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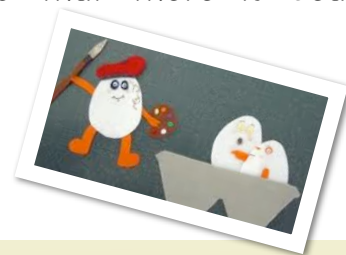
POSITIVE ACTIONS WILL SHINE

MARCH 2013 READING CHALLENGE

Monthly Book Choice:

Eggbert The Slightly Cracked Egg by Tom Ross

The other eggs in the refrigerator admire Eggbert's remarkable paintings—until they discover that he has a slight crack. Because of his defect, he is banished from his home. At first he uses his artistic talent to attempt to camouflage himself, but his disguises are quickly discovered. As he travels to many places, he realizes that the world contains many lovely cracks, such as volcanoes and the Liberty Bell. Eggbert sends his friends in the refrigerator hand painted postcards of all the places he visited. Eggbert and his friends quickly realize that cracks are everywhere. The story reminds the characters and the reader that our flaws are perfectly natural and that there is beauty in being different.



Walk Away Message from Eggbert The Slightly Cracked Egg: There is beauty in being different.

Positive character traits from the story, Eggbert The Slightly Cracked Egg: kindness, patience, confidence

Robust Vocabulary: camouflage, nectar, splotch, flaw

Parents, Eggbert is a great story about creativity and daring to be different. Here are some discussion questions to ask your child about the book of the month:

1. Have you ever felt left out? Explain.
2. Pretend you are Eggbert's refrigerator friends. What would you say to Eggbert to make him think or feel differently?
3. What other stories have you read that have characters similar to the way Eggbert felt?
4. Eggbert's crack was a flaw and made him stand out because he looked different. Do you have a "crack" that makes you stand out?