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"The Manadoob Ask-It Workbook is the perfect "hands on" resource in the Manadoob Program for children. The combination of creative activities and gentle probes enables kids to apply the challenges faced by the characters in the Manadoob novel to the realities in their own lives. With guidance from the Manadoob, participants are taught skills that enhance their positive interactions with themselves, their families, their community and their larger world."

**Dr. Barbara Boat, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine
Director, The Childhood Trust, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center**

TEACHERS AND FACILITATORS



Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Florida

From: "Sandra Blake" <sblake@bgcmcf.org>

Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 13:05:02 -0500

To: <Susan@Manadoob.com>

Subject: Manadoob program

Hi Susan:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County wishes to express their sincere gratitude for allowing us to participate in the Manadoob program. Currently we are using the program with kids ages 6 – 14 and they love the program.

The first week that we introduced the program the facilitator explained to the kids what the program was about and what their involvement would be. By the end of the first week a seven old stood up in class and remarked "I'm so happy for this program, it is helping me to deal with my ADHA. We thanked him for his comments and encouraged him not to miss any of the classes as who knows, maybe the discipline learned from the program may actual him deal with his ADHA.

In the past we had kids not wanting to leave the computer room when it's time to go home; but recently that has all switched, we now have kids not wanting to leave the Manadoob classes to the extent where parents have had to sit through the class until it's ended before they are able to take their child home. We've gotten raved reviews from the parents about the program, one even went on-line to try to find her own copy so she could use it with her kids.

We love the program and look forward to our continued working relationship.

Best regards,

Sandra Blake
Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
Site Coordinator
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(Clarification - the child called his ADHD - ADHA)



From: Nicole Andrade [mailto:nandrade@bgcr.org]
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 12:33 PM
To: susan@manadoob.com
Cc: Mark Davis; Cathy Williams
Subject: Request for additional Manadoob program supplies

Susan,

Thanks so much for returning my call.

I have been running the Manadoob program at our Bryn Mawr Elementary school site for approximately 2 months.

I have a group of nine girls in second and third grade who are currently participating. We meet twice a week for approximately 90 minutes. Because of their age and reading skills, we have had to break the assignments into much smaller chunks, usually covering one to two chapters weekly.

As we have been running this program, many other girls have expressed interest in joining, solely based on what they have heard from their friends regarding this program. The girls feel that our Manadoob group is a place that they can **safely** share their feelings. These girls come from a mix of ethnic backgrounds, and a mix of living situations. For most, the issue of self-esteem is a struggle for them. Through this group, they have found a place where **they fit in and are welcome**.

The Manadoob materials make the girls feel special. They carry their orange bags around so much that I have already had to fix one due to its strap coming off. They have decorated the outside of their bags with the markers provided, and keep asking when they will get to use the mask and wind sock.

To encourage sharing, each session the girls randomly select one stone from their bag. After reading the page regarding the stones meaning, each member shares how it made them feel, think, or otherwise affected them. I have noticed now, that outside of our Manadoob time, these girls continue to hang out. **They have truly created friends through this program.**

I have a need for more program supplies. I currently have 7-8 requests from other girls to join this program.

I have already given my bag and contents to one child in order to include them in this group. The girls who are interested know that we are in contact regarding this. Each day when arriving at our site they ask me if I have been able to get a bag for them so they can join us.

You have created a program that these girls are excited about, want to be a part of, and are learning and growing through. Thank you for helping us reach our members in this special way!

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Nicole Andrade
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Public School Teacher, Jersey City, New Jersey

Tina Majdan
ESL Teacher
Public School #5
Jersey City, New Jersey

I have been helping English Language Learners in grades 5 – 8 develop a communicative competence in English for the last 34 years.

I was introduced to the Manadoob Program for Self-Esteem and after reviewing it I was excited to receive a grant for the programs which I am implementing in the current semester. I am teaching 27 children from diverse ethnic backgrounds and I have always looked for tools that I could use to unify the kids in my class as a part of their learning process.

What worked so well with the Manadoob Program is that it helped to break down cultural barriers and bring the kids together as we worked through the program. It was also used as a basis for my entire curriculum for the semester as it provides tools in listening, speaking, reading, writing, arts and community outreach. The Manadoob Program is a wonderful tool for allowing kids to develop self-esteem, self reliance and self-expression as they learn from the Manadoob in curriculum based activities. And, it is fun!

