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Avondale Foundation
2940 Waukegan
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Dear Members of the Avondale Foundation,

Thank you very much for recently awarding Avondale first and second grade classrooms a Dare to Dream Grant for the “Raz” Readers Program. The children in our classroom used the reading program for the first time last week. They were very excited to read the fun, interactive stories. Throughout the week, students were proudly talking about the number of “stars” they earned through their successful reading. We were thrilled to see the high level of enthusiasm the children demonstrated for the program.

At conferences, we shared information about “Raz” Readers with parents. They were grateful to have web access to a multitude of titles at their child’s instructional reading level. Many parents also communicated a sense of relief, as finding a “just right” book for their child at a library or bookstore was often a stressful and confusing task. Parents and students alike viewed the “Raz” Readers program as a fun and creative format for reading.

We have also heard from first and second grade teachers at Auburn, Graham, and Deerfield. These teachers communicated great anticipation for using the program in their own classrooms and were thankful to the Avondale Foundation for making this reading opportunity available to students across the district.

After our first and second grade students, staff and parents have had the opportunity to use the program, we will complete the required follow-up report. We invite you to stop by Woodland anytime. We would be happy to demonstrate how the children enjoy reading using the “Raz” program. Thanks again for your generosity and for your continual support of enrichment opportunities for Avondale students.

Sincerely,

Jill Alonso & Melissa Davis-Comfort
Woodland Elementary