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CREEL SCHOOL DEDICATION

FEBRUARY 27, 1976

YOUR SCHOOL IS SO BEAUTIFUL--
FULL OF BRIGHT COLORS AND OPEN SPACES,
BUT THE BEST THING ABOUT IT
ISN'T SOMETHING I SAW,
BUT THE ENTHUSIASM I FELT
WHEN I WALKED AROUND.

I CAN FEEL HOW PROUD YOU ARE OF CREEL,
AND THE FEELING IN A SCHOOL
IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL.
SO MANY PEOPLE MAKE THIS FEELING POSSIBLE.

TWO OF THEM ARE YOUR PRINCIPAL, KATHERINE EWALD,
WHO HAS WORKED VERY HARD
DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS,
AND YOUR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, SUSAN STAFFORD,
WHO WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE A DEDICATION
WORTHY OF YOUR ENTHUSIASM.

I WAS SO PLEASED TO HEAR THAT EVERY AFTERNOON
EVERYONE STOPS TO READ,
BECAUSE READING IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES.
I HAVE BOOKS THAT ARE LIKE OLD FRIENDS,
AND I READ THEM OVER AND OVER.

SOMETIMES BOOKS TAKE ME NEW PLACES
OR HELP ME LEARN HOW TO DO SOMETHING NEW.
SOME BOOKS ARE FULL OF WORDS,
OTHERS FULL OF PICTURES
AND STILL OTHERS FULL OF NUMBERS.
BUT ALL OF THEM
GIVE US THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

SO TODAY I DEDICATE CREEL SCHOOL

TO ALL OF YOU

AND TO WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED

AND TO WHAT YOU WILL LEARN HERE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ASKING ME TO SHARE

THIS SPECIAL DAY.