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**Letter from M. Amelia Foshay to John Muir, 1904 Sep 16.**

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Los Angeles, California,  
September 16, 1904.

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, California.

Our dear Mr. Muir:

How can we thank you  
for the delight you afford us, we  
of the little 24th Street School, by  
your gracious answer to our feeble  
but sincere letters of last April?  
I wish you could know what a  
pride we take in the fact that  
a great man has given us so  
much of his time and of himself,  
and what an uplift an attention  
like this means to us who are  
older than the children we direct  
and who consequently appreciate more

what a treasure is such an autograph letter. We are planning to frame it in panels for our office, and near it to place your portrait, if we can obtain a suitable one.

With all respect I say it, - you are indeed the patron saint of our school, honored alike by teachers and pupils. The little tree planted as a monument to you last spring, even through this long, hot Southern California summer, has grown and strengthened as if it felt that great things are expected of it.

Now - that you have paid us so kind an attention, I shall venture upon, <sup>your time</sup> another moment to submit to you the little dedicatory speech that was learned by our Lillian Section for the tree-planting occasion, <sup>103446</sup> that you may

imagine the heartiness with which the class responded to the "call to worship", a spirit awakened in them through a study of your life and work and of "Our National Parks".

"We will adjourn to the grounds and hoist our bony flag to add zest to our attempts to plant a tree - the tree which above all others is California's, - the sequoia, or redwood. And to her famous naturalist, John Muir, who urges us by all the powers of his pen to seek the woods and mountains, we dedicate it."

One who is forever gratefully yours,

M. Amelia Fosberg.