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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in thanks to TE Connectivity for granting Stephen Kozan the opportunity to bring his workshop to Olney Elementary School. It was a wonderful opportunity for our 6th Grade students.

Too often teachers are pressured to instruct students on writing informative or explanatory pieces, as these are the focus of so many standardized assessments. Mr. Kozan's presentation gave our students an opportunity to be creative and let their personalities show. In sharing how he came to become a writer, the children learned how the writing process is not static and demonstrated to them the possibility for their individual ideas to be published. Students that struggle with writing in my classroom came alive with story ideas during Mr. Kozan's hands on Flash Fiction activity. The students were also very impressed by Tony's InstaArt creation!

Without a doubt, this was a great experience for our students. I thank you, TE Connectivity, again and hope this program continues, as it is a great chance for inner city students to think about their futures beyond what they see in their everyday environment.

Kindly,

Ms. Nicole Palazzolo