



May 31, 2007

Sally Mallam
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Dear Ms. Mallam,

First of all I want to express the sincere appreciation to Hoopoe Books and to Susan Josephs for the training and the materials Hoopoe provided in the recent workshops. And, I also want to acknowledge our gratitude to ISHK, The Will J. Reid Foundation and Learning Resource Alliance for funding this opportunity to the Housatonic Community College's Early Childhood Lab School-Readiness Pre-School and to other area preschools.

And, secondly, I'd like to pass on how truly impressed all of us in the program -- the teachers as well as the participating students and their families -- are with the beautiful Hoopoe books and the expert curricula and other educational guidance Hoopoe provided. Our facilities are using the material and applying the excellent methods and assessment tools in our classes.

From January through May 2007, 41 teachers from sixteen nearby preschools (including HCC's Early Childhood Lab School-Readiness Pre-School) participated in five workshops using Hoopoe Books and curricula and have taken the material back to their schools, using them in their classrooms. A total of 639 children and their families received Hoopoe books and ancillary materials as part of the programs.

Although our trainers received a good overview on utilizing these stories in our classrooms, I am writing to express our interest in participating in future training courses to expand the use of the curricula and material. I look forward to hearing from you on this possibility.

Again, thank you and Hoopoe Books for all your interest and material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heidi Szobota'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Heidi Szobota, Director
Early Childhood Lab. School