



**FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Clearview Elementary  
12635 Builders Road  
Herndon, VA 20170

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT, FAIRFAX LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Early Literacy Program. Since 2007, my Head Start class has been visited monthly by program outreach staff. They have shared engaging literature, songs, and puppets with my three- and four- year old students, and they have modeled best practices for developing literacy skills in young children. I am always impressed by the planning and preparation evident in the presentations, and I appreciate the book selections that support our classroom learning objectives.

My students and their families benefit greatly from the monthly, library information flyers and free books. As I make regular visits to their homes, I can see that the books are being read and enjoyed! I am often asked to read classroom copies of the same books again and again. Similarly, I have noticed that an increasing number of my families report having and using a FCPL library card.

Each year, our class concludes its learning on the topic of *Community* with a field trip to downtown Herndon. Our explorations always include a stop at the Herndon Fortnightly Library where we spend time enjoying the children's book area and marveling at all the other resources that it has to offer. Last year, our EL Outreach Assistant, Susie Miller, met us there. From the children's perspective, this was the natural place for "Miss Susie" to be when she wasn't in our classroom!

I hope the Early Literacy Program will be available to my future students for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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