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Dear Sara and Betsy,

It was great to hear about my previous students' scores from using Brainware Safari. I was very impressed with their progress and I am confident, based upon the data, that they were truly inspired by this software. I know that they found Brainware to not only be educational, but also challenging and fun. It did not take much effort on my part to get them started, and once the student's began, the results were amazing.

I definitely saw an increase in their confidence and motivation to become self-learners. They began to take on more responsibility for their learning. They also learned to be reflective in their learning by documenting their progress.

I have been a teacher for fourteen years. It is sad, as an educator, to see many students who come into my class lacking the confidence they feel they don't have to be successful in school. I feel that it just takes that special teachable moment to reassure them that success is possible. It is imperative that students are given the opportunities to excel. They (students) must then take advantage of the chances they are given.

BrainWare Safari was that opportunity and the students definitely took advantage. I could also see changes in their ability to think logically and to solve problems.. The students looked forward to practicing the skills on BrainWare Safari at their scheduled times. While they were working on the particular skill or skills, they just wanted to keep going!

About halfway through working with BrainWare Safari, I took our class to the Brownsburg Space Challenge Center. They went through a simulation of being on Mars and bringing the other transferring space team back to Earth. The staff at the center thought that my students must have been in seventh or eighth grade. They thought this because my students worked together as a team and were so effective at problem-solving. I believe that BrainWare Safari helped develop the problem-solving and cooperation skills that were critical for this activity. The application of those skills were rewarding as a teacher, too! I am sure you could imagine!

I am excited at the thought that all children in the Indianapolis Public School system could be using BrainWare Safari. They would all benefit so much from it. And, as I said when we met, I would love to serve as the facilitator for the implementation across the district. If you have any more questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Fisher-Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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