



Zionsville Education Foundation 2019 Fall Classroom Grants

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If You're NOT From Zionsville

Molly Seward, Pleasant View Elementary School (\$654)

Mrs. Seward's class has completed a writing titled, If You're NOT from Zionsville, inspired by their favorite places in Zionsville. This grant will allow the class to share pages with each business in Zionsville, get feedback, revise, and publish 20 complete books to be shared with the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce and businesses in Zionsville.

Promoting Cultural Understandings through Literature

Kris Devereaux for Boone Meadow, Eagle, Pleasant View, and Stonegate Elementary Schools (\$6,400)

The creative and thoughtful ZEF Classroom Grant from Allison Spillman was a huge success at Stonegate Elementary and inspired Kris Devereaux to seek funding to provide the same resources to the other four elementary schools in the district. The grant provides quality diverse books for classroom libraries.

ZWMS VEX IQ Robotics Team

Michael DeLand, Zionsville West Middle School (\$1,942.79)

Materials provided by this grant will launch a competitive Vex IQ Robotics Team at Zionsville West Middle Schools. The grant funds four Vex IQ Robots, the competition field elements, and extra parts (gears, connectors, plates, wheels, etc.) in support of the team.

Playing and Learning Outdoors

Leslie Daugherty and Shannon Hall, Pleasant View Elementary (\$1,211.09)

This grant provides an outdoor learning area where students in Kindergarten through 4th grade can safely engineer, imagine, and discover nature.

Spring Brook Farms Equine Assisted Learning Project

Sarah Livengood, Zionsville West Middle School (\$2,950)

Students in grades 6-8 enrolled in the Essential Skills program will participate in a collaborative partnership with Spring Brooke Farms to teach character traits and active listening skills allowing for the development and personal growth of students' skills as well as academic goals. The activities will incorporate life experiences, education, and equines to provide learning opportunities for students in an authentic setting.

The 21st Century Untethered Teachers

Joy Manna, Union Elementary (\$2,301.45)

The second grade students and teacher will utilize 21st century technology as a tool to provide student engagement and immediate, meaningful feedback.

Mindfulness Toolbox

Amy Ertel, Erin Manifold, and Jeremy Skura, Zionsville Middle School (\$4,143.29)

This grant funds an amygdala reset area in 5th grade classrooms targeting mindfulness which encourages emotional regulation, which decreases anxiety and promotes optimal learning within the classroom.

Reading the World

Kim Gray and Jonann Lamaster, Boone Meadow Elementary (\$202.61)

This project will teach global concepts of change, interdependence, culture, scarcity and power to our younger learners. The materials purchased will create multiple experiences for children to build their own understandings of our global community.

Outdoor Playscape

Molly Haas and Eagle Kindergarten Teachers, Eagle Elementary (\$3,514.95)

The Outdoor Playscape is a collection of large interlocking wooden blocks, planks, wheels, and ramps that will provide students access to a nature-based outdoor space where children can explore STEM skills with hand-on experiences, strengthen their social emotional learning, and promote their large muscle and cognitive skills.

Purposeful Play

Kyla McDaniel, Stonegate Elementary (\$1,000)

Morning inquiry bins will replace bell worksheets with hand-on play-based learning that will teach collaboration, classroom community, and problem solving through free choice exploratory centers.

Chill Zone

Jessica Weir, Zionsville West Middle School (\$617.06)

This new area will assist students in the intense intervention, emotional behavioral disability, and behavior resource program by helping to teach students strategies and skills to regulate emotions, generalize behaviors, and have appropriate and positive interactions with peers.

1 iPad 26 Scholars? YES!

Molly Seward, Pleasant View Elementary (\$1,526.35)

Twenty-six students will use one iPad to transform the classroom LCD projector and computer into an interactive whiteboard that will allow both the scholars and teacher to be interactive and engaged throughout the day.

Creating with Kiwi Co. Crates

Maggie Owens, Katie Pullen, and Michelle Weesies, Pleasant View Elementary (\$1,604.52)

The funds for this grant make Kiwi Co. Crates available to 2nd grade classrooms. The STEM activities provided will also promote hands-on learning, inspire creativity, and strengthen math skills.

Total Grants Awarded: \$28,068.11

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