

Latch-key kids are Little Red's target

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Keeping who is highly enthused about bringing the book into schools as a teaching aid.

A former educator herself, she has presented Little Red to each of the grades at her own children's school. "Kids key in right away that it's a Little Red Riding Hood story of the future, but it doesn't stop them from listening," she said.

In order to get Block Parent approval Little Red had to meet two criteria. It had to state very specifically how Block Parents is used in the book and if the sign is illustrated, it must be shown in a

safe secure place.

Of course, as you might have guessed, it's a Block Parent who saves the day.

At the very front of the book the Block Parent rules are listed: 1. Say no. 2. Get away. 3. Tell someone.

And although Block Parents say that it is okay to talk to strangers, they stress the importance of being careful as to what information is given out and of course "never go with strangers."

At a recent presentation to some students at the Percy Williams Junior School, where Ludski is vice-principal, he was

asked why he chose a human instead of a wolf as the antagonist.

Besides giving the young reader a greater sense of reality, the VP explained that wolves aren't really bad guys but rather an important part of our ecosystem.

Most of the children expressed


a special delight with the brightly colored, plasticine pictures created by artist Lorraine Dear.

Serge Robidas of Erenette's Grade 2 said, "I liked it because sometimes strangers talk to me and I don't know what to do. The book helps me to think about what I should do."

To further assist Block Parent endeavors, Ludski and Martin will donate \$1 to the local program from the sale of each book in Markham.


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