



Zionsville Education Foundation 2023 Fall Classroom Grants

Empowering Minds Through Math Strategy Games (\$920.02)

Jonann Lamaster – Boone Meadow Elementary

Students will learn to play a variety of math strategy games that reinforce computational fluency, number sense, and critical thinking while having fun and being challenged.

Robots for Coding (\$3,715.02)

Andy Seward, Melissa Betustak, Hillary Shaffer – Zionsville Middle School

Provides funding for eight robots to introduce students to basic programming and then lead them to more advanced coding. Sixth grade students will work in groups to write code that will cause the robots to perform maneuvers and complete specific tasks.

Trailside Outdoor Classroom and Garden (\$2,175.00)

Katie Clark, Stacey Off, Kiley Kemmerling, Allyson Knue, Chelle Smitson, Kelly Hine, Lisa Mueller, Abbey Dybel, Abby Wyatt, Audra Wirkowski – Trailside Elementary

This grant creates a garden on the school premises that will serve as an outdoor classroom. The garden will be designed to align with the first and second grade Indiana Science and Social Studies Standards, providing students with an opportunity to explore various topics while actively participating in garden-related activities.

Happy Handwriting Helpers (\$1,516.34)

Kimberly Gray, Sara Abu-Rumman, Laura Nolan – Boone Meadow Elementary and Union Elementary

Enables the purchase of materials that will add an effective layer of developmentally appropriate writing tools to support student writers.

A World of Books (\$2,909.00)

Randi Schreiner – Zionsville West Middle School

This media center/ENL joint project provides funding for whole class novels, literature circle books, and popular books for ENL students written in their language and at a reading level that will make the experience possible and enjoyable for students.

Following and Documenting the Weather (\$353.00)

Molly Seward – Trailside Elementary

A school-based weather station will enable students to learn how to gather weather data and explore what role each tool plays in making weather predictions. This daily observation and weather station reading will give kindergarten through fourth graders real life experiences with weather data.

SoundBites: Amplifying Young Voices in the Digital Age (\$199.95)

Kaley Hendrickson – Zionsville West Middle School

This project equips students with state-of-the-art podcase equipment and skills, nurturing their communication, creativity, and critical thinking abilities, while preparing them as informed, tech-savvy citizens ready to make their voices resonate in the digital age.

100 Years of Animation: Flip Book to Stop Motion (\$5,338.60)

Jen Gibson – Zionsville Middle School

Provides tools to help students discover the world of animation, spanning from 1923-2023, and be immersed in the creation of flip books and stop motion animation.

Portable Disc Golf (\$2,911.62)

Fred Powell – Trailside Elementary

Enables the purchase of disc golf equipment to use the game as a means of teaching a variety of gross motor skills within elementary wellness classes and providing all students with experience in an activity they can engage in throughout their lives.

Total Awarded: \$20,038.55