



## School No. 3

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To whom it may concern,

It is with great joy and admiration that I write this recommendation on behalf of the wonderful children's author Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez. I have known Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez as a phenomenal literacy educator and children's author for more than 5 years. I was first introduced to Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez's book, *Isaiah and the Chocolate Mountain* at a library author's book reading in the State of New York. My daughter and many other children enjoyed her read-aloud and book discussion.

Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez was invited to Fort Lee School No. 3 by the Fort Lee School No. 3 PTA, in June of 2024. Dr. Valerie's visit was an interactive and engaging visit for all of our School No. 3 students. Students in pre-K to grade 4 enjoyed Dr. Valerie's reading, and author's workshop. Dr. Valerie led students in a social-emotional learning workshop, that led students to a wonderful discussion about self-esteem. All of the grade-level group sessions focused on character education, and supporting students with identifying the conflict in the text and solutions to the main character's problem. Students, staff, and guests enjoyed their sessions with Dr. Valerie, and as a result, our children continue to relate to this learning experience, make good choices, and work together when making decisions.

Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez's visit to Fort Lee School No. 3 was a memorable visit for our school community. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Williams-Sanchez as an author at our school. I highly recommend that every elementary school invite Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez to experience her series of children's books and social-emotional workshops for children. We love *Isaiah and the Chocolate Mountain*.

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