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Dear Sally,

Thank you for selecting Albany Children's Center to participate in your Hoopoe Share Literacy Program. We are very excited to be part of this project.

Albany Children's Center is part of the Albany Unified School District and serves children 3 years to 8 years old in its year round preschool and before and afterschool programs. We have 4 preschool classrooms with 24 children each and a special day class with about 10 children. Ninety percent of the preschoolers are from low to middle income families and are fully or partially subsidized by the California Department of Education and/or Head Start. A majority of our families and children are also English language learners. We have 3 school age sites that serve about 270 school age children.

The teachers and I attend the training with Susan Josephs this month and found it to be very informative. This training was a great introduction and overview about Hoopoe books and the teacher guides. The staff and I are very impressed by the depth of the stories and how the same books could be used by different ages with different "teaching lessons." The teacher guides are a great resource because they give concrete extension activities that can be used by novice and experienced teachers. We are very excited about getting the parent books and CD's for our families. We also look forward to future books and trainings.

Sincerely,

Lisa Quan
Director