

ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION GRANTS

2000-2017



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LI	Active Learning Environment Makeover	Creates a 6th grade classroom that has flexibility, mobility and usability, building a space that allows and encourages students to collaborate, communicate and engage in critical thinking. As an Active and Flexible Learning Environment, the layout of furniture would allow for multiple learning configurations and would accommodate the multitude of ways students learn. The active/flexible learning space would allow students to choose what type of learning space works best for them. This project supports District 64's 2020 Vision Strategic Plan Objective 5.
ELEM	Kindergarten Ready Set Work	This project objective addresses the growing need to improve postural endurance and fine motor strength at an early age for all children. The project will provide each District 64 Kindergarten classroom an adjustable standing table that would be used during the Daily 5 instructional period and throughout the day. The standing table would allow an alternative option to sitting in the

		classroom
EM	Portable PA System	This granted project provides the Physical Education Department at Emerson Middle School a means to encourage more physical activity and better performance to their classes by utilizing a portable PA System to play music and deliver instruction when outside without disrupting the classroom teachers. Students will then move to the music and take advantage of the latest technology.
WA	Second Grade 21st Century Learning Environment	This project creates provide alternative seating and work areas in all 2nd grade Washington classrooms that enable flexible grouping and movement options for students, thus increasing their success rate and comfort. The objective is to promote active, engaged learning, and to promote health by strengthening their cores in the classroom environment where they spend the majority of their waking hours. This project also supports District 64's 202 Vision Strategic Plan Objective 5.

2015

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CA	3D Printing	Provides students with opportunities to conceptualize and solve problems in designing 3-dimensional art by using a 3D printer to realize a final product that has width, height and depth. Students will develop the capability to design an object on paper that is ultimately transformed from being a shape (2D), to a form having 3 dimensions.
WA	Collaborate to Accelerate with Kindergarten Families	Helps incoming Washington Kindergarten families understand the Common Core academic expectations for D64 students. It provides resources prior to the new academic school year to help parents better prepare their children for this academically rigorous Kindergarten curriculum.
RO	Collaboration Station	Replaces the existing computer lab in the school library with a state-of-the-art, flexible learning environment for all students, using new tables, stools, room dividers, and bookshelves to replace the current computer lab. The entire room can be reconfigured as needed throughout the school day.
WA	Daily Guided Math Instruction	Provides differentiated math practice to meet second grade students' personal learning targets through the use of IXL software. After core instruction, students will be guided through their learning with teacher-directed small group instruction, problem-solving activities using math manipulatives, and in stations that include working independently with technology.
CA	Move and Learn Project	Introduces safe equipment and activities that can be used by all students to improve their focus and alertness in school. The setup of the program will promote self-awareness of the need for motor breaks; it helps students recognize the need for motor breaks, take the motor breaks within the classroom setting in a non-disruptive way, and re-engage in their learning and/or task.
JE	Promoting STEM Education in Preschool	Provides developmentally appropriate materials to foster Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education for all preschool students. The materials will promote hands-on STEM activities that our preschool students would not otherwise have and

encourage our students to think outside of the box.

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EM	Digital Media Lab	The LRC Digital Media Lab will provide the space, equipment, and software for students to engage in a rigorous research process and express themselves through the creation of digital media (i.e., videos, music, photography, presentations).
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FI	Ceramic Pottery Program	This grant will be used to purchase 2 ceramic pottery wheels and materials. These items will be used to teach children to work collaboratively in a high-level learning, hands-on experience
FR	Connecting with Authors through Skype	This grant will be used to fund interactive author visits through Skype, allowing students to discuss books read as a class or for a class project. This grant will also be used as to purchase books for the students to read prior meeting with the author.
FI	The Nurtured Heart Approach	This grant will be used to institute a new program to address the social and emotional needs of the student population. This tier 1 intervention is a positive school-wide approach for social skills development. Funding covers Field School staff training and mentoring for a year.
EM	Water Testing	This grant will be used to purchase water testing kits for the 8 th grade science class. Students will apply their chemical water quality testing skills in the “real world” using The World Water Monitoring Challenge, an international education and outreach program.
FR	Worms are Eating our Garbage	This grant will be used to purchase all items required to set up a composting system, enabling the 1 st and 2 nd grade students to learn about worm composting in this collaborative project between the LRC and the lunchroom.

