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## **Racquets for Reading!!! Grant for Madison Primary Preschoolers**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (12/21/2020) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is thrilled to announce a Racquets for Reading!!! Scholastic Book Club grant for 50 preschoolers at Madison Primary School in Madison County. Due to COVID-19, the [BrightSTARS – Tennis for Me!](#) program at all our schools, including Madison Primary, had to be suspended, so we have found other ways to help our youngest future tennis players during these tough times.



Pictured at left are Susan Estes and Jennifer Taylor, preschool teachers at Madison Primary.

Jennifer says, “We preschool teachers thank you for the grant to purchase both our virtual and in-house students three books during the second semester of school. We cannot wait to share books with our students! Thank you again QuickStart Tennis!”

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “We think this is a good start to help kids in a very rural county in Virginia who couldn’t have the benefit of BrightSTARS – Tennis for Me! this school year and whose first year of school was going to be tumultuous at best. We hope these books will bring some comfort and joy to these kids and let them know tennis players STEP UP especially when times are tough.”

Learn more about what QCV is doing to promote early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative.

*Want to be a great adult?*

*Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!*

*Be a QuickStart kid!*

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QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville, plus under a special arrangement, King George County. We currently serve 212 schools with 99,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in communities outside our service area.

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