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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you "TE Connectivity" for the grant to allow Tony Maulfair and Stephen Kozan to visit Talley middle school Tuesday, November 12th 2019. During their visit they engaged 123 7th grade students in the writing and illustrating book process. Stephen did a great job engaging our students with a lively rock, paper, scissor game to decide the different features of an imaginary animal that Tony was creating. Students were able to see Tony create a mythical creature right before their eyes. They learned about the amount of time and dedication one illustration can take. Our students also learned about the writing and publishing process. The students were very intrigued in by the idea of having a book published. They were impressed that Stephen published three of his own books. They were even more excited that he publishes student work. After their visit the students were certainly enthralled with the idea of publishing a book! The visit inspired our students to become better writers and use their creativity. The five students selected to show more of their work were literally jumping for joy in the library! Thank you Stephen and Tony for encouraging our students to write!

Sincerely,

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