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Dear Fellow Educator:

I would like to share some exciting news about the successful and motivating reading program, *Passport Reading Journeys*[™]. Students at Kayenta Middle School began the program in fall of 2006 and we are already seeing tremendous results.

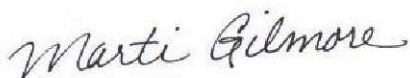
According to MetaMetrics' Lexile Framework[®], students in grades six through eight reading below the 50th percentile for their grade level are expected to gain two Lexiles per week with typical instruction. Kayenta students exceeded their expected gain in all three grade levels! In sixth grade, students gained 109 Lexiles, exceeding the expected gain by 39 Lexiles; their Lexile levels increased from 510L in the fall of 2006 to 619L in the spring of 2007. Seventh-graders also surpassed the expected gain by 50 Lexiles, gaining 120 Lexiles. Their Lexile level increased from 651L to 771L. And finally, our eighth-graders showed the greatest improvement, gaining 209 L, exceeding the expected Lexile gain by 139L. Eighth-graders increased their Lexile level from 616L in the fall of 2006 to 825L in the spring of 2007. This is also the first time since we began administering the Arizona High Stakes Test (AIMS) in 2000 that we have had results where 50 percent or more of our students passed the reading portion of the assessment!

Passport Reading Journeys is a wonderful, motivating program that focuses on students who read three to four years below grade level. The program includes daily, systematic instruction in comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and writing. It engages students with action-packed DVDs, online learning opportunities, and topics such as Forensics, Natural Disasters, and Space Exploration, that capture and hold a student's attention.

In the enclosed video, you will hear our teachers describe their experiences with the program and our students discuss how *Passport Reading Journeys* motivated them to want to read and learn more.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (928) 697-2298, if you would like to find out more about the program and the impact that it is having on our students.

Sincerely,



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Principal Kayenta Middle School