

P.A.W.S. POSITIVE ACTIONS WILL SHINE

FEBRUARY 2013 READING CHALLENGE

Monthly Book Choice:

Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon

by Patty Lovell

Molly Lou Melon is short, clumsy, has buck teeth, and a loud voice. Molly is armed with the encouraging words of her grandmother as to how special her unique qualities are. This serves her well when she must move to a new school and has to face the school bully. Bolstered by the words of her grandmother, Molly "bests" the bully at every turn and wins the bully over to how special she truly is.

This story gives a powerful message about the beauty of believing in yourself and Molly Lou is a heroine who reminds all of us to "stand tall" when faced with people who doubt our abilities. This message is accentuated by the colorful, vivid illustrations that lend just the right touch of humor and zest to the story! The main thing about this book is it teaches students to be proud of themselves and to realize that they are special and unique in their own way.



Walk Away Message from Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon: Believe in yourself and accept each other's differences.

Positive character traits from the story: special, tolerance, courageous, confidence

Robust Vocabulary: stack, boa constrictor, somersault, stacking, glee, revealed

If your child liked this story, try: Have Fun Molly Lou Melon

Parents and Guardians, Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon is an intriguing story which empowers children to make the right choices even when it may seem difficult. Molly Lou Melon is a proud girl who is surrounded with positive values which encourages her to stand up for what is right. Your child may

connect with her witty and clever personality or relate to the situation that Molly is put in when she is confronted by a very unpleasant boy. Here are some discussion questions to ask your child about the book of the month:

1. What did Molly Lou Melon do when Ronald Durkin called her "Bucky-Tooth Beaver?"
2. What advice did Molly Lou Melon take from her Grandma?
3. Did her Grandma's advice help Molly Lou Melon at her new school? How do you know?
4. How did Molly Lou stand out among her friends? What are some unique things about you that make you stand out?