

Dear Students,

We wanted to let you know that we are so proud of all of you! Each one of you followed through on your commitment to our project and worked, as Marni would say, "to make your stories shine".

And they did! Many people commented on how well you told them, on how much they liked the fact that your stories were "a good mix"; from the very serious to the laugh out loud funny! Each story in its own way did have sparks of light and wisdom to share and the way you told them let people know just how unique and special you are.

But, those of us involved in the project already knew that! You have, in so many ways been a Blessing and a Joy and FUN to work with.

We have learned much from being with you and are impressed with your knowledge and love for your own religious traditions and your curiosity and respect for the religions of the other students in your group. You are wonderful role models for bringing about peace in our world.

It is our hope and our prayer that you will carry your knowledge of the art and power of storytelling and of your increased understanding of other religions with you always, using it not only for your own benefit, but for the benefit of all those whose lives you will touch.

Peace, Shalom, Ahimsa, Asalaam

"Let's peace together our world" (Itah Banda, age 8)

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