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Ah, June...back to school! Are you looking forward to it or dreading the daily grind? If your answer is the latter, you're not alone. I myself have a hard time with routine. I eventually hit a stage where I'm no longer as productive doing the same thing every day. When this happens, I stop what I'm doing and find something challenging or exciting to do. Then I find I can go back to the routine refreshed and ready to face it all again!

I think it's important to stretch ourselves and get out of our comfort zones every now and then. This keeps us from getting bored with what we're doing and helps us to continually improve ourselves. When we first conceptualized *Star Teacher*, this is what we hoped it would do for all readers. Are we fulfilling our mission? We'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime, I wish everyone an enjoyable and exciting new school year ahead!

Dear Star Teacher,

I have been reading your magazine for the past two years, since our school became one of the partners of Sa Aklat Sisikat (SAS) in building a nation of readers. And through this magazine, where the teachers are stars, I have picked up wonderful ideas that have nourished my total person.

Last February 2005, we joined the SAS-Citigroup Success Fund Awards for Innovation towards Nation Building. My school proposed a reading technique that I coined "Pandora's Box Reading Challenge," and luckily, we became one of the nine awardees. I was surprised and thankful that our entry was chosen as one of the best proposals. This program inspired me a lot and served as the "wind beneath my wings" in assisting children to fulfill their dreams by learning how to read.

With the award, we were able to complete

the necessary materials needed for Pandora's Box. I am happy to share that it wasn't only the children who enjoyed the activities; I myself cherished the days when each group tried to unlock the box of Pandora. It was really fun!

I have also had a chance to share this idea with other teachers in our district, as well as in the division of Nueva Ecija, and they have already adopted it. I'm very glad to hear suggestions from Math and Science teachers, for they too are eager to adopt the technique for teaching their subjects.

I'm grateful to Star Teacher and SAS for doing such a noble mission like this. You serve as my inspiration to research and discover every single idea that will benefit children as the builders of this nation.

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Dear Ms. Villaviza,

Thanks for your wonderful letter! We're so excited to hear that SAS and Star Teacher have helped you in your teaching career. We would like to feature Pandora's Box in a future issue of Star Teacher. Could you e-mail or text us your contact number so we can get in touch with you? Looking forward to hearing from you! —Therese

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