



Building and Growing Our Future Together

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Dear Insider,

Do you remember what the hungry caterpillar ate? Or saying goodnight to the moon? Or perhaps most importantly, do YOU like green eggs and ham?

These may seem like silly questions, but for inquisitive children – and their parents who read to them night after night – these phrases conjure up immediate images, and memories of dog-eared books and quiet time snuggled with those timeless classics by Eric Carle, Margaret Wise Brown, Dr. Seuss, and all our other favorite authors.

These early books are not only fond memories for those of us who read them, but also a critical component to literacy development. Countless studies have shown that these early literacy lessons play a key role in future academic achievement, higher graduation rates, and enhanced productivity in adult life! Click to learn more about how reading to children can be so effective in an excerpt from Jim Trelease's [The Read-Aloud Handbook](#).

At GCS, **Forward Motion** is giving early childhood literacy the spotlight our children deserve with the creation of a new dedicated children's library, with age-appropriate technology and resources for children to utilize. With plenty of space to house our more than 3000 books of quality children's literature, and exciting technology to bring literature and learning to life, there will be ample opportunity to see where each child's imagination takes them.

We welcome your questions and thoughts regarding the project, and invite your help in spreading the word about our efforts and the importance of our [Forward Motion Campaign](#) for Groton Community School.

Thank you for the Insider role you are playing in making our Children's Library, Technology and Resource Center a reality for our children, staff and families.

All my best,

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