Dear Mr. McCarthy,

I would like to thank you so much for making such a great effort to send the 7th grade class to the Leadership School at Camp Kieve. It is a valuable experience that all kids should be able to participate in.

We all learned a lot about ourselves and each other. We really became a community. This experience helped me build stronger relationships with my classmates and become a better leader.

I also learned that you have to really tackle challenges and work hard. Whether you are high up in the trees or in science class. In school some classes are hard for me and I get frustrated. Sometimes I tune out or shut down. After Kieve I am trying harder and it feels much better. I see what my challenge is and I can't give up. In our expedition about invasive species I have had trouble in science. But now I am working harder and asking Mr. Payne for help. I learned that when I do not give up and tune out I learn so much more! I also volunteered to speak at the culminating event. I am nervous but I know I can do it.

This is why Kieve is so great. Thank you very much.

Madison