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Preschoolers in Patrick County to Receive Scholastic Books

Charlottesville, Virginia (11/10/2020) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to announce that 85 preschoolers in the four elementary schools in Patrick County will be receiving multiple Scholastic Book Club books thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. They will also receive mini rubber reading ducks and banana-scented bookmarks as a gift from QCV. The giveaways are being coordinated by Andrea Cassell, Patrick County's Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.



Andrea says, "Thank you so much for this opportunity! The PreK teachers are very excited about getting books into the hands of their students. I have already spoken with our Scholastic representative who has agreed to help us find great bargain books for our students. Again, thank you so much for your dedication to our students in Patrick County."

QCV QuickStart Coordinator, Lynda Harrill adds, "We trained the PE teachers in Patrick County more than four years ago and equipped the schools. That's when I first met Andrea. Even though we are not able to work with them as we do with schools closer to our home base, they are always in our thoughts. When we started our <u>Racquets for</u>

Reading initiative and making Scholastic Book Club grants for preschool classrooms locally, I hoped we would eventually be able to expand the initiative throughout our 27-county service area as funding permits. Patrick is the farthest away of all our counties, so that was a great place to start. Then we found a donor who also believes the availability of age-appropriate books in the home is the number one factor in acquiring reading skills. Thank you for making this possible!"

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