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Cumberland Preschoolers Receive Third Book

Charlottesville, Virginia (3/11/2022) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report the preschoolers at Cumberland Elementary School in Cumberland County recently received a third book, *Pete the Cat Snow Daze*, to add to their home libraries. This is the second year Cumberland preschoolers have received books and giveaways from [Racquets for Reading!!!](#). The giveaways this year are made possible by a generous grant from [Weyerhaeuser](#) and the support of Ben Kobek, Virginia Area Manager for Weyerhaeuser.

Calling all Rubber Ducky Book Lovers!

Thanks to a very generous grant from QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia every pre-Kindergarten student at CCES will receive a brand new book to build their home library. QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia's goal is "to help create happy, healthy, active and literate kids in our community" What an amazing gift!

Pete the Cat: Snow Daze
by James Dean

In *Pete the Cat: Snow Daze*, school is canceled, and Pete cannot wait to play in the snow with all his friends. Imagine a day filled with snowball fights, hot chocolate, snowcats, and more. But when the next day and the day after that are all snow days, Pete comes to a sudden realization — it is possible to have too many snow days.

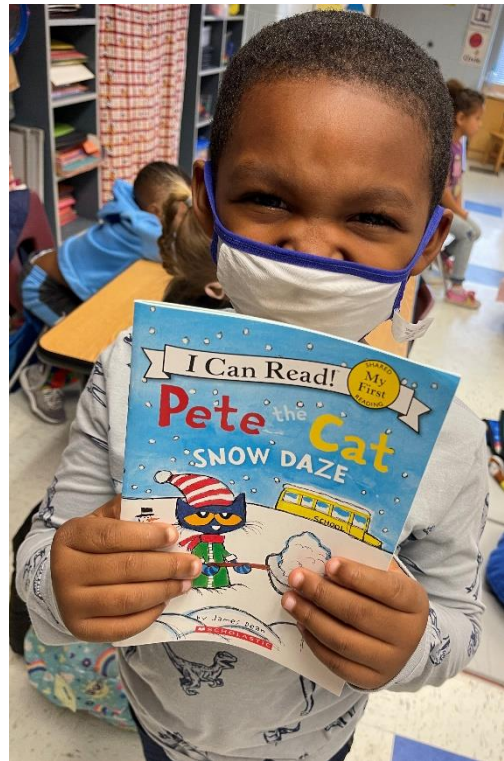
Some follow-up activities:

- Go outside and build a snowman or have a snowball fight.
- Draw a picture of your favorite winter activity and write about it.
- Find things in the book that are red? Yellow? Blue?
- What would you rather do? Have a snow day or a school day? Draw a picture of what you would rather do.
- Look for letters in the book that you know.



Early Childhood Special Education teacher Kathy McCutcheon says, “*Pete the Cat* for the win! Abbie [shown above] gives a big thumbs up for the newest book in her home library. *Pete the Cat* may bring on smiles from our pre-kindergarteners in Cumberland but QuickStart Tennis and their love for our children makes me smile. With every book distribution we hear from our families how appreciative they are for each and every book they receive. So many of these children have younger siblings so these books will be loved for many years to come. Once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving and believing in our children.”

Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator, adds, “We love working with the folks at Cumberland Elementary and have for many years now. They know how to maximize the resources they have, are great community partners and always put a big smile on my face. It’s a pure pleasure to work with them.



“Pictured above are the books the Cumberland Elementary preschoolers have received (*Little Bear’s Special Friend*, *Loud Winter’s Nap* and *Pete the Cat*) and the six additional books they will be receiving over the remainder of this school year. Things have been a bit delayed since the fall due to supply-chain issues, so we’re very happy to see things are finally back on track now and proceeding smoothly.”

Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for kids in our service area.

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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, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, 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 213 schools with 99,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs, in 31 Virginia counties and independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in Virginia communities outside our service area.

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