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Ms. Ellen Kessler
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Dear Ms. Kessler,

It is a pleasure to inform you that your Teacher Study Group proposal, "**Mentor Books to Reinforce Writing Skills and Strategies in the Lucy Calkins Units of Study**," has been awarded a grant of **\$500** by the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal. A check for the full amount of the grant is enclosed.

Please remember that your Teacher Study Group must meet for at least sixteen (16) hours during the 2008-2009 school year. (Be sure to maintain a log of meeting times.) **By June 1, 2009**, you must submit this log, a brief written report of your work, and receipts for all money spent. Any unused funds must be returned to the network. A letter will be sent in May of 2009 reminding you of these responsibilities. **In addition, members of your study group are expected to present their work at the Summer Conference.**

All of us at the MSUNER are very excited about your work in a Teacher Study Group. We believe this kind of personalized professional development is key to true school and individual renewal. You and your colleagues in your group are to be commended for taking this opportunity to further your own growth and learning. I will be contacting you in January for a mid-year update and to see if there is anything you need.

We wish you great success, serious learning, and a good deal of fun working with your Teacher Study Group! If there is anything we can do to further your work, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Hopper
Director

Cc: Ms. D. Grefe, Principal
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