

READING RECOVERY IN NORTH AMERICA

An Illustrated History

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Reading Recovery® Council of North America

April 24, 2000

Kendra Brooks, Assistant Director
White House Domestic Policy Council
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Brooks:

Congratulations on a successful visit by Vice President Gore to the Avondale Elementary School in Columbus, Ohio in April. His interest in early childhood literacy is greatly appreciated.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Reading Recovery, which is implemented in the Avondale Elementary School and over 10,000 others in the U.S.A. to assure that first grade students successfully develop reading, writing and comprehension skills. The vision of the Reading Recovery Council of North America is that children will be proficient readers and writers by the end of first grade. To this end, more than 4000 school districts and 20,000 specially trained Reading Recovery teachers served nearly 140,000 students last year.

Enclosed is *An Illustrated History*, which summarizes the development of Reading Recovery, and complements the information provided by the Literacy Collaborative. We will be happy to respond to any questions you may have. You can reach me at 614/292-1795 or Lucy Gettman, Director of Public Affairs, at 614/292-1138.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Bussell".

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