

December 14, 2011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hemmelgarn,

Thank you - so very much - for choosing Swansea as one of your Alyssa Cares schools. Alyssa's passion for Reading ~~is~~ has been multiplied times twenty-three via the kids in my class. Not only were they thrilled to receive a new book - especially Alyssa's favorites - they loved learning about Alyssa; her hobbies, dreams and family. We had a discussion in class about how Alyssa wanted to change the world and ~~what~~ how this new book would change the world. Here are some of the things they said:

"When you read a book that you really love, it ~~makes~~ ^{makes} you want to read EVERY book. And reading makes you smarter."

"I might learn new things and new words that will help me get to college from a new book."

"I can read it over and over again instead of just borrowing it. One day, I can give it to someone else who will love it as much as I do."

"Reading good books makes me a better writer, too."

Thank you also for the book for our classroom! I chose

Zen ties by Jon J. Muth. The illustrations are beautiful and I'm a big fan of haiku. It's right up my alley! (I once won a haiku contest! :))

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you in March!

December 14th

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hemmelgarn,
Thank you very much for the book
Skippy Jones Jones in the dog house
by Judy I wish Alyssa could
live for I could say her I
think you got a lot of awards
and was a good reader I want
to go visit you again I wish
you could come all the days.

Sincerely,

12-14-11

Dear Alyssa Cores,

I'm sorry for what happened to Alyssa.

You I like read too. Especially Frindle, It my all time favorite. Well, since third grade I can't wait to see you again and get a brand-new book.

Again, thank you for the book!

Thank you,

Swansea Elementary

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hemmelgarn,
My name is _____
I thank you for the book Big Nate by
Lincoln Peirce this book means
alot to me because I love
reading like Alyssa did.
And I am so sorry for your
loss. It is a pleasure to meet
you guys.
Sincerely,

3rd grade
Swansea Elementary



Dear Alyssa's Family,

Thank you for the wonderful book. It called The MIRACULOUS JOURNEY of EDWARD TULANE and this book will always remind me of Alyssa and like Alyssa and me will enjoy the book. I like reading like a Alyssa liked to read. I thank you for the wonderful and beautiful book thank you so much.

Love,

December 27/13/11

Dear Mrs. and Mistr. Heimmeln, Thank you for giving us Book
and I'm so proud to get this Book It means a lot to me and
I'm sorry for your lost. I hop you hav a merry
Christmas. sincere

To the Alyssa Caves
Foundation:

Thank you so much
for the gift of books
for my class. My
students have been reading
& talking about their
new books non-stop.
Some have even written
their own books in the
style of the book they
received (We Are a Book
by Mo Willems). Alyssa's

Best wishes
at
Christmas
and thru
the New Year
dream of changing the
world is happening
one excited reader at
a time. Sincerely,