I will be presenting and recommending the Manadoob Program to the New Jersey School District and I would be happy to recommend the Manadoob Program to schools across the country. Thank you so much for taking the time and effort to develop such a wonderful program for kids!

Tina Majdan



May 25, 2010

I wanted to express my warm wishes to June, Susan and Julie for allowing us to pilot the Manadoob program here at Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme. We have been running the program at seven sites which include clubhouses and after school sites. The youth who participated ranged in age from 7-14, girls and boys at varying levels of social ability. The young people and the staff love the program. We have seen this program have an impact on our young people, enabling them to have mechanisms to help them cope with issues they face on a daily basis.

This program has helped some of the young people with bullying tendencies to become more empathic towards others, and we have seen bullying decrease. The staff would love to run this program again and we know there are many more youth here who would benefit greatly from participating in the Manadoob program.

Thank-you,
Erin Antrim
Director of Program Services
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme
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Boys and Girls Club of Port Hueneme, California

“As a facilitator of this program, Manadoob to me means courage, wisdom, and hope through the characters.”

Greg Torres, Teen Director, Port Hueneme Club House



Boys and Girls Club of Central Oregon, Bend, Oregon

From: Derek Beauvais [mailto:dbeauvais@bgcco.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 1:20 PM
To: susan@mandoob.com
Subject: Manadoob

Susan,

Our Manadoob program has been going very well. All of our youth are very excited and it has made an amazing impact on the youth in the program. We would love to continue to offer Manadoob in the future and expand to delivering this program to all four clubs in Central Oregon. I would like to request 100 more programs for our youth for 2010.

I will be sending a more detailed e-mail when I return after Feb. 8th including pictures and quotes from students, parents and staff. Thank you so much!

Derek Beauvais
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to thank you for giving the Memorial Park Boys and Girls Club the opportunity to work with the “Mandoob self-esteem kit”. What I learned is that we all can use a little help with our self-esteem, but many of our youth today are challenged by this. With magazines forcing our kids to look one way, television shows wanting kids to act another and overall peer pressure the kids of today need all the help they can get.

Being involved in this program allowed the kids to be who they are. It helped them express themselves in ways they never have before. For many of the club members in the program they felt alone until they saw many of their friends speaking up.

This is a serious problem that youth of all ages are dealing with. Having a focus group and young people feeling they are special was the way we targeted the program. As an adult, we tend to forget the things our youth are going through. Working with the kids made me go back to my childhood and think about my self-esteem.

One of the main things we focused on in the group was “Liking yourself, and believing in yourself”. Many club members didn’t know how to talk positive about themselves. For some all they have heard is negative talk in their lives. We changed that in our focus group.

Everyday, you had to say something positive about yourself and someone in the group.

This activity turned into the high light of the program. The members were looking forward to saying something positive because each one knew a “feel good comment” was coming back to them.

In closing I want to tell you about a young lady we will call “Lacresha”. This young lady had absolutely no self-esteem, motivation, she was not self driven. After working with her teaching her how to like herself and she was special, she has become a better student, club member, a big sister and a better person. She loves the program and tries to get others to participate in all the activities.

Sincerely,

A.Jaye Johnson

Unit Director Memorial Park Boys and Girls Club

We wanted to say how very thankful we were that we had the opportunity to use the Mandoob program in our emergency shelter and transitional shelters. We found the program to be interesting and to be thoughtful of life lessons that will definitely help our youth. Our Children's Program Director conducted the Mandoob groups at Interval House with some of our residents in transitional housing and only a few in the emergency shelter. As I said before, everybody loves the program and we think it is very positive.

For those families who stayed with us through the Mandoob program, it was very much enjoyed and the lessons were great. The program is well thought out, creative, and very positive in every way.

In summary, we are extremely thrilled to have been part of the Mandoob program. It is outstanding.

Thank you so very much,

Carol Williams

Executive Director Interval House, Crisis Center for Victims of Domestic Violence

Thoughts on Mandoob Programme, Girlguiding, United Kingdom

The overall premise is a great one – to show that we are all connected in a necessary lesson children need to learn – a lot of children nowadays are very insular – only comfortable in their own world – they have no knowledge of their communities and sometimes their own families and therefore have no clue how they can effect the world they live in or how it affects them. The workbook is particularly good – I am sure the children will relish completing it and take steps forward in helping themselves to a better way of life...

