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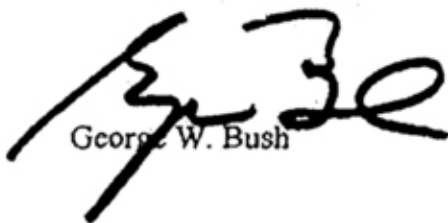
Dear Ms. Johnson:

Sometimes life's wonderful things just come together: beautiful weather, spring flowers, great books and enthusiastic children!

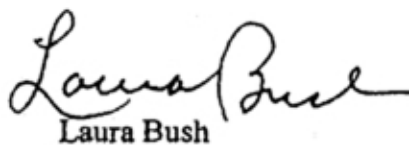
Thank you for coming to the 2002 Easter Egg Roll and especially for reading *Adventures of the Itty Bitty Bunny* to the children and their adult guests on the South Lawn.

The presence of America's favorite authors added to everyone's enjoyment and generated enthusiasm for reading and books. Thank you especially for writing for children and thereby helping ours become a nation of readers.

Sincerely,



George W. Bush



Laura Bush



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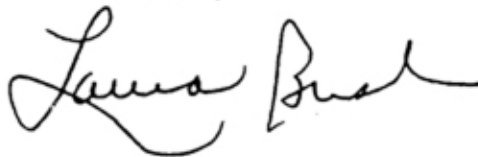
Dear Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter and for sending me a copy of "How Do You Tell a Child??" Thank you especially for helping your local teachers by carrying on with your school visit on September 12, even though you knew it would be difficult duty.

"How Do You Tell a Child??" captures many of the questions children have asked since September 11. I like your reassuring finish, "YES, we'll be OKAY!!"

President Bush and I join the nation in appreciation to your husband for his service to the country in the Air Force, and we send you both our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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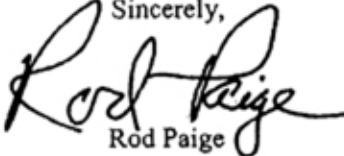
THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

It was an honor to meet you at the White House Easter Egg Roll. I enjoyed visiting with you and I wanted to thank you for giving me a signed copy of your book Paperback Poetry – I look forward to reading it.

It is an honor to be serving our great nation as the Secretary of Education. As Secretary I am enjoying the opportunity to work to fulfill President Bush's vision for restoring local control to America's school systems and to provide a safe and fair learning environment for every child. We are at a pivotal time for education in America, and I am grateful to be able to be working with so many people across the country dedicated to improving America's education system.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Rod Paige



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To Whom It May Concern:

During the nine years I have served as a North Carolina Senator I have encountered few authors and educators who match the caliber of Kimberly P. Johnson. Ms. Johnson's books "Tag-Along Fred", "The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Bunny" and "The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Frog" are among my daughter's favorite stories. Every adult should be so fortunate to see the wonderment in a child's eyes as Ms. Johnson reads a book to them. She is a fabulous storyteller and it is clear that she has a rare gift for capturing the imagination and enthusiasm of young readers.

In addition to Ms. Johnson's talents as a writer, she has also demonstrated a great passion for education through her dedication to various organizations including National Reading Councils and her own creative writing and Character Education programs. Her optimism and belief in the potential of every child are contagious, and North Carolina is truly blessed to have Kimberly Johnson working as an advocate for children's literacy.

Sincerely,

Senator Patrick Ballantine
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write on behalf of Kimberly P. Johnson and her work as a children's author, storyteller and writing consultant. Kimberly and I met when she was recognized before the North Carolina Senate. I was highly impressed by her intensity and immediately wanted to know more about her work. I found her to be very knowledgeable of children and what it takes to appeal to them. She not only promotes effective reading and writing skills, but also highlights respectable personality traits, which are very important. Kimberly is extremely dedicated to her creative writing and character education activities and I feel she would compliment any reading and writing program of any school or organization.

Please give Kimberly every consideration as I highly recommend her as a positive role model who would be instrumental in the growth and development of any school or organization seeking guidance.

Sincerely,

Charlie S. Dannelly



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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Congratulations on your success as an educator and children's book author. You are quite a well-rounded person, and your enthusiasm for instructing and writing for children is exemplary.

The time and energy you have spent educating children has not only paid off for you personally, but also for your community and the state of North Carolina. A good education is the best way to start out one's life, and it is heartening to know that you strive toward attaining this high and worthy goal for our children and our future.

