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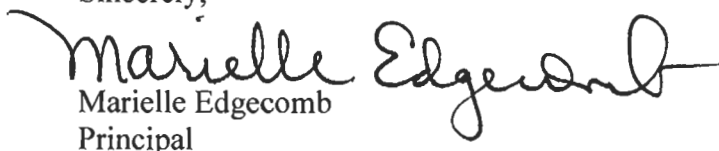
Dear Mr. Lord,

Today my students and I journeyed to the moon and beyond. We explored the universe guided by our students' questions and wonderings. Before we knew it, our time was up and our trip was over.

An experience such as this inspires students to ask questions about more than the stars and planets. During the experience our students felt connected to everything from the farthest star to the closest rock and pebble. All students are scientists, and the questions and explorations allowed through the Star Lab experience, empowered every student to see themselves in that role. Our students were encouraged to share their understanding and as a result, a few misconceptions were resolved. Others began to wonder about their surroundings, perhaps for the first time. That wondering, the ability to look outside of themselves, the opportunity to see a connection between themselves and the world, is worth a mountain of gold to us.

Today our students will go home talking about their trip into space, the constellations and planets they visited, and asking questions that will hopefully inspire more reading and research at home and at school. Thank you for the experience and the Star Lab visit to our school. More importantly, thank you for the inspiration and the opportunity you gave each of our children. We hope to have Star Lab at our school again. In fact, we welcome Star Lab anytime. This experience, and others like it, allows our children to reach beyond themselves, raising aspirations for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marielle Edgecomb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "M" and "E".
Marielle Edgecomb
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