Jennifer A. Swierc, Guider, Burnley, Lancaster East, UK

Right now the first grade class is using the Mandoob Program regularly. It has been very successful in the teacher's eyes -- allowing students to talk about their fears and feelings in a safe environment and in the conversation also gain a sense of safety -- a sense that there is something you can do about the fears...Our plan is to utilize the Program in our fourth grade class next - we really want t take advantage of this Program with my goal being the integration of Mandoob in all lower school classes."

Megan Bybee

Head of Lower School, Oak Grove School



Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:37 PM
To: june@manadoob.com
Subject: RE: checking in

Hi June,

The class went exceptionally well. The kids absolutely LOVED the Manadoob kits and the story we read. As we go along, I am going to write an article for our school newsletter to try to grow the program. This is something we could offer at our summer camp too!

Thank you,

Kim Gair
Acting Head Master
Country Day School, Saint James, New York

"Use of technology provides important learning skills but can lesson a child's use of interpersonal skills. Manadoob made curriculum learning fun, creative, and Manadoob lessons integrated so easily into our lesson plans...The skills learned through the Manadoob Program are invaluable and should be a part of a school's obligation to its students."

Kim Heckman
National Collegiate Educations Award Winner
Special Education Certification
Point Dume Academy, Bernice Ayers School
Wordsworth Academy, Upper Elementary School

With an expertise in integrating activities into academic curriculums, integrating Manadoob into classed would strengthen students' reading skills and create conversations on subjects which wouldn't normally be discussed. Students who would not be comfortable talking about bullying, their fears and lack of self-worth would open up with this very fine program as it stimulates creativity and broadens students exposure and understanding of diversity and cultural differences.

Susan Franklin Tanner
30-plus years teaching artist including LA County HS for the Arts, Sequoyah School, Mark Taper Forum Saturday Conservatory, UCLA Extension, Cal State LA's EOP.; 2011 CTG Chase Educators Fellow and a 2011 Bravo Award winner.

Educators



Hi Nancy,

Just thought I would check in and let you know how the "Manadoob" is going....the kids and myself are LOVING IT!!

So much so that the kids asked if we could meet more often. So we are meeting every Saturday. We had just finished the discussion about sadness and I was amazed at how much the kids opened to me. (or the group) From the things the kids said I could tell they felt very safe and comfortable. Their posters on how people live differently were so cute, and too be able to see it from each of their perspectives was cool.

Family tree is next and chapters 3 & 4. We might get to 5 this Saturday but it seems like one I should leave for a whole session.

Talk soon I hope...

Aloha,

"Remember, We Do It For The Animals!"

Bebe Ackerman
Humane Educator/Community Coordinator
Hawaii Island Humane Society

"I have worked with children for 24 years. I had no idea the impact that teaching the Manadoob course would have on ME. My own fears and insecurities came out while working through the book and workbook. It was cathartic and empowering to recognize and change these thoughts! I am touched by the eager and willing children who open their hearts, minds and spirits to themselves, their peers and to me. The parents tell me that their children talk about the characters in the book and ask many questions. The parents are thrilled, the children enthusiastic and I am amazed at the transformational power of this simple yet profound program. I am thrilled to be part of the Manadoob team"

Kim Ledoux, Manadoob Educator

When I first heard of Manadoob, I had no idea what to expect. A strange name and a colorful book cover comprised the entirety of my knowledge of the program. So, when I volunteered to run the program at the Bend Boys & Girls Club, I had to initiate myself. I started by watching the introduction on the Manadoob website and followed that up by reading the book and perusing the workbook. The scope and breadth of the program blew me away.

It seems like many of the big questions in life are not discussed with children. I had never really thought about it before teaching Manadoob, but this seems to be a disservice to both children and adults. Children are deprived of foreknowledge and forethought about many

of the difficult things in life that they will inevitably face, many of them while they are still young. Simultaneously, adults are deprived of the valuable insights that children, with their unfettered minds and hearts, can share with us. Manadoob directly addresses both of these issues, offering a unique program that is enriching for both teachers and students.

During my time with Manadoob, I learned a great deal from the children I was working with and also had the added benefit of watching them grow and learn with the program. The children chosen for the program were chosen by five different staff at the Club, so I also had a broad range of children chosen for different reasons. Some of them were shy, some of them were outgoing, some of them were misfits, and some of them were “cool” kids. I found that regardless of what they showed on the surface, they all readily opened up and shared in the program.

