

The Rust Foundation

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The Rust Foundation helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

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IN THE NEWS:

Patricia Rust Makes Second School Visit for WG Foundation

On May 9, Patricia Rust will visit the Camino Nuevo Charter Academy in Los Angeles to present her "Royal Readers" program and read *The King of Skittledeedoo*. The presentation was arranged by the Writers Guild Foundation as part of their literacy program.

Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Available

Now you can buy copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* for your friends and family directly from Patricia Rust, and have them personally inscribed. This book makes a great gift for a child graduating from Preschool or Kindergarten. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

READ California Includes *The King of Skittledeedoo* on Reading List

READ California, an outgrowth of the Governor's Office of the Secretary for Education's three-year public education to encourage recreational reading has included *The King of Skittledeedoo* on its list of recommended books for beginning readers. To find more recommendations for young children, or for our upcoming plans with them, visit their website at http://www.readcalifornia.org/books_beginning.html

DONATION CAMPAIGN:

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The Rust Foundation Needs Your Help

As part of our continuing efforts to ensure that all children at risk for illiteracy have access to copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* through their libraries and classrooms, and to make schools aware of the powerful tools offered through our website at www.PowerforKids.com, we need to send mailings to schools, increase the number of our school visits, print additional copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*, manufacture literacy kits, and train literacy volunteers to create a national Royal Readers network. But we can't do it without you.

Your donation of \$30 provides a child with a book and a Royal Readers learning kit.
Your donation of \$100 sponsors a classroom visit.
Your donation of \$500 sponsors a school visit with books donated to each classroom and the school library.

We also offer membership levels:

Silver club:

\$500-\$1000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and the link of your choice, either to your company or another organization with which you are affiliated, will be added to our website.

Gold club:

\$1000-\$5000 – your will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your website banner link will be added to our website.

Platinum club:

\$5000 and up – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your company logo will be featured prominently on our website, and your company link will be included in this newsletter.

Tax-deductible donations are now accepted online. Please visit

<http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/contacts.html> and click the "Make a Donation" link.

You can also mail your check or money order to:

The Rust Foundation, 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

If your employer offers a donation-matching, or employee-donation program, we are eligible to receive funds through it, as an educational organization. Please contact your human resources department for more information.

RECENT DONORS:

Special thanks this month go to Cole-Parmer Instrument Company for seeking us out and deciding that we were a charity worth supporting after reading about us and investigating our web site!

WEBSITE UPDATES:

More children's stories and pictures have been added to the website. Visit www.PowerforKids.com and click the "For Kids!" link to view them and submit your own. We've also added a new LA Times story.

NEW STORIES FOR KIDS:

Silly Is Fun

by Patricia Rust

For a boy named Blake

(from an upcoming children's picture book)

I wish I could be silly today,
Ask some earthworms to come out and play,

Climb coconut trees upside down
And prance in ballet slippers all over town.

From my castle in the clouds, I'd like to dangle strings
And go fishing with the angels for twinkling gold rings

I wish I were president of the whole Milky Way.
I would order my space ships to come out and play

Space cowboys would be my best friends for the day,
I'd tie them with lassos, so they could not stray.

I wish I were a fish perched high in a tree
Yelling down at people to look up at me

Silly is good. It can be lots of fun,
But always it's better when shared with someone.

We'd put on disguises and wear silly hats
We'd be baseball players with carrots as bats.

We'd dine on deserts, eat only ice cream
It's the breakfast, lunch, dinner of which we all dream.

We'd growl at the dog and meow at the cat.
They would answer in English; they could speak, just like that!

We would lie in a hammock and pretend to snore, too.
Then we'd wake up and find we'd been placed in the zoo!

They think we are silly animals. It's true.

But silly sounds good to me; how does it sound to you?

The End

RUST FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:

The Rust Foundation helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

The Rust Foundation is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our new "Create-A-Book" program helps kids write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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