2011

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RO	Get-it-Garage	This grant will be used to purchase materials to create a "garage" where students will learn a variety of "fix-up" reading strategies. Students in the garage will be taught and encouraged to read for meaning and not simply to decode. The motivational setting provides second and third graders with an engaging environment to become more successful readers.
ELEM	Imagination Playground	This grant will be used to purchase a “Playground in a Cart” that will allow students to expand their creative thinking with giant foam blocks, mats, wagons, fabric and crates to build, play, dream and explore endless play opportunities. The Imagination Playground will be moved from school to school so all elementary children have the opportunity to experience this child directed free-play experience.
WA	iPad Art	This grant will be used to purchase iPads that will allow students in grades K-5 to create and practice art skills on a digital sketchbook. Students will also have the opportunity to save and share their artwork in virtual art galleries. This grant incorporates technology into the learning environment in a creative, expressive way.
LI	iPhone Writing	This grant will be used to refurbish iPhones that will be used to bridge the gap between formulating ideas and putting words into print for struggling writers in middle school. Staff and students at Lincoln will refurbish donated iPhones and equip them with

		applications that will make the phones into word processing machines capable of taking dictation, creating and storing documents, and printing.
MS	Middle School Language Arts	This grant will be used to purchase Sony Bloggie camcorders to enhance small group instruction in the Language Arts curriculum. Video clips of group discussions will provide opportunities for immediate feedback and will improve the student-teacher conference experience. Students will also use recorded group discussions to assess their growth, critique their responses and establish ongoing goals in a more efficient and immediate way.
MS	North Shore Concert Band	This grant will allow the Lincoln and Emerson Symphonic and Concert Bands to “sit in with the pros” from the North Shore Concert Band. District 64 students will have the opportunity to play alongside an experienced musician to discover the possibilities that their music holds when played at a high level of musical artistry.
JE	Pre-School Communication	This grant will allow staff at Jefferson to purchase iPads to enhance communication and education for preschoolers while also teaching parents and families about appropriate applications for their children. A variety of available applications will help accelerate speech skills and language acquisition for preschoolers at Jefferson.
EM	Rachel's Challenge	This grant will help the staff at Emerson Middle School further establish an environment of kindness, compassion and respect. Rachel's Challenge is an age-specific program designed to help students recognize their purpose in life. It provides a powerful partnership with educators and addresses bullying in the school environment. The program includes an impactful assembly, student and adult training, a student-led service club and a community event.
FI	Special Education	This grant will be used to purchase iPads for use in the Special Education Program. Imaginative iPad applications will help students engage and provide an alternative way for students to enhance their cognitive and communication skills. The wealth of available applications supports differentiation and inclusion efforts for students with special needs.
FI	Team Building	This grant will be used to bring counselors from Camp Duncan to work on team building activities with all third and fourth graders at Field School. The team building sessions will help students to trust, help, encourage, cooperate with and respect their classmates while also showing them how to use their strengths to benefit their team.
CA, WA	Ukuleles	This grant will be used to purchase 30 soprano ukuleles for students to play in music class. The ukulele is making a comeback in music education and will be used by fourth and fifth graders to play melody, harmony and rhythm all at once on a highly motivating instrument.
JE	YogaKids	This grant will allow students at Jefferson to participate in yoga with an experienced YogaKids instructor. The students will learn breathing techniques, yoga poses, games, activities, relaxation and visualization that will enhance their learning potential and daily life skills. YogaKids classes will support Jefferson's creative curriculum by addressing four areas of development – physical, language, social-emotional and cognitive development.

