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The Academy for Precision Learning Granted \$2650 to Help Fund Elementary Library

SEATTLE - The Academy for Precision Learning (APL) is pleased to announce a \$2650 grant from the Build-A-Bear Workshop® Bear Hugs Foundation. The grant will be used to create a leveled library for kindergarten and first grade students.

APL is a private, non-profit school that provides an educational experience where children on the autism spectrum can learn alongside their typically developing peers during the entire course of the school day. With the help of this grant from the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation, APL's new leveled library will give kindergarten and first grade students the opportunity to learn to read no matter what reading, writing or language ability they have. In addition, the library will assist teachers in language arts instruction and will provide a reading system that can be utilized for years to come.

"In an inclusion based class, with kids of varying needs, a leveled library system addresses the most fundamental needs for language arts education," said, Andrea Sanders, Director of Development at APL. "April is Autism Awareness Month so this grant couldn't have come at a better time for our growing school. We ultimately hope to expand this library to provide additional leveled learning resources for our higher grades."

The Academy for Precision Learning is located in Seattle's vibrant University District. The school is now accepting applications for students from Kindergarten to 10th grade. APL is dedicated to the success of all students – including typically developing and those across the autism spectrum – learning within an academically challenging and socially vibrant environment. For more information about APL or to make a donation to the school, please visit www.aplschool.org or call 206.427.0115.

About the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation:

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is committed to making life more bearable for children, families and pets in need of the kindness of others. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation gifts grants to qualified non-profit organizations that support the health and wellness of children and families, the care and welfare of animals and the promotion of literacy and education for all.

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