

# ALTRUSANS, BOOKS AND CHILDREN



**ALTRUSA'S ABC PROJECT  
BEGAN IN 1994.**

**WE ARE CURRENTLY IN  
OUR 27<sup>TH</sup> YEAR.**

**IN 1994, OUR PROJECT  
WAS KNOWN AS  
ANIMALS, BOOKS AND  
COOKIES**



FRIENDS, FRAN  
SLOCUM AND GRACE  
STILLINGS,  
DONATED THEIR  
EXTENSIVE BEANIE  
BABY COLLECTIONS  
TO US



# MEMBERS BAKED COOKIES FOR THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES



**IN 1996, ANITA  
SERVED ON THE  
GOVERNOR'S  
COMMITTEE ON  
NUTRITION...  
WE BECAME  
ANIMALS,  
BOOKS AND  
CARROTS!**



**At this point, Altrusans were going into classrooms and helping kindergarteners select their own book. Then the group of 3 or 4 children would sit with an Altrusan and listen to their own book being read.**



**FOLLOWING THE READING, EACH  
CHILD WOULD SELECT THEIR OWN  
ANIMAL.**





# WE TRANSITIONED TO ALTRUSA, BOOKS AND CHILDREN



**when we discontinued using the animals that Borders Books  
supplied us with for a short while...**

AT THIS POINT,  
IN 1999,  
**ABC** WAS  
SERVING

**5 TITLE 1**

**SCHOOLS IN  
PORTLAND**



# GRADUALLY, ALTRUSA EXPANDED THE **ABC** PROGRAM TO ALL OF PORTLAND'S TITLE 1 SCHOOLS.

Soon, the South Portland kindergartens were included....

And we grew to serve Westbrook, Windham and Lake Region as well.

# STUDENTS STILL CHOOSE THEIR OWN BOOKS...







“THIS IS MY NEW BOOK...TO KEEP!!”

**IN THE INTEREST  
OF TIME, ONE  
ALTRUSAN READS  
A BOOK TO THE  
ENTIRE GROUP.**





Students love listening to an Altrusan read a treasured book.

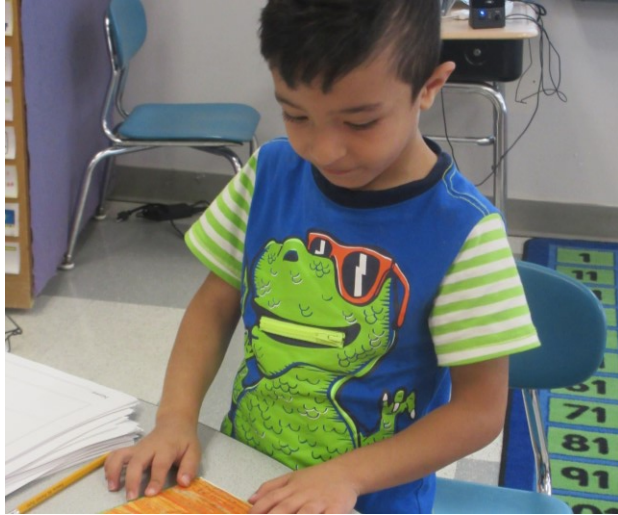


# CLASSES WITH NEW BOOKS



“These are our **FOREVER BOOKS!**” “I can keep it at home with me...forever.” “It is never due back at school” “It is **MINE!**”





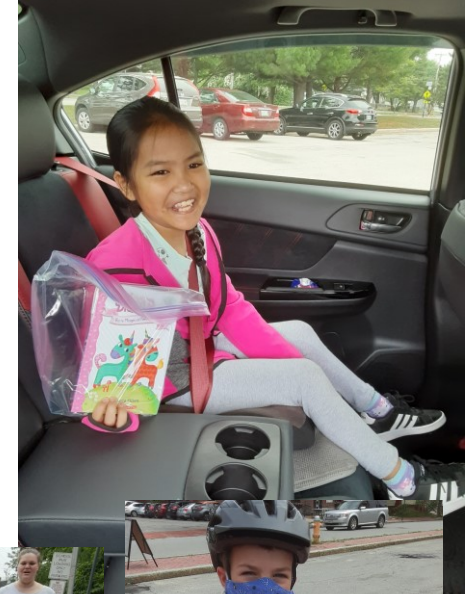
Readers exploring their new treasures.

**TEACHERS ARE  
OUR TREASURED  
PARTNERS AND  
BIGGEST  
SUPPORTERS IN  
THE CLASSROOM.**

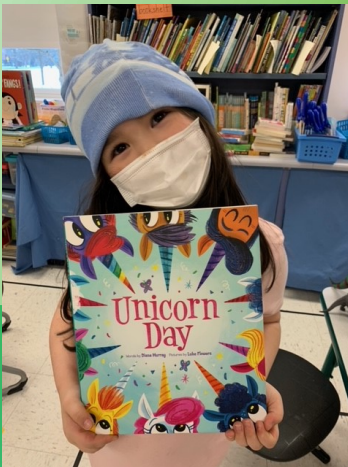




- ABC has allowed us to offer a variety of additional programs... including
- Book Blizzard, Books and Bears, Books Behind Bars and Books and Bubbles (also known as Summer Success)







In 2020-2021, thus far we have been able to give

- Book Blizzard 625 books to 5 middle schools
- Books Behind Bars 100 adult books 50 children's books
- Summer Nutrition Program (aka Summer Success... Books and Bubbles) 700+ books distributed with lunch
- Pillowcase Project with Cricket Comforts books to Barbara Bush Medical Center
- ABC to 1,114 kindergarten students in 64 kindergarten classrooms in 19 schools in 5 communities.





THAT'S  
ALL  
FOLKS!