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LI	Fitness Center	Funds from this grant will be used to update Lincoln's physical education curriculum with an innovative cardiovascular equipment area.
RO	iPads in the Classroom	Roosevelt teachers at the intermediate level (grades 4 and 5) will collaborate with primary teachers (grades 1 and 2) to integrate the use of iPad technology to enhance the curriculum. The iPads will be used as an instructional tool to implement three projects - to enrich the current social studies curriculum in grades 2 and 4, to enhance the "Book Buddy" groups in grades 1 and 5, and to establish an "e-Reading Club" with the principal using the International Children's Digital Library.
LI	Listen Up!	In partnership with the Park Ridge Public Library, Lincoln Middle School will offer a wide variety of books to download on MP3 players. This grant will enhance reading opportunities for students with special needs in reading.
ELEM	Maine South Fine Arts Experience	All third grade classes in District 64 will be invited to collaborate with District 207's Fine Arts Department as they present "The Sideways Stories From the Wayside School". Third graders will participate in a variety of workshops to bring the drama to life!
MS	Mark Woods Instruments	Money from this grant will be used to purchase an electric violin/viola (one 5-string instrument) and a cello to further enhance the musical experience which began with the Mark Woods Project performance. Students will be exposed to new kinds of music with these instruments and will also have the opportunity to play the electric instruments.
D64	Study Island	In partnership with District 64, funds from this grant will be used to purchase a one-year subscription of a web-based instructional program - Study Island. This program will be used to assess and provide differentiated instruction in the key areas of reading and math. All students in District 64 in third through eighth grade will have access to this program at school and at home.

2009

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ELEM	Heart Adventure	An obstacle course where students physically move through a heart as oxygenated blood and go out as deoxygenated blood. The course has all anatomy marked. For all elementary schools as a week long activity.
RO	iPods in the Classroom	Creating podcast of students demonstrating reading comprehension strategies while reading selected text aloud. These recordings will support assessment of the student's skill mastery. Teachers will also learn how to use iPods and other technology to support small group instructions in reading and assessment of student progress. Intermediate grade students will record oral reading to demonstrate their ability to apply reading comprehension strategies. These recordings will create an authentic product that will be used in the Primary grade classrooms. Completed recordings will become podcasts that will be

		loaded on a website where they can be assessed by parents.
JE	Mad Science Workshop	Mad Science Workshop is a unique, hands on, minds on, age-appropriate learning experience for preschool students. All workshops are interactive and introduce students to a basic science topic. These workshops will work with the thematic units through fun, interactive, hands on science activities.
MS	Mark Wood	Mark Wood is the leader of the Trans Siberian Orchestra, a fine violinist, clinician/creator of Electrify Your Strings, and all around rock star. He will work with students during the day on their repertoire at Maine South in the auditorium. During the clinic he allows students to use the electric instruments he frings. The day will end with a concert in the evening. Parents, friends, and community members are invited to attend.
D64	Physical Activity and Learning	Enhancing learning, memory, attention, and alertness through the use of specific physical activities drawn from such disciplines as yoga, Brain Gym, and development sequence. Students will incorporate specific movements twice a day. Additionally activities designed to enhance cardiovascular endurance and create brain/body connection as well as modifications to PE curriculum which will focus on endurance and postural strength. The effectiveness of these activities will be assessed through existing data collection.
JE	Rainbow Therapy	An organization that works with trained, registered therapy dogs that assist people, children and individuals with special needs. Bimonthly visits will allow them to work with children and assist with children's social skills. specialized obedience skills, dog tricks, dog care and grooming tips. All of which will be used to motivate the children to teach their own goals.
D64	Smart Music	A music practice and assessment tool that will revolutionize the way students practice. Smart Music generates professional sounding accompaniments that help students learn how individual parts fit into context of composition, making practice more productive, enlightening, and enjoyable. It includes a built in assessment feature that provides students with immediate feedback.
D64	Social Skills Video	Filming students with autism demonstrating appropriate behavior and then having them watch themselves on film. Viewed in a natural setting within a familiar environment. Production and editing will be an interactive process with STRIVE students, staff, and regular education students (Best Buddies, peer models).

2008

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D64	Art Exhibit	Funding from this grant will allow forty works of art to be displayed in a new community exhibition at Le Peep restaurant. This project will create a sense of pride in our students, our community, and will also provide opportunities for children to learn and grow in the visual arts.
MS	CPR Anytime	Money from this grant will be used to purchase self-directed CPR training kits, cooperatively developed by the American Heart

		Association and Laerdal Medical. Research shows that students who use the kits perform at least as well as those trained in traditional classes. This grant will be introduced as a pilot at Emerson and Lincoln Middle Schools.
WA	Digital Photo Books	Funding from this grant will allow students, lead by teachers, to make digital photo books to align with curriculum. Each classroom teacher will utilize the digital books in a way to fit their class needs.
RO	Document Camera	Money from this grant will be used to purchase document cameras to allow teachers to share student work and learning examples immediately with their classroom. The document cameras will replace and surpass the overhead projector.
FI	Elmo Document Projector	This grant will allow for the purchase of a document camera to integrate technology into multi-curricular areas and increase student motivation and active participation.
RO	Fluency Farm	This grant will purchase a ready made, child friendly, means to enhance oral reading and fluency. It is a research based interactive tool for building the critical skill set necessary for bridging decoding and comprehension. Students take frequent "field trips" to the fluency farm repeatedly reading the same text in an increasingly fluent, more automatic, manner.
ELEM	Math Mania Event	This grant will establish a district wide math event, similar to the Science Olympiad for science. This math and logic experience will be for 3rd through 5th grade students from each of the five elementary schools.
FI	Nutritional Education	This grant will help educate students on the importance of making healthy choices in the foods that they eat. The event will include a day-long series of three presentations for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. The presentation will take the form of a Food Network style cooking show, with the chef extraordinaire Dave Esau.
ELEM	On the Write Track	Funding from this grant will be used to establish a 5th grade student writing conference with keynote speakers, breakouts, and a luncheon. This event will be set up like a business conference.
EM	Partner Reading	This grant pairs students with community members to be book buddies via e-mail. Students will pick from a short list of challenging books compiled by teacher at Emerson Middle School.
JE	Story Bus	Funding from this grant will purchase a literacy program consisting of curriculum, professional development material, and two visits from the Story Bus. The visits give the students hands on experience with activities that make literature come alive.
FR, WA	Study Island	This grant will purchase a subscription computer diagnostic and instrumental program used as a way to assess, accelerate, and individualize curriculum. It provides opportunities for every student to monitor and become responsible for learning.
LI	Vermicomposting	This grant introduces the process of having worms and other decomposer organisms process organic waste and turn it into a natural fertilizer known as vermicompost. Three units would process the organic lunchtime waste generated at Lincoln. Teachers will supervise students as they implement this grant.
CA	Weather Bug	Funding from this grant will purchase a weather-tracking program to improve students' achievement in math, science, geography, and the technology involved in using live weather readings. It has interactive lessons and networking to 10,000 other schools in the nation.

2007

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ELEM	Birdhouses	All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in District 64 will work together with parents and teachers to create birdhouses that will be displayed in our community.
FI	Circus Amongus	This grant is funded in partnership with the Field PTO. The program will provide students with the opportunity to train and perform a one day circus facilitated by the Circus Amongus organization.
CA	Clickers	Radio frequency "clickers" that are used in the classroom to determine if this form of assessment provides more immediate feedback, improves student engagement, and can be used in the final evaluation of student understanding.
FR	Climbing Wall	Working in partnership with the Franklin PTO and another grant received by Franklin school, this grant will provide Franklin School with a climbing wall in their gym.
D64	Follett's Reading Program Services	This service will allow Lexile data to be added to our present library holdings.
JE	Handwriting Without Tears	This nationally recognized program instructs preschoolers in a multi-sensory, hands on method of early handwriting that is researched based.
LI	Playaways and Audio Books	This grant will fund the purchase of playaway and audiobooks to support reading skills for students with disabilities at Lincoln. These technology items will assist and support curricular and free-choice reading.
D64	Project RIDE	Project RIDE is a software program and resource of supplemental materials to help educators and school teams address academic and behavioral challenges such as completing schoolwork, aggression, noncompliance, bullying, and other high frequency behavior and academic problems.
EM	Soaring Eagles	A student leadership program that empowers students to create positive change in their environment. The program provides student leaders the opportunity to set a positive tone at school, and to be positive examples for their peers.
D64	Starlab II	Starlab, the much loved, blow up planetarium that can be set up in any classroom. Students enter the bubble then stars, planets, and constellations are projected onto the ceiling. This system allows teachers to instruct students on the night sky in the light of day. This is the second one funded by ELF for the district.
FI	Student Created Novel Guides	This is a service learning project for 5th grade students. Students will create materials such as comprehension questions, vocabulary lists, reading response questions, worksheets etc., into a "novel guide" to be used by other students.
EM	Walk With Pedometers	The students will participate this program which involves the use of technology, teaches mathematical conversions, and stresses the importance of healthy living.

2006

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EM	American Decades	Print and e-book series is a cross disciplinary resources that will comprehensively support the learning efforts of 7th and 8th grade students as they discover what has taken place in our country throughout the decades. As an internet based system, students can gain access on a school wide basis, while parents will have the opportunity to reinforce the use of reliable information thru home access.
JE	Boardmaker	A communication tool to help reach special needs students with varying abilities. It will allow each child to gain basic vocabulary knowledge and progress to the skills needed to achieve pre-literacy skills. The project will help facilitate communication and enhance the teacher-student relationship.
CA	Brain Gym	Training teachers on the Brain Gym technique. Based on the premise that learning, thought, creativity and intelligence are not processes of the brain alone, but of the whole body. The District 64 staff will then use these strategies to enhance all students' learning.
LI	Des Plaines River Project	To purchase books and nets for the Des Plaines river outing, in which students participate in a field trip at a small stream and try to collect samples of small organisms. The inquisitive 7th graders will then be able to determine the quality of water based on what is able to live in the water . On the field trip, students will experience science first hand in the field.
EM	Eighth Grade Service and Writing Program	A service and writing project creating children's' books using time in Language Arts to craft excellent writing and then give those books to the DCFS children as part of a holiday gift . The students' books will also be showcased at a "Book Fair" in the Emerson LRC.
LI	Final Cut Studio Editing Station	Funded along with the generosity of the Lincoln PTO, housed at Lincoln but available for the whole District. Taking the District to the next level allowing greater technology integration in the classroom and encouraging cross-curricular ideas to flourish. This software will be available to meet a multitude of learning objectives.
D64	Gretchen Courtney	A workshop to assist the District 64 Curriculum Department to work with the staff to improve writing instruction and reading comprehension skill development throughout the district.
JE	Home Visits for Preschool Students	Teachers will conduct home visits for special needs preschool children to observe the child in the home setting and to demonstrate to the parents strategies taught at school.
LI	Multimedia Equipment	In partnership with the Lincoln PTO, the purchase of technology equipment. As middle school children become savvier with technology, more advanced equipment will be incorporated with the teaching teams as part of the forensics unit and astronomy projects, which will enable students to create digital video projects.
EM	Photo Scrap Book	Using photo scrap books for students with Autism Spectrum disorder.
FR, WA	Poetry Week	A child's voice poetry week, co-funded with the generosity of Franklin and Washington's PTOs. Bill Buczunsky is a poet and performer who works with students to help them imagine, create and perform poetry. At the end of the week long interactive assemblies, the students will participate in an open-mic night in which they can perform their poetry to families and friends.

D64	Sue Ellen Fried	Further advancing the District's initiative to create a culture of civil behavior. International speaker, Sue Ellen Fried, specializing in bullying and conflict resolution will be returning to conduct a 2 1/2 day Train the Trainer Session with social workers and teachers from across the district. It will serve as a comprehensive plan to change the culture of our schools and community and to help students, staff and parents better understand and resolve conflict.
RO	Summer Reading Drive	