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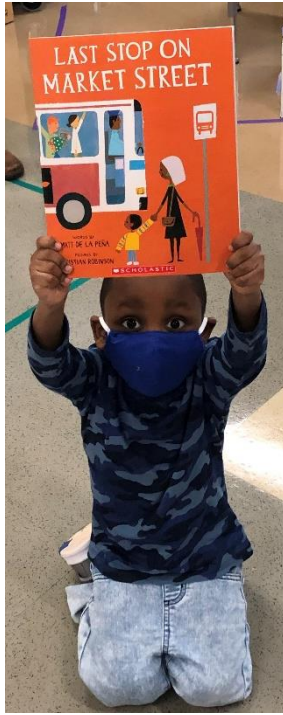
## **BrightSTARS at Stone-Robinson Play Tennis during COVID**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (3/4/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that [BrightSTARS – Tennis for Me!](#) preschoolers at Stone-Robinson Elementary School in Albemarle County are getting to play some tennis during the COVID pandemic thanks to their classroom teachers Geisha Goodman and Ruth Parham. This is the fourth school year Stone-Robinson preschoolers have been able to work on motor skills, learn to follow instructions and cooperate in a group environment and have a lot of FUN playing kid-sized tennis.



QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “Geisha and Ruth put a big smile on my face when they sent me photos of the Stone-Robinson kids playing tennis and reading the books they’ve been given as part of our [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative and the wipe-clean books donated by [the Soho Center](#). Tennis and reading are a winning combination. It warms my heart to see kids doing normal things during these abnormal times and makes me feel extremely grateful for the donors and supporters who make what we do possible. Anything we can do now to provide some normalcy for these kids will pay dividends later.”

Please visit our website to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for preschoolers through BrightSTARS – Tennis for Me! and 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, 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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