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To whom it may concern,

Don Sawyer is a very talented author of children's books. Our grade 4/5 students had the wonderful opportunity of reading a book from his collection of stories about Miss Flint, called "The Meanest Teacher in the World".

The students really enjoyed reading Mr. Sawyer's book and the novel study that happen in their classroom. The most exiting part was when the students had the honour of live communication with the author on Skype.

The students spent almost an hour using their literature circle procedure to pose questions, to receive responses and to make predictions. They even heard the author read from the book. What a great way to use technology to excite the students about learning. It encouraged and engaged the reluctant readers, it gave the learning a live event to look forward to and provided a forum to understand the author's intent and motivation.

I strongly recommend such an activity for a comprehensive reading program that integrates an electronic social networking medium into the regular operations of the classroom and the learning environment.

It was a tremendous success with our learners of the 21st Century.

Sincerely,

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