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Dear JoAnne,

My name is Donna Hanks. I teach at Skyview Colony School near Miami, Manitoba. I attended your two day conference on Reading & Writing in November 2004 in Winnipeg.

Writing for my students has always been a difficult and tedious part of their school life.

I came away from your conference with such enthusiasm and excitement. I spent some time gathering books and making posters.

With the help of your books I plunged in and we are having one of the most enjoyable times in my teaching career. The students in grades K-8 are doing the activities together with different expectations for grade and abilities taken into consideration.

Instead of moaning and groaning when I say it's writing time, it's *Mrs. Hanks, are we writing today? Can we write longer? Can I stay in at recess and finish my piece? What's the next kind of story we're writing?*

I have included some samples for you to read.

You of course don't know my students, but to me this is amazing work that I'm getting from them.

From a room full of reluctant writers, I have a room full of amazing authors.

THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!

Donna Hanks