

Wallace Elementary
Johnston, Iowa

Dear Mary Norton,

Your book, *The Borrowers*, changed my imagination and my way of thinking. I think the imagination is like unbaked pizza dough because if you don't do anything with it, after a while it will shrink back even smaller. (That is what pizza dough does because of the gluten in it.)

You changed my way of thinking because you made me think about how you only use a fraction of your brain. If you used all of it, what could happen? Could you imagine things and make them appear? Like the Borrowers for instance, if you used all your brain could you make things like the Borrowers just appear? Your book made me dig past the first layer, I started to think about things that didn't necessarily have to do with some of the topics.

I also think that your book made me consider things more completely before I just decide I don't believe them. The boy in the story tried to tell his sisters about Homley and her family, but they didn't think his story was true or even think about believing him! I felt sorry for him that none of his sisters believed him.

I've always loved fantasy and things with magic in them. If someone told me something like what the boy told his sisters, I would want to believe him or her. But even though I've always wanted to find something like this, I'd need more. Proof. I love to imagine because my family are very logical people. They like to have proof. I like to have proof, but I like to imagine more. Your book had me thinking about the brain and how it thinks and works. I enjoyed your book how it made me think about the brain and how it works.

Sincerely

Emily Larson