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Mr. Jed Gaines, President
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November 24, 2014

Dear Mr. Gaines:

What a sensational community reading program designed especially for families, schools, and communities! Linapuni Elementary School was truly blessed to have been a recipient of the "dynamic" Read Aloud America Program (RAP) this past Fall. Since this is the third time RAP has come to Linapuni, many of our families were already very familiar with the mission of RAP and attendance always exceeded our enrollment count of 190 students for each of the six sessions.

Unlike the past two times RAP was at Linapuni, right from the start, most of our immigrant parents acknowledged the value of reading and the joy of spending quality time with their children based on feedback from the evaluation forms. Parents appreciated the fact that RAP was finally back at Linapuni. I know that after the last session in November, many parents felt a void in their lives as RAP became part of their family routine. The fantastic door prizes, snacks, pizza dinners, volunteer readers, and of course a highly engaging presenter were instrumental in the success of getting families to be part of a totally entertaining and educational experience and ultimately share the love of reading promoted through RAP!

In closing, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to promote literacy through RAP. Each time RAP returned to Linapuni, you have always exceeded our expectations. RAP continues to effectively reinforce the value of reading, the importance of school and the need for family time in a fun and engaging manner. Thank you for your wonderful partnership!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia Sunakara".

Cynthia Sunakara, Principal