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Dear Wilmington Education Foundation,

On behalf of the Woburn Street School Book Club I would like to thank you for providing us with an educational grant to fund the after school book club. Through this grant we were able to provide 72 students with an opportunity to explore reading at their developmental level in a new and exciting way. It was a very successful experience and we are grateful for your support.

Our first grade book club made connections with stories beyond the classroom. For example, one book club read a story about Max's Birthday Cake and compared it to a non fiction selection about baking. Then the teacher had the students make a bunny cake and decorate it while discussing and comparing the two stories. In one of the second grade book clubs, the students read a story called Harry's Ponies and had a community member who volunteers at the MSPCA come in and answer questions relating to animals and their care. The students had developed questions and created a donation box for the center. In one of the third grade book clubs, the students read a story about students making a change in their community. This book club developed a plan to benefit the Woburn Street School. The students reviewed the back parking lot and researched what they would need, who they would need to help them, and how to go about creating a new hardtop space with games painted on it. The book club teacher went to the PAC asking for volunteers and the PAC is now going to contribute funds for the project. The students will be repainting the back lot with games and a map of the United States sometime this summer. They are going to sign it from the "book worms", their book club name. The students who participated in the book club also had access to an interactive web page where they could view web links connected to books, book reviews written by students, parent comments, a parent and student blog, student videos, pictures and much more. To view this site please visit: <http://teacherweb.com/MA/WoburnStreetSchool/MrsKing/>.

Due to the enthusiasm the book club generated from teachers, students, and parents I will be teaching a workshop this summer entitled, "How To Run An After School Book Club for grades K-5". I will be doing this with the help of one of our first grade teachers. We are hoping that with all we have learned from this great experience we can extend the book club to other schools and grade levels. Enclosed are some letters from the third grade book club along with some pictures of the children's experiences. Thank you again for believing in our project and helping to make it happen.

Sincerely

Lisa K. King

cc: Joanne Benton



Second Graders Creation Based on the Book Chibi



Second Graders made Dream Catchers To Go Along With Story



Second Graders and Their Donation to the MSCP



Third Graders With Clay Creations Based on Balto



First Grade Book Club Decorating Bunny Cake