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Dear Classmates and friends,

Today I would like to introduce to you a special book by Roald Dahl. It is called “Danny the Champion of the World”. I strongly suggest that all students should read it.

You may wonder why Danny is the champion of the world. Well, you need to read the story to discover how his father has great poaching skills in catching pheasants. To me, I feel Danny is my champion because he risked his life saving his Dad’s life in the forest and discovered his father’s secret — that he was a poacher. Despite knowing this dark secret, Danny keeps his love and loyalty to his father. So Danny, the hero of this story, sets a great role model for all of us.

Of course, the author Roald Dahl is a master of children’s stories and he knows what we like. This book shows his vibrant and imaginative language. When describing Doc Spencer, a character in the book, he writes that Doc Spencer has “tiny hands and feet and a tiny round face.....he was some sort of very ancient elf.....” Roald Dahl gets us involved in the story when Doc Spencer talks about how he deals with the main villain, Victor Hazell. When Doc Spencer gives Mr. Hazell an injection he chooses the oldest, bluntest needle he can find in order to teach him a lesson! He screamed like a pig, which I’m sure we can all imagine.

Furthermore, this Mr. Hazell is just like our modern day Donald Trump. They’re both snobs, both rich and both self-important which brings me to another thing that makes a great book. A great book brings out timeless themes, and will make you think about current affairs. And it also teaches us how to stand up to these nasty personalities.

Roald Dahl provides us with a lot of unusual information in this book which will make us smarter and bring out the joy and wonder of gaining new knowledge. For example, “Did you know that the little yellow clover butterfly often carries his wife around on his back?” and “Birds have almost no sense of smell, but they have good eyesight and they love red colours. The flowers they like are red and yellow, but never blue.”

In summary, this book is a treasure trove of positive virtues and wonders. It’s definitely not a book to be missed.