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## Grants to Teachers Application Form

*Please use a typewriter or word processor to complete the application.  
Submit in the format listed below.*

Date: March 8, 2021

Grant Title: Reading Keeps You Centered!

School: Ethel Reed Elementary

Grade Level(s): 3rd

Content Area: Reading and Language

Total Dollar Amount Requested: \$602.95

**1. What is the major educational need this grant addresses? Please give grade level and academic area.**

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. INVOLVE me and I CAN learn." – Benjamin Franklin

The major educational need this grant addresses is small group instruction through active learning. Active learning is a method that I incorporate in my classroom for ALL subject areas. The materials that I am asking for will help enhance my teaching in small groups and give the student's hands-on learning. One way I implement active learning is through small group instruction. Research shows that when material is delivered through a single method (i.e. students passively listening), their concentration limit is between 10 and 20 minutes, a small fraction of a lecture. Traditional teaching methods such as teacher lectures and whole group reading instruction are beneficial, however students that have the opportunity to learn in a small group setting are more likely to stay engaged and participate with their peers. Small group instruction allows me to closely observe students on skills being presented, focus on specific needs of each student, and build better relationships with my students.

I base my small group lessons around Oklahoma State Standards and district curriculum. These are skills that students will be tested on at the end of the year. I currently do not have the necessary hands-on learning materials needed to provide small group instruction. The materials that I currently use are outdated. The Oklahoma State Department of Education continues to modify standards and increase 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student requirements. I want our Holdenville third grade students to have the same opportunities as other third graders across the state of Oklahoma. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are required to pass the end of the year State Reading test, or they are subject to retention requirements. Small group instruction helps me tailor instruction to fit the individual needs of students. All students should be learning through rich, hands-on, literacy instruction.

**2. Approximately how many pupils will be affected by this project, both directly and indirectly?**

There will be approximately 100 or more students directly impacted in the school year of 2021-2022. The materials purchased are non-consumable. Students will not only have access to materials in the classroom, but also during Walk-To-Read, After School Tutoring Program, Summer School and Targeted Intervention Programs.

**3. Describe your grant including methods, materials and objectives. Foundation grants are intended to fund a creative teaching plan, so if equipment or materials are requested it should be clearly stated as to why these are an integral part of the plan.**

The materials that would be purchased through the grant would be hands-on reading, writing, and literacy centers that help build the foundation of literacy. Some of the materials include items such as figurative language activities, comprehension skill practice, and other third grade Oklahoma state standard activities.

The materials will be used in small groups so that the students are focusing on the specific skills needed.

**Objectives:**

1. Students will build the stamina needed to become a successful independent reader.
2. Students will build fluency through consistency of reading, writing, and literacy based learning.
3. Students will participate in activities to develop the skills necessary for working and interacting with others.
4. Students will develop and expand knowledge of words and word meanings to increase vocabulary.

**4. Give a time schedule of implementation.**

Small group reading instruction will be implemented at the beginning of the year.

**5. Detail your budget request. Include specific information about kinds of materials and equipment needed, sources of supply, and costs (including shipping and handling). If possible, list alternatives if full funding is not available.**

Lakeshore	
Reading and Writing Activity Stations Complete Set	\$349
Comprehension Skill Practice Cards Gr. 2-3	\$49.00
Match and Sort Language Quickies Gr. 2-3	\$115.00
Shipping and Handling	\$89.95
Total	\$602.95

**6. What methods will be used for measuring the stated objectives, or what definite evaluation will you make to determine whether the grant was successful? (Please be specific)**

The methods that will be used for measuring the stated objectives are anecdotal records and student developed checklists.