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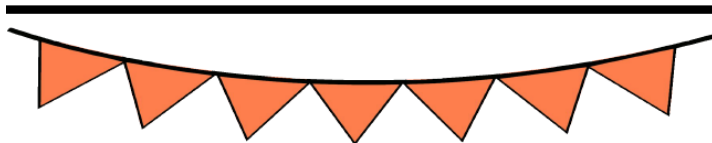
Preschoolers at Pocahontas Elementary Receive Racquets for Reading!!! Books and Giveaways

Ivy, Virginia (3/16/2023) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report 60 preschoolers at Pocahontas Elementary School in Powhatan County recently received [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) books and giveaways.



Carla Crump, Pocahontas Reading Specialist, says, “I am beyond excited! Our books have arrived. Yesterday was a teacher workday so we had time to get everything bagged

and ready to go home! I am just in awe! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We were able to order 11 books for each of our 4 year olds and eight books for each of our 3 year olds! Wow! Amazing!!! I can't thank you enough! We are taking our pictures tomorrow and I'll share it with you as soon as I can! I've attached a copy of the note that is going home in each bag with the books, ducks and pamphlets in case you are interested in seeing it, too. We are so grateful! We are working on the card with all of the kids signing it, but I didn't want to wait to share the picture! They were SO



POCAHONTAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
thanks
RACQUETS FOR READING
Quickstart Tennis of Central Virginia

Dear Families,

When I first got the call from Lynda with Quickstart, I was a little skeptical. She was offering to give each of our preschoolers 8 - 10 books. It sounded too good to be true. All we had to do was tell her we wanted to participate and she would just give us books. There must be more to the story.

When we got off the phone, she emailed me some additional information. I did a little research on my own and discovered that her organization has given books to over 10,000 preschoolers in Virginia since 2020.

We said, “Yes!” and then we waited.

Within a couple of weeks, the boxes had arrived! There were 584 books packed inside! WOW! Through this generous donation from Quickstart Tennis of Central Virginia, your child is receiving a bag full of books! It's Reading Month - what an appropriate time to receive such a gift!

We are so excited to share these books with your little reader. We hope that you will enjoy reading them together. Research proves that reading together 20 minutes each day has a significant impact on a child's academic success. We hope these books will help your family begin this practice of daily reading. Enjoy!

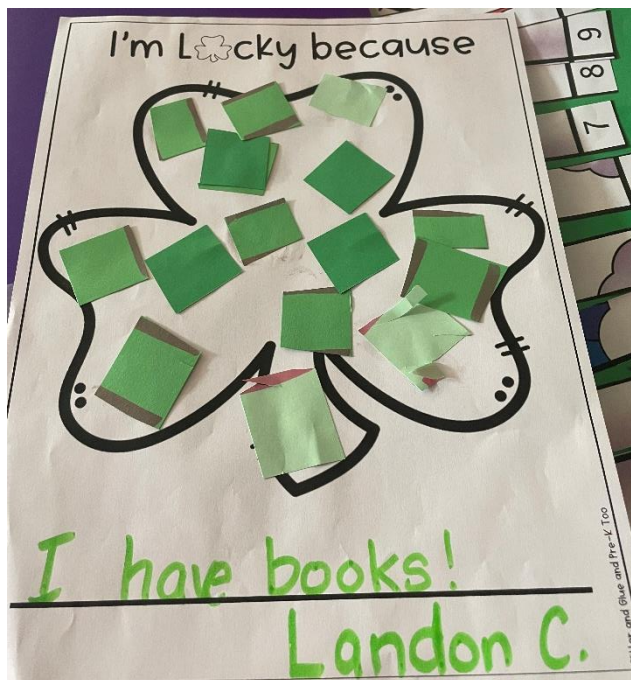
Warmest Regards,
Carla Crump, Reading Coach

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.
Jacqueline Kennedy

Why should my child read for 20 minutes each day? <i>We're just so busy!</i>		
A student who reads 1 minute per day	A student who reads 5 minutes per day	A student who reads 20 minutes per day
will be exposed to 8,000 words per year	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year	will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year
and scores in the 10TH PERCENTILE on standardized tests.	and scores in the 50TH PERCENTILE on standardized tests.	and scores in the 90TH PERCENTILE on standardized tests.

excited! We are all truly overwhelmed with the generosity and kindness shown to our little ones!"

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill, says, "Every time I receive an email from Carla, it makes me cry. We are so touched by her appreciation and gratitude and happy to see all those smiling faces. The flyer she sent home with the books is one of the best we've ever seen. We know these kids, in addition to reading skills, are being taught valuable life lessons that will serve them well in school and beyond. We are in the process of starting a Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program in Powhatan, so I'm really looking forward to Carla's reaction to that."



And this was a child's response today to the question of how are you lucky?

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