

October 29, 2019

Dear Lower School Families,

WOW! We believe the first school-wide celebration was a huge success. Students enjoyed a dramatic presentation of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, listened to stories, read with their buddies, and celebrated reading. Thank you to all the parents who followed the costume guidelines. Thank you to all the families who helped with the Amazon wish list and provided over **675** new books for our expanding library. It is an overwhelming feeling to see our library shelves filling up, allowing our students access to beautiful literature in both story and illustrations. Thank you for your generosity.

Gratitude. Gratitude is the quality of being thankful – the readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. We are grateful each day – grateful for the opportunity to work with your students, to present curriculum and share our educational passions, the community we are building together. In a whirlwind society, it is easy to see the negative and focus on what has gone wrong. Therefore, we are even more grateful for the positivity, support, appreciation, and generosity of our families.

Gilbert Chesterton said, “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Finn".

Marcy Finn  
Interim Headmaster, Lower School  
Great Hearts Irving