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HEAD START PROGRAM

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Ms. Brenda Pierce, Secretary
Sullivan Community Education Foundation
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Dear Brenda:

A Dell computer was purchased for the C.E.F.S. Head Start - Sullivan classroom during June 2007 with monies awarded in the mini grant through the Sullivan Community Education Foundation. This computer is being used by the children during learning center time on a daily basis. Two children are able to work together on it which helps to improve socialization between children as they "share" the experience together and take turns using the mouse, etc.

There are various types of computer programs that are made available to the children on the computer. Newer software programs are now able to be used on the new computer which was not previously possible. This software, along with the program's learning objectives, include: Jumpstart Preschool, shapes, colors, patterning, order of sizes, opposites, letter and number recognition; Alphabet Express, letter recognition, letter sounds; Candy Land, following directions; Dora's Animal Adventure, following directions, answering questions; About Me, our bodies, communities, uniqueness in each other; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, letter recognition, literacy, music; Little People Farm, counting, music, matching; Winnie the Pooh Spelling, word building, letter recognition, letter order; Winnie the Pooh Preschool, number and letter recognition, music, listening skills, color mixing; Reader Rabbit Preschool, phonics, letters, alphabet, listening skills, word recognition; and Reader Rabbit Toddler, counting, colors, shapes, alphabet letters.

The abstract nature of the computer helps to extend children's thinking. The children are able to interact with literacy, math, body recognition, etc. and to increase their knowledge of these topics. The use of the computer in the classroom also makes the children comfortable and knowledgeable of current technology which will give them experience for further computer use in school. The use of the mouse helps in the development of the children's fine motor skills as well as eye/hand coordination as they navigate through the software programs on the computer.

The funding made available through the award of this mini grant to purchase a new computer for the Sullivan classroom has enhanced the available learning mediums for the children.

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Enclosed are pictures of the children using the new computer in the classroom.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to make this learning experience available for the Head Start children during this school year and several more school years in the future.

If you need any additional information or have any questions, you can contact me at 217-3422193, x137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Jerden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Connie Jerden
C.E.F.S. Head Start Program Director

