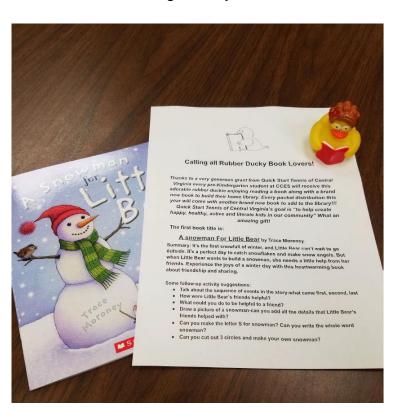


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QCV Makes Scholastic Book Grant to Cumberland Elementary

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/25/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report we have made a <u>Racquets for Reading!!!</u> book grant to Cumberland Elementary School in Cumberland County. Sixty-six preschoolers will receive Scholastic Book Club books, Go Bananas! materials and other FUN giveaways.





QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, "I'd like to share with you the email we received from the Cumberland preschool teaching team. It brought tears to my eyes and joy to my heart. One of the best thank-you notes we've ever received."

"We want to take a moment to thank you for the extremely generous gift of a home library for each of our pre-kindergarten children. We may be biased, but we truly have the best kids in the world and your gift opens up the world to them. Each book offers a glimpse into another world, builds vocabulary, enhances language skills and, of course, cements bonds within the family as they read together. Could there be a better gift?

We were able to purchase eight books for each of our 66 preschool children in Cumberland County!!! We chose a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books. While all of the books are fun for the children, they also all simultaneously teach skills or facts. They will experience rhyming, sequencing, learning about the body, learning fairy tales, the ABCs, counting, kindness and lots and lots of giggling.

Tomorrow, January 25, the first of your gifts will go out to our children. They will receive A Snowman for Little Bear by Trace Moroney. We have attached the letter that will accompany the book explaining where the funds came from to purchase the books, a summary of the book as well as follow up activities the family can do together to further expand the book experience. Each child will also receive a rubber duck. Each subsequent delivery will include a bookmark or bracelet and a letter explaining your very special gift.

Your gift will reach families throughout our county and it is very appreciated. Eight new books, eight new worlds and endless counts of family experiences will be occurring thanks to your gift.

With enormous gratitude from the pre-kindergarten team,

Kathy McCutcheon, Kelly Redford, Melanie Kehoe, Robin Thomas & Donna Moore"

Please visit our website to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our <u>Racquets for Reading!!!</u> initiative.

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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, Greensville, 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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