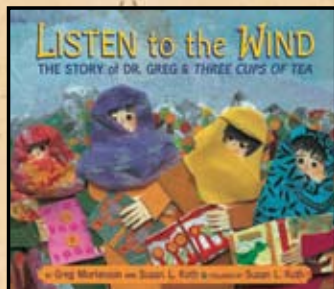


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- **Support education.** Greg believed education was the key to success for villagers and worked tirelessly to get what he needed to build each school. His experiences show that it is not just parents and teachers who influence the growth of young students—everyone does. Challenge community members to reevaluate their own support of youth education and see how many of them find there is more they can, and want, to do.
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