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Ms. Sally Mallam
Hoopoe Books
Los Altos, CA

Dear Sally,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the children's books that we obtained through the efforts of your organization. The books helped us to enhance the experiences of graduate students majoring in early literacy and greatly contributed to their field activities. I can still see the excitement in the faces of students as they carried the books, which they later distributed to their centers. In two of the cases, they inspired students working with the Head Start program to create family literacy centers where books were in turn given away to families and children. They later said that for some of these families, the books received were the first ones that they had ever owned.

About the books let me say that they were well received by all especially because of their high quality. The colorful and vivid illustrations created interest in everyone and especially children. The appropriateness and clarity of illustrations were ideal to effectively communicate the stories. But even more important, the content of stories was excellent. They all provided opportunities to learn more about the literacy traditions of other cultures and to explore new ways to engage children in literacy activities.

My very best wishes and I hope that your organization will continue to bring the magic of children's books to classrooms and families.

Cordially,

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