I work with children every day, so I wasn't surprised that they were insightful and intelligent, but I was surprised by the degree to which the Manadoob program elicited insightful moments. There were many times when I found myself, because of something someone two decades my junior said, drifting off in thought about how their words were pertinent to my life. There were also a few moments of insight that completely surprised me. For example, on the day that we covered the sections about bullying and the root causes of it, I asked every child to give an example of a time when they were bullied. All of them shared something, and we discussed different ways to respond, but, when I got to the last girl, she opened up and said that sometimes she thought she could be a bully, and, like Zach, that it was usually because she was upset or hurt. For a nine year-old girl to not just make a connection to the lesson but then to apply that lesson to her own life over a period of about five minutes was a special process to witness and would not have been possible without the guidance and teaching of the Manadoob program.

There were many moments like this, some that really surprised me and some that were less surprising but no less insightful. I am still a novice to Manadoob, shortly to take the official training and teach it for the second time. As I grow in experience and ability to implement the program, I look forward to an even deeper and more rewarding experience for myself as well as for the club members that participate in the program. I am very excited to move forward and explore the depths of what Manadoob has to offer for both the students and the teacher!

Ryan Hart
Youth Counselor
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oregon

Read more about Ryan Hart's experience teaching the Manadoob Program from his Blog ["Manadoob Moments"](#) as well as the newest entries from Alley Sabin who is carrying the torch!

"All children with Specific Learning Disabilities want is to feel accepted, to feel like everyone else and to belong. These children are never asked how they feel or what they believe. Instead they are often ridiculed or reprimanded for their misunderstood behavior. I have observed countless times when a child with a learning disability behaves poorly or calls another child a bad name -- their actions are most often the result of suffering because they didn't understand something -- maybe the lights were too bright and they felt uncomfortable, or maybe they heard a sound which startled or frightened them causing them to act out. It is often something very simple that could easily have been fixed if someone had simply taken the time to ask the challenged child how they were feeling at the moment they behaved in an unacceptable manner. I strongly believe if children with learning disabilities are taught these skills early on -- the skills noted in the Mandoob Program -- they will be able to communicate their needs all of the time, and be able to communicate much more effectively about what they need and why.

I can speak for hours and hours about this -- after 16 plus years of these practices, I realized all the lessons which are normally taught to special needs children and the structure provided is NOT what they need to survive in the real world because in the real world and everyday life is far from structured. I am so excited about Mandoob because of how effective I have seen it is, and its possibilities because it gives the child a voice and the tools to learn on their own. With Mandoob, these children finally don't have someone telling them how they should act and feel -- they figure it out for themselves. No child responds well to being told what to do -- especially children with challenges."

Lynne Kornhauser
Licensed Mandoob Educator
Atlanta, Georgia

Supporters

"Enchanted and enchanting! Mandoob: Mystery of the Moobia Stones is a read-aloud story for children and caregivers to share. Mandoob give voice to the very real feelings and behaviors of children (and adults) and offers wonderfully creative problem-solving approaches with hope and confidence that we can do and feel better. The stories are appealing and colorful, but not sugar-coated, in recognizing human frailties and problems and embracing all creatures. Moobia Stones and sadiki wrist bands are in! Can't wait for the next installment!"

Barbara W. Boat, Ph.D.

**Assoc Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Director, The Childhood Trust, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center**

"Mandoob stands uniquely as an allegory that is not allegorical. It captures the essence of values that we hold most dear while holding young readers mesmerized by a story well told with a palpably building excitement that keeps the pages turning.

Children will connect readily to the interactions between humans and animals and will appreciate the sophisticated vocabulary which is at once comprehensible and non-condescending.

The astonishingly exotic and beautifully drawn animal characters of Mandoobia are multi-dimensional and will captivate the hearts and imaginations of readers of all ages.

Not to be missed are the magical Moobia Stones which open a whole world of exploration and wonderment.

This is destined to become a family treasure for generations. Run, do not walk, to get Mandoob for the special child in your life and then celebrate the special gift that you have given to yourself.

Mandoob is the perfect piece for recapturing the magic of the family read-aloud experience. For young readers well past their picture book, the opportunity is here for shared reading - with a parent reading aloud one chapter and a child the next, right through to the highly satisfying ending. Many years hence, the child, then adult will recall the experience and the soul will be uplifted by it. This book deserves a prominent place in every family library."

Althea Woods, M.Ed.

