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Sussex Elementary Celebrates Read Across America Week

Williamsburg, Virginia (3/26/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report thanks to a generous grant from Smithfield Foods, 40 preschoolers at Sussex Central Elementary School were able to celebrate “Read Across America Week” in a special way -- with their own books to build their home libraries.



Lynda Harrill, QCV Founder, adds, “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has just recently launched in Sussex County and has 87 kids enrolled so far. It takes a little while for the ‘Dolly effect’ to show up in preschoolers, so we like to supplement reading materials for preschoolers until Dolly kicks in. We want them to be in the best possible position for the school readiness evaluation early in the kindergarten year. So, I reached out to Smithfield Foods and they stepped up for the kids in Sussex. We are very grateful for their support of early childhood literacy. Look at the smiles they put on those faces!”

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Play tennis! Read books!
Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!
Be a QuickStart kid!***

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (aka QuickStart Children of Virginia) is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved and at-risk youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart

Tennis format. We leverage the fun of tennis to promote lifelong physical activity, healthy eating/lifestyle habits and a love of reading in the communities we serve. We believe early childhood literacy will solve many socioeconomic problems and produce kids who will succeed in school and in life.

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