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Cumberland Kindergartners Receive Books

Charlottesville, Virginia (5/10/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that the 80 kindergartners at Cumberland Elementary School in Cumberland County have started receiving [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) books to keep, thanks to the generosity of Matthew Meares, Principal of Cumberland Timber, LLC. The kindergarten team at Cumberland was able to “stretch” the funds they received and bought nine books for their students.



Kindergarten teachers and team leader Stephanie Hammond say, “We want to thank you and let you know how much we appreciate your generosity. We were able to purchase nine books. We chose a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books. The books selected include rhyming, vowel patterns, learning about life cycles, familiar fairy tales, teamwork, friendships and fun. We know these stories will not only provide great memories, but also build good readers. Our students have received the

first two books, *Ducklings* and *On the First Day of Summer Vacation* and the mini rubber duckies. The remainder of the books and giveaways will be distributed when they return to school in August.”



Calling All Rubber Ducky Book Lovers!

Thanks to a very generous grant from Quick Start Tennis of Central Virginia every Kindergarten student at CCES will receive a brand-new book to build their home library. Every month of school next year will come with another brand-new book to add to the library!!! Quick Start Tennis of Central Virginia’s goal is “to help create happy, healthy, active and literate kids in our community”. What an amazing gift!

Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative during COVID. More than 1,805 kids reached with more than 17,000 books!!!

*Want to be a great adult?
Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!
Be a QuickStart kid!*

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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