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Dear TE CONNECTIVITY,

I want to thank you for giving PS89Q the opportunity of experiencing the *Student Author Movement* program. Stephen Kozan explained to the students about his childhood experiences and dreams. Mr. Kozan's speech motivated our students to pursue their talents.

Then Mr. Kozan introduced his illustrator. Mr. Kozan described what InstaART was to the students. InstaART allowed the students to be a part of the creating process from the illustrator's point of view. He demonstrated how the illustrations were first sketched in black and white. Then he showed how the illustration would be in color with a lot of details.

The students were then allowed to work with the illustrator. Mr. Kozan would call on different students throughout the auditorium which allowed them to use their imagination and participate in what animal body part they wanted to see in the final product.

Once the illustrator got the ideas from the students, he began to portray their ideas onto paper while Mr. Kozan started to explain what flash fiction was. Flash fiction is a quick draft of your story written on one side of paper. This motivated the children to create a cliff hanger at the end of their flash fiction page. He explained how the students should not be continuing their story since they will be picked as a finalist to continue their story into a chapter book, which will then be published by Mr. Kozan's publishing company, ReadyAimWrite Kids, LLC.

Overall, the experience was beneficial for students because they could be creative and come up with their own story. Not only did the students benefit from it, but so did the staff. The staff was able to learn more about their students through this creative writing process. We can't thank you enough for this amazing opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ms. Riccoboni