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MRS. FORD'S REMARKS CREEL SCHOOL DEDICATION

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. And thank you for asking me to share this special day.

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