Friday October 18, 2013

Dear Miss Redmond:

We just finished reading Wolf! by Becky Bloom. It is about a wolf who is travelling and is very hungry. At first he tries to scare and eat some farm animals. But they are busy reading and drinking tea and are not afraid of the wolf. So the wolf goes to school and learns to read. Each time he returns from the farm, he becomes more civilized as he gets better at reading. Finally when the wolf returns to the farm as an expert storyteller and fellow reader, all the animals become friends.

We can all relate to the reading trio of animals when they resented the wolf interrupting them. We find that when we are really into a book, we are in a whole different world and it is hard to pull yourself away. This may account for the way the animals dismissed the wolf and were not afraid of him.

Liam can relate this book to the movie Phineas and Ferber, Across the Second Dimension. In the movie Phineas and Ferb travel to the 2nd dimension. Once they get there their other Dimentionator breaks and it’s very hard for them to get back. This is just like the bopk Wolf because the other animals ignore the wolf when they kept reading as if stuck in another dimension.

In the world today many people are bullied just like the wolf tried to bully the farm animals. Bullies try to have power over who they are bullying. In Wolf, the farm animals refused to give the wolf power because they were busy reading. If more people stuck together and refused to be afraid, perhaps there would be less bullying in the world

In conclusion, we think the author wrote this book to show that reading can save lives by changing them. We know this because reading changed the way of thinking for all of the animals; the wolf became a more empathetic character and demonstrated more socially appropriate behaviours and the other animals refused to be intimidated by the wolf when they were busy reading. In the end, the animals joined together to become a storytelling group.

Sincerely,  
The Class