



## **Zionsville Education Foundation 2023 Spring Classroom Grants**

### **To Infinity and Beyond: Exploring Literature through Time and Space with Historical Fiction and Fantasy Genre Studies (\$846.20)**

*Emily Wleklinski and Kim Lalley – Zionsville Middle School*

Provides novels for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Books and Bites Club and adds more choices to the Fantasy and Historical Fiction genre studies in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities classes.

### **Let's Play! Incorporating Purposeful Play in Kindergarten (\$3,284.20)**

*Julie Beck, Patty Williams, Pam Fremion, Shannon Merrell, Maria Smith – Union Elementary*

Provides a variety of diverse, multidisciplinary, play-based materials and supplies for purposeful play within kindergarten classrooms at Union Elementary.

### **Math Manipulatives for Building Thinking Classrooms (\$2,231.00)**

*Erin Manifold and Maggie Smith – Zionsville Middle School*

Enables the purchase of a variety of tools and manipulatives to support 5<sup>th</sup> grade students' mathematical learning and thinking. Math Manipulatives are essential to building a student's strong conceptual understanding of mathematical thinking skills.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Speakers (\$4,993.98)**

*Mica Wilson and Elana Cutter – Zionsville Community High School*

The procurement of modern presentation technology including teleprompter equipment, corresponding software, and digital presentation remotes will give ZCHS seniors enrolled in Speech the opportunity to develop skills in audience engagement, communication, research, and multimedia presentation.

### **Jump Rope for Just Right Reading (\$3,992.38)**

*Marissa Grant – Eagle Elementary*

This grant puts high quality, decodable texts into early and emergent readers' hands. The text sets, accompanied by online resources and teacher's guides, are beautifully and thoughtfully constructed to be highly engaging and representational while reinforcing important phonics skills.

### **Exploring and Expanding Design with Digital Illustration (\$2,795.65)**

*High School Art Department – Zionsville Community High School*

Students will explore digital illustration in digital design courses with the technology provided by this grant. More technologically advanced tablets will enable teachers to expand the current curriculum to include digital illustration and painting to every student in the Digital Design I and Digital Design II classes.

### **Decodable Readers! (\$3,045.59)**

*Jill McCune, Tina Boudreau, Lauren Driesen, and Katie Sarpa – Trailside Elementary*

These sets of decodable readers, *Jump Rope Readers – A Series of High-Quality Decodable Books* and *Pip and Tim Small Group Book Pack Stages 1-6*, will provide texts for the diverse needs of Trailside’s Kindergarteners for use in the classroom and at home.

**How Do Computers Work? (\$1,092.32)**

*Molly Seward – Trailside Elementary*

Third and Fourth grade students will work through a binary code using a Turning Tumble to understand the logic used to create a computer through a hands-on marble machine. The kits will challenge students to learn coding principles in a screen-free way by solving a variety of logic puzzles using a binary code and yes or no statements.

**Alternative Seating Arrangement (\$374.40)**

*Adelpha Twyman – Zionsville Community High School*

Alternative seating options will increase opportunities for student to engage in instructional activities in a more relaxed format.

**Kindergarten Recess – Teamwork, Social Skills, and Fitness Fun (\$737.74)**

*Shannon Merrell – Union Elementary*

This grant gives Kindergarten classes access to outdoor supplies for important ways to stay active, communicate, have fun, and work together.

**Total Awarded: \$23,393.46**