**Little Red Riding Hood Discussion Questions**

**RED:**

1. How can the wolf be symbolically more than a wolf, especially in light of the fact that he preys on women—no matter their age? What kind of person could he represent in our society today? In your own lives? Try to also think beyond the truly obvious when answering this question (go beyond simply sexual predators).
2. In the story *Little Red Riding Hood* Red is asked by her mother to stay on the straight and narrow path. Red is a young girl, and probably not yet a teenager. Why do you think her mom asked her to go by herself? What character flaws does this tell you that the mom possesses?

**GOLDEN YELLOW:**

1. Red is given a red cape as a present from her grandmother. Read about the various symbolic meanings of the color red. Which best fits a possible symbolic meaning of Red’s red cape? Why?
2. What might the “straight path” Red is asked to stay on represent? On a deeper and personal level, what does this specifically mean in each of your own individual lives?

**TENNIS BALL GREEN:**

1. Red veers off into the forest, because of some gorgeous flowers. Her intention is pure; she wishes to pick some flowers for her grandmother. However, the choice she makes leads her into great danger. What are some choices you have made—which seemed completely innocent at the time, and then put you into a situation that was not so favorable?
2. What does the woods itself and the flowers represent?

**BLUE:**

1. Oftentimes, people who are not “street smart” are simply lightly made fun of. Why is it important to be aware of your culture and wise with your surroundings and situations, whether electronically, or in real interaction with others?
2. Red chooses not to be lured by the second wolf in the story. What does this tell us about Red’s change of heart?