

Washington State Letter About Literature 2005-2006 Winning Letter Level I

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Dear Mr. Jerry Spinnelli,

I've always had great friends. During school, at recess, we always hang out with each other and play with each other. Usually we play basketball or football. If someone we're not friends with comes to play with us and we already have enough people to play our game, we don't let them play.

After reading the book LOSER, I finally realized what my friends and I were like. I started to think about this and I put myself in the shoes of the people we didn't let play. I found out that it didn't feel that good.

The next day at recess, after I finished the book, I thought about it and when a kid I wasn't friends with walked by, I asked him if he wanted to play a game of basketball. Now, he is a really good friend of mine. I started asking more kids to play and now I have a lot of very good friends.

I thank you for writing the book LOSER, it has influenced me in many ways.

Sincerely,

Zach Minnerly