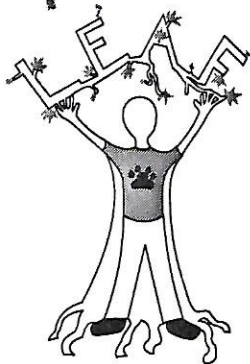


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Grant Application Form

Application Deadline: November 23, 2015

Date 11/23/15

Applicant's Name Mindy McLellan

Position: Kindergarten Teacher Building: ECEC

School Phone: 517 651-3100 ext 1210 Email: mindy.mclellan@laingsburg.k12.mi.us

Proposed Project Title: WOW world of words

Please provide a description of your proposed project using the criteria guidelines listed on the cover letter. Please contact Dane Nickols at dcnickols@frontier.com or 517-651-6289 with any questions.

Applicant's Signature: Mindy McLellan Total Budget Request: \$846.94 Date: 11/23/15

Building Principal's Signature: Dane Lockwood Date: 11/23/15

Please forward the completed application form to: Laingsburg Educational Advancement Found.
Grant Review Committee
205 S. Woodhull, Laingsburg, MI 48848

Project Title: World of Words for Kindergarten

Statement of Need:

Over the summer the kindergarten teachers had the opportunity to attend two Anita Archer conferences both on important reading skills: vocabulary/comprehension and phonemic awareness. At both conferences we received academic curriculum to implement in our classroom. The vocabulary curriculum WOW or World of Words that was given to us is for preschool students. We would like to purchase a kindergarten set.

WOW or World of Words is a new research-based shared reading for students Pre k-1st grade. WOW builds content knowledge through a series of books based on a particular topic. The program comes with ten topics each topic has five books that support the topic. Each topic begins with more predictable pattern books and ends with more challenging material. Each lesson includes intentional vocabulary instruction and review coupled with talk-time that includes reflection and discussion.

Some startling statistics we heard at the conference were that students from higher income families start school with around 20,000 words in their vocabulary. Students from middle class families start school with around 10,000 words and students from lower income families start school with around 5,000 words in their vocabulary. With the gap doubling by first grade. Studies have shown the highest rate of vocabulary development occurs during the earliest years of a child's school career. We really feel this is an important opportunity to support those students with limited vocabulary exposure and decrease the gap among students. This program will not to replace any reading program we already have in place. This will serve as an early intervention for vocabulary.

Clearly Stated Objectives:

- * supports critical reading skills
- * fosters crucial content vocabulary
- * explicit instruction in vocabulary
- * support for at risk students
- * increase oral language development

Number of Students who will Benefit:

All future kindergarten students at will benefit from this program.

Methods of Implementation:

(2016)

This will be implemented at the beginning of next year in all kindergarten classes and continue through the years.

Benefits to the Students:

- * using text genre to children's advantage
- * opportunities for repetitive practice with vocabulary
- * new and rich vocabulary for students that may have limited
- * helps students understand words in context

Budget Details:

One Kindergarten Set of WOW = \$799.00
Tax = 47.94
Shipping and handling = 0.00
Grand Total = \$ 846.94

Evaluation of Successful Implementation:

- * Student topic vocabulary assessments
- * Students using new vocabulary in writing and drawing

Method of Final Report to the Leaf Board:

The kindergarten teachers will provide a report on the success of the program to leaf board. Leaf board members will also be welcome to watch a vocabulary lesson in any kindergarten classroom.