and grows up to be the town's favorite friend.

Students in grades three through eighth will read An Angel for Solomon Singer by Cynthia Rylant. A man who lives in a men's hotel in New York City leads a solitary life until he discovers the Westway Café "where all your dreams come true."

Our books of the month inform us of the importance of establishing a sense of belonging.

Happy Reading!

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