

Dear Las Lomas Families,

One of our goals at Las Lomas is to foster a positive school climate in the classroom and out on the playground. Three years ago I started the Principal's Book Club to promote this concept with the students. Each year I read four books to all of the classes in the school during library time. I believe there is a collective energy that comes from sharing a book and being able to talk together as a community about its message. So far I have read three books to the children: *When Sophie Gets Angry...Really, Really Angry...* by Molly Bangs, *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox, and *Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson. The last book this year will be *My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig. These books support the social skills instruction provided by teachers in the classroom during *Second Step* lessons, our conflict resolution program and Peaceful Playground activities. I always look forward to sharing this common reading experience with the students and the conversation that ensues. Feel free to look for a copy in our library, or at a local book store so you, too, can share our Book Club experience.

Until next time,

Sue Sartor  
Principal