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## Preschoolers in Amelia County Receive Books and Giveaways

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (12/17/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is happy to report that 63 preschoolers at Amelia Elementary School in Amelia County recently received books, Go Bananas! cards, reading rubber duckies and bananascented bookmarks thanks to a grant from the <u>Nora Roberts Foundation</u>. The first book they received was <u>If You Take a Mouse to the Movies</u> by Laura Numeroff.



Shannon Coppedge, PreK Team Leader at Amelia Elementary, says, "We finally received our first books. [Supply chain issues] The kids loved everything, and I was able to get enough books so that they can have one a month until the end of the school year!!! I will send you more pictures as we give the books to them. Thank you so much!!!"

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, "We are so happy we could step up for the preschoolers at Amelia Elementary and grateful for the support of the Nora Roberts Foundation that made this possible. It's wonderful to see successful people like Nora Roberts use their success to better the lives of others, especially young kids, and support childhood literacy in places like Amelia County. Giving kids the gift of reading has a profound impact."



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