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Dear Patricia Polacco,

My life could not be more different than Trisha’s. Your book Thank You Mr. Falker inspired me in so many ways. It was like your book opened a new world in my life. As I read the story, I realized I am like Trisha.

I don’t have problems with reading but I have a really hard time on math. At one point when I was in first grade I could not do math. When Trisha hid herself in the stairwell, I sort of did the same thing except I went to sit on a bench and wanted to die and I cried and stayed there. Like Trisha I was made fun of, two boys that sat next to me made fun of me and call me dumb and stupid when I couldn’t figure out a simple math problem that they sped through. Then the next month I moved to a new school.

When I moved to second grade I still could not do math problems. So later on that day I went home, sick of frustration. I told my mom my problem and she said by the end of the year I would be able to do math so easy and quick I would be a pro. So then my mom tutored me and then I finally started doing math. When I came to third grade I struggled in math and was not the best. Then at the end of the year I had learned to do math! When I came to fourth grade I could do math but needed some help. Then every math problem we do in school or in homework I do my best. Your book showed me that being not good at something is okay, even if you do things other things kids think are weird. After I read your book it told me that you could be different and still be normal.

Your book also told me to never give up, just like when Trisha wanted to give up but didn’t. I think that after reading your book it will show people that if you have problems, it doesn’t mean you let them get you down. Your book opened my eyes to a new world that I had never discovered. Your book inspired me to try to work even harder on math.

Your happy reader,

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