

April 22, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are writing to inform you that as students of Grand Rapids Community College, we have had the privilege to read with Student Y as part of the program "One Book, One City for kids" for 4<sup>th</sup> grade children.

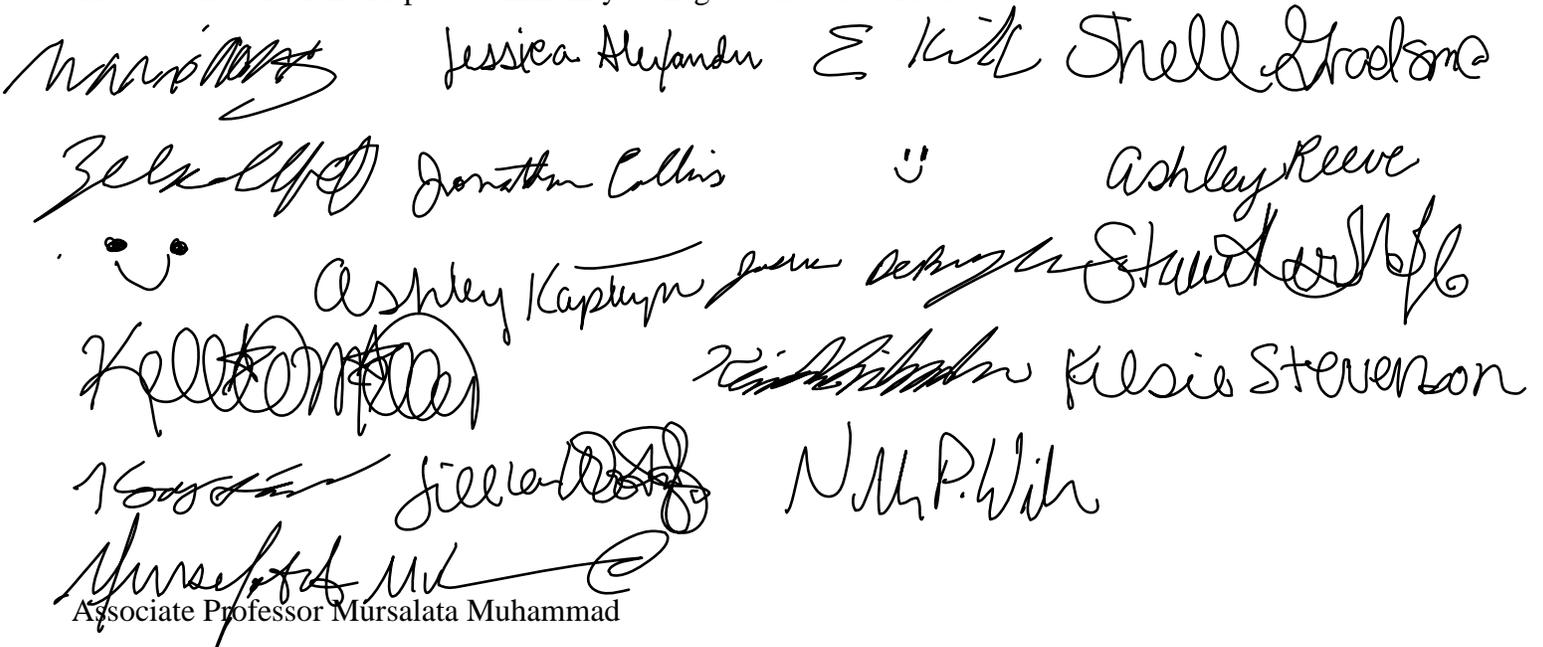
It only took us four class meetings to finish reading the book, *Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts*. We worked in small groups with three or four students to provide the children with as much reading time as possible. We also practiced words that are difficult to pronounce and learned about many science experiments that can be performed at home with your supervision. We learned many things about the children like what they want to be when they grow up, and we shared some of the most memorable experiences they have had with reading. It was truly a pleasure to be involved in this program to encourage young students to continue to read in their free time.

To congratulate Student Y, we're including a few other things with this letter. You'll find a certificate of excellence for finishing this reading program and, as a reward to encourage students to continue reading, we have included a Ride to Read bus pass that may be renewed with every visit you and Student Y make to the library. One of the most important rewards we've included is a library card application for getting your child a library card if they don't already have one. With that card, you and Student Y can continue reading books checked out at any of the eight Grand Rapids Public Library locations.

We express our gratitude to have had this memorable experience with the children at South East academic Center and Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy. We hope they have also been inspired to become life-long readers.

Sincerely,

The Students of Grand Rapids Community College & Associate Professor

A collection of handwritten signatures in black ink. The signatures are arranged in several rows. Some include smiley faces. The names are: Jessica Alexander, E. Kirk Shell, Gradson, Zekal, Jonathan Collins, Ashley Reeve, Ashley Kapteyn, Stauder, Kelsie Stevenson, and M. P. Wilk. At the bottom left, there is a signature for Mursalata Muhammad with the printed name below it.

Associate Professor Mursalata Muhammad