Good luck to you, and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Ellie Kinnaird



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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Executive Director of the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County (PFC), I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Kimberly Johnson. Kim has partnered with our organization many times. PFC is a nonprofit organization formed in 1993 in response to North Carolina's "SMART START" initiative, a public/private, community-based strategy to help all North Carolina children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. Kim has joined with PFC to educate parents about the importance of literacy and reading, she has trained early childhood educators and professionals on effective and engaging reading techniques, she has educated legislators and community leaders about the benefits of early childhood initiatives like SMART START and she has motivated professionals working with the children and their families to "keep on keeping on", that the results are worth the effort!

My staff and I appreciate Kim's sincere commitment to literacy and her efforts to engage parents and early childhood professionals in effective reading techniques that will bring books to life for young children. As the children's author of The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Frog, The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Bunny, The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Spider and the Itty Bitty Mouse, Paperback Poetry and Tag-Along Fred, Kim certainly knows what it takes to capture a child's imagination. Kim's outgoing personality and her infectious positive spirit, captures the attention of adults as well. Whenever we need a serious message delivered with enthusiasm and fun, we call Kim!

I highly recommend Kim as an author, a facilitator, a trainer and a motivator. Whatever your needs, Kim's dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm make her the right person for the job. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. And thank you for considering Kim!

Children First,

Eva Hansen
Executive Director



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Dear Kim,

Thank you for an outstanding presentation at AT&T Broadband's Teacher Technology Fair last Thursday. You are a true motivator not only for the teachers, administrators and our public officials in attendance, but to everyone you meet.

Your morning presentations (all five of them!) were customized exactly to the grade levels you were working with at the time. The third grade teacher said, "I can't believe this, we just studied some of the exact things she is talking about last week!" Many parents came up to me over the weekend and told me how much the children enjoyed your visit. Somehow, you took writing, reading and learning into a fun packed hour of fun and enjoyment for all grade levels.

Your presentations were enhanced with your talents of writing poetry and utilizing those rhymes to increase your audience awareness of reading. As a reader of all three of your books, I appreciate you sharing this talent with your readers and at your presentations to make them awe inspiring for everyone.

Again, thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with us last week. You are truly a gift to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita".

Rita Price

Government Relations Manager



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Dear Kimberly,

What a wonderful experience the North Carolina Literary festival was! You played a major part in its success. We have received many positive reports, including appreciation for your presentation. I want to add my personal thank you as well. When we in the Library decided to revive the festival, we knew it depended on the participation of a wide range of writers (performers). Thank you for joining us and sharing your special talents. I just wish that I could have been at every venue on the hour and said thank you in person, as well as attended your session.

As you heard during the course of the weekend, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State and Duke Universities plan to make the festival a regular mainstay of our state's literary culture.

I hope you enjoyed the coming together of North Carolina writers and readers as much as we did. We hope to see you again at a future festival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe A. Hewitt'.

Joe A. Hewitt
University Librarian

cc: Caroline Rowe Martens
Program Director



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Dear Kim,

On behalf of the NCAE Center for Teaching and Learning, I want to express our sincere thanks for your participation in our Winter Good Teaching Conference. It comes as no surprise to us that you were praised by the teachers for your energy and enthusiasm. I thought you might enjoy seeing some of the comments that people who attended your sessions made. It's always nice to see how much people appreciate what you do! Here you go:

"I thought this was the BEST workshop session. I learned quite a bit!"
"Very energetic – can't wait to see her at our school! This girl is on the ball!"
"She got her people involved and kept them involved throughout the session. She gave us something to use in our classrooms."
"Too good! The best presenter!"
"Dynamic speaker – Very motivating!"
"An outstanding session – it seemed like we were in there for 5 minutes."
"Would love to see her once more!"
"High energy, motivating, terrific strategies."
"Excellent!!! Excellent!!!"
"Absolutely wonderful! Very easy to adapt information to all grade levels."
"Kim is wonderful! She's been to my school twice!"
"What a talent! Great ideas to use!"
"Excellent! Enthusiastic; informative; great ideas! Worth coming for - Be sure to have her come back!"
"Energetic; Creative; Passionate!"
"Ms. Johnson is 'the bomb'!"

Need I say any more? Thanks for being such an incredible resource to us at NCAE! You can count on us to call on you for many future events.

Sincerely,

Julie D. Dwyer
NCAE IPD Specialist

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