**Bravo Award winner for Excellence in Education;
Harvard educated teacher and principal, Los Angeles Unified School District**

"There is so much to learn about the ways of the world and this is where the Manadoob step in to help guide the way. The Manadoob are a wondrous creation of odd looking animals that are very wise and very loving. These ancient animals nurtured and created magical Moobia Stones to help with some of those tough questions we face every day. Manadoob is a story and a game which helps to

uncover the deeper meaning of life and inspire a child's imagination to soar. Manadoob also helps give a sense of direction in what can be a very confusing world. This is a wonderful tool for growth and education."

Faith Maloney

Founder, Animal Care Consultant, Best Friends Animal Society

"What a wonderful story of Wella's fears and learning to help others. There are important character lessons interwoven into this delightful book. The author certainly has good insights into children and the importance of animals in their lives."

Adrienne McMillan

Storyteller and teacher on the Art of Storytelling, focusing on literacy and the appreciation of literature.

"There are touchstones in every life that stay in our life memory banks forming our character and our sense of the universe. Although they are emotionally universal, these touchstones are often private and deeply held soul secrets. Manadoob, *Mystery of the Moobia Stones* invites a shared family reading experience to gently approach some of these touchstones together and collectively understand our deepest feelings especially those connected to an irreplaceable friend, a pet.

Through delightful language, surprising storytelling and enchanting imagery, the readers join Wella as she stretches her innocence into an exploration of her feelings and discovers the magic of the Moobia Stones and the guiding light of the Manadoob.

This is a perfect book for the entire family. It encourages open conversation and sharing while entertaining even the most cynical of readers. If you have ever suffered the loss of a family pet then you will embrace the Moobia Stones and be on the look out for a Sadiki band and a Manadoob encounter of your own."

Dr. Suzanne Shoemaker, Ph.D.

Founder of a Family Entertainment Company and

Outstanding Educator of the Year

Managing Director, Freshi Films LLC and Acts of Creation

Manadoob, *Mystery of the Moobia Stones* is like Tolkein for kids. The story creates a world full of wonderful creatures and myths we desperately want to believe in. *Mystery of the Moobia Stones* ends by closing one chapter while whetting the reader's appetite for MANY more adventures. It's an outstanding and beautiful book.

*Liz Currie,
Freelance writer and former editor for college textbook publishing*

Manadoob, Mystery of the Moobia Stones is a perfectly wonderful story that keeps you interested in Wella's journey until the final pages. The reader first meets a sad and fearful Wella but with the help of a unique group of Manadoob she learns to help others and to overcome her fears. The story is full of helpful insights for children; dealing with the loss of a loved pet, overcoming fears and having compassion and understanding for others. I plan to give this book to the special children in my life.

Evelyn Greenwald
Co-President of Bowwowmeow - founded 2006
Co-Founder of Creativity for Kids - founded 1977

Children

The Self-Esteem Program

It was great. It made me express myself in a way that I never thought of."

Christina

"One of the greatest experiences of my life."

Joe D.

"I had a wonderful experience. I had no idea this program was going to be so much fun."

Blanca

"I truly think this was one of the most beautiful, amazing experiences of my life. I will remember this experience from today to when I die. I love the book."

Yunuen P.

"I like Manadoob because I can learn more about things. I feel good to learn more things and meet the people that made it. I feel good to be here."

Sophia L.

"I had a great time reading, writing and learning different things about the Manadoob. Manadoob is a great program about your feelings and your actions. It was a great program for me! It was also very fun!"

Michelle L.

"I like the Manadoob because the stones are cool and it reminds me of the feelings I used to have and the things I did when I was younger. It's like another world to me and people can't tell me what to do or what to look like. I'm able to make my own decisions. Manadoob taught Wella to be herself - that means I can be myself."

Monce H.

"I like Manadoob because the stones are cool and because it teaches me how to be brave and express my feelings and to respect and be myself."

Dion C.

"I like Manadoob because it is fun to learn about Manadoobia and learn about the stones. Manadoob teaches me not to be anything people want me to be. It teaches me to be myself."

Mario G.

"I will always remember this project, not in my head but in my heart. I believe in myself. Thank you again." **Abraham**

"Manadoob has helped me to become a better person through the encouragement of animals. I have discovered things about myself and others and have a new understanding of what lies within. I will always remember being a part of this program." **Olivia**

5-20-2020
Dear June Salin and Susan Cooper,

I really want to thank you for what you gave us for free that costed a lot and were expensive. I especially want to thank you for the sadiki bracelet, and the charm. I really worked hard to achieve the price. Also, I really enjoyed reading the book, and it was interesting as well. My favorite part of the project was to read the book. Almost, everyday I read the most out of my class. Finally, I would say that I really worked hard and I got a great result, which was the sidiki bracelet and the charm. The book also made me learn something that you should always be friends to Galoom and other characters.

