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Dear Harvard Schools Trust,

Thanks to your generosity, the third grade received sixteen noise blocking earmuffs today! We are so excited to have them available to students who may need assistance managing their focus and work production.

We have also gotten much use out of the headsets purchased by The Harvard Schools Trust, which the students use for listening to reading.

In addition, the third grade received sets of Mosaic Mysteries and Uno. These sets encourage strategy planning, pattern and problem solving. They develop social skills, such as compromise and turn taking.

A 3D printer was also funded by the Harvard School Trust. It has been a huge asset in exploring engineering in a whole new way. The students love using design software and then printing and testing their creations. Their confidence with the technology is very inspiring.

Similarly, students solve patterns on their Rubik's Cubes, individually and in partnerships. The cubes were gifted to the third grade last year from the Harvard Schools Trust. There is great value in problem solving with peers, learning from one another, and celebrating accomplishments. Our third graders continue to connect with The Bromfield School's Rubik's Cube Club. We use our Rubik's Cube connection to foster a collaborative environment across schools and age groups.

Finally, last year Harvard Schools Trust purchased weaving looms that add a hands-on dimension to our third grade social studies curriculum.

Thank you, Harvard School Trust, for enriching our curriculum over the last few years and providing materials which benefit the unique learning and needs of all students.

Sincerely,

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