



Hats for Haiti

For Martin Luther King Day in 2010, fifth grade students at Kent Lake Elementary wrote about a dream they had for making a difference in the world. Many students wrote about their dreams that the people of Haiti would get the help they need after the massive earthquake struck their country. The class decided to sponsor a "Hats for Haiti" school-wide fundraising event for the students and teachers to raise money for Haiti. The fifth graders were in the midst of a persuasive writing unit in writer's workshop, so they wrote a "persuasive" letter to the principal convincing her to let us host the event. She agreed! Students then studied persuasive advertising and created posters persuading Kent Lake students to pay 50 cents to wear a hat for a day. The event raised \$479.29! Fifth graders were proud of their efforts to make a difference in the world!

