

PAWS

POSITIVE ACTIONS WILL SHINE

MAY 2013 READING CHALLENGE

Monthly Book Choice:

ZERO

BY KATHRYN OTOSHI



Walk Away Message from Zero:
It's what's on the inside that counts the most!

Positive topics in Zero addresses issues such as: self-esteem, image issues, finding value in ourselves and in others.

Robust Vocabulary: explored, soar, sobbed, impress, sizzle, rocketed, deflated

In this story, Zero, the main character Zero feels like she lacks value. All Zero sees is an empty hole...right in her center. She desperately wants to count like the other numbers. Zero attempts to be more like the other numbers by pushing and pulling, stretching and straightening, pinching and puckering, but no matter what she does she cannot change. Maybe she can gain value by impressing the other numbers with her fast rolling. She rolls faster...and faster...and FASTER! She rolls so fast that she soars into the air and knocks over the numbers. Just as she is about to give up, Seven points out, "It's what's inside that counts most." Zero decides she is not empty inside. Instead she is open! With the help of her new perspective, Zero discovers a clever way for both her and the numbers to have even more value by working together. The numbers and Zero explore and have fun, bringing more value to everyone.

Parents,
At times, children may feel left out or that they are not valued as much as they would like. As parents we always want our children to feel cared for and establish a sense of belonging. We can empower our children to realize that everyone has value and when working together

with others, they are worth even more!

While discussing this book with your child at home, try asking some of these questions:

1. What does it mean to have value?
2. Do you have value? What is your value?
3. Why do you think Zero only saw an empty hole inside?
4. Have you ever felt like a Zero? Explain.
5. Why did Zero try to be like the other numbers?
6. How did Seven help Zero find her value?
7. How did Zero bring more value to everyone?

Book of the Month

Dear Adelpia Parents,

Books are wonderful gifts that we can share together over and over again. This month, teachers will be reading another book to your child, which addresses the importance of making positive choices in life.

The hallways are filling up with our paw prints,, which shows the abundance of children receiving them for making excellent choices. This shows how we are building a community of leaders and responsible individuals.

A few months ago, our book of the month was One by Kathryn Otoshi. This month we are reading the follow up book to this story called, Zero. This book is about a big round number, Zero. When she looks at herself she sees a hole right through her center. She feels like she does not have value, and that she does not count. She admires the other numbers who can count, and seeing them makes her feel hollow inside. She wants to count too, but wonders how can a number worth nothing become something? This begins Zero's search to find value in herself and others. As we discuss the book in school, please feel free to take time to discuss the things that your child is good at and recognize how much everyone counts! Some suggested topics of discussion may include:

- * How can help make everyone count?
- * Do you think you have value?
- * When have you not felt included, like Zero?
- * Does every person have value? Explain.

We appreciate your role in being an active member in your child's development. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

The Adelpia Staff

