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RE: Share Literacy Hoopoe Book Donation

Dear Shane,

We would like to thank the Hoopoe Books & Share Literacy for the generous donation of bilingual books, activity guides and CD's. Our organization was able to provide 1 book to each of the 750 children enrolled in our program. We even had extra books that we were able to keep in our classroom collections. A few of our sites even had an opportunity to successfully host a book event with Police Officers and Firefighters with the help and careful coordination of Pete Verral your Community Outreach/Media Relations Representative.

Attached are pictures from the East Palo Alto Site's Literacy Day with the Firefighters and Police Officers. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about how important reading is in everyday life and especially how learning how to read can keep you safe when you are out walking in the street. Children were able to connect the theme of the book "The Clever Boy and the Terrible Dangerous Animal" easily with the notion of safety as well as with the concept of being scared of unknown things. One firefighter tested our smoke detector as a part of the presentation, and a few of our younger children were startled and frightened, but we reassured the children that unfamiliar things may be frightening at first but once you know what they are there is no reason to be scared. In addition to the book reading by the police officer and presentation about how reading is important for safety, the firefighters helped children learn how to Stop, Drop and Roll as well as introduced them to firefighter equipment. The event culminated with a chance to see and touch the fire truck and with a demonstration of how the firefighters use the hose. Each child was given a red firefighter helmet as well as a sticker badge along with their very own Clever Boy book.

After the book event, we made puppets and felt characters as well as added scarves and different hats into the dramatic play area, all with help from suggested activities in the teacher's guide. The children loved the book and continued to ask for and listen to the books on CD in both English in Spanish in the reading area weeks after the book event.

The continued success of our programs and special projects depends on parent participation, interagency collaborations and *community supporters* like you. On behalf of the children and families we serve, we thank you again for your contribution and wish you well.

Sincerely,

Mary Joy Duenas  
Special Projects Coordinator

*Fostering children's development and strengthening families through Head Start, Early Head Start, and other comprehensive programs.*