Sincerely, Haider



May 20, 2010

Dear June Salin and Susan Cooper,
my name is Maria Juarez and I'm a student in Ms. MAJDANI'S class. This letter is to say THANK YOU. I WOULD LOVE TO SAY IT IN PERSON BUT I CAN DO SO IN THIS LETTER. I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW THANKFUL WE ARE FOR YOUR KINDNESS FOR THE SADIKI AND CHARM FOR EACH US. THIS PROGRAM WAS VERY FUN. WE DID MANY FUN THINGS. I ENJOYED THE MANADOOB PROJECT AND I'M VERY SURE EVERY OF MY FRIENDS ENJOYED IT, TOO.

P.S. IF YOU MAKE THE SEQUEL, I WOULD LOVE TO READ IT, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.

Sincerely,

Maria Juarez

June 10, 2010

Dear June Salin and Susan
Dear June Salin and Susan Cooper,

My name is Milushka Ramos.
I am a student from P.S. 5 and I am in
Ms. Majdan's ESL Class. I am writing this
letter to thank you for the Sadiki-bracelet
and the wonderful book we read. The project
that we did for Manaloob was great. We had
so much fun and as well we created things.
I appreciate you for giving Ms. Majdan more
Sadiki-bracelets. I hope if you do other
things for the Manaloob then give it to
Ms. Majdan. She is a great teacher and
she deserves it. I started believing in my
myself since Ms. Majdan started to say
she believed in me. I will like to thank
you once again for every thing.

Sincerely,
Milushka Ramos

MANADOOB - THE NOVEL

THE MANADOOB BUZZ - KIDS

"I read The Manadoob book straight through and didn't want to stop. I loved it. They showed me problems aren't as bad as you think."

Taylor Nunley, Age 12

"You finish the book and you want more... I think this is the next Harry Potter, but better. Harry Potter doesn't help kids, it just entertains. The Manadoob help kids and is so positive."

Stephanie Wolf, Age 13

"I really liked reading Manadoob Mystery of the Moobia Stones - I know kids just like Zack at my school - they act like bullies, but when you get to know them they can be ok."

Zev Taublieb, Age 13

******"I love the way the Manadoob look. Loki Bella is my favorite. She is so strong and powerful and always knows what to do."*

Amy Waddle, Age 11

"The relationship between Wella and Ga-loom was my favorite part. I really liked that Wella was dealing with her fear."

Laura Fox, Age 12

"When you finish it you want more. This is going to be a series isn't it?"

Rachael Grasso, Age 11

Parents

"I watched as my child gained new insight to her world while doing something she loves---connecting with animals. This program is fun and educational and all children could benefit from the lessons of acceptance and understanding."

Janette - The Big Island Hawaii

"My 13 year old grandson started Manadoob about a year ago. He was a shy, quiet youngster who has blossomed under the program. He has become a very self-assured, confident young man in this year. He is not afraid to voice an opinion, but does it very tactfully and considerately. He has become very bonded with his instructor and his group."

Betty - Kailua Kona, Hawaii

"My daughter LOVES the Manadoob Program for Self-Esteem she looks forward to going every week. She loves her Manadoob Educator, (Kim Ledoux), the characters, the art projects and she even looks forward to doing the reading and writing assignments."

Susan - Calabasas, California

"My daughter is so happy to go to the Manadoob Class, she is developing strong values and she really likes the crafts."

Mireya - Calabasas, California

My two daughters ages seven and nine, along with my son, age thirteen completed the Manadoob Program for Self-Esteem. I have never witnessed such a positive change in all three children like this. They behave with greater kindness to one another, and they are full of gratitude and appreciation for their father and myself. I have been told that in school, all three have shown an improvement in their attitude and it is reflected in their grades. We had never seen so many "A's" on their report cards. This is an incredible program and I highly recommend it for every parent to consider.

Lorena - Northridge, California

Malayna is an enthusiastic child who loves all types of animals, from small to big and from domestic to exotic. Although she already was set to be a veterinarian, her determination and passion tremendously increased after the Manadoob program. It has also confirmed her relentless desire to help animals. It is encouraging to see programs like this, especially in our rural community, that help foster the interests of our children and future. Mahalo to the Hawaii Island Humane Society for providing this opportunity for our kids.

**Best regards,
Emily - The Big Island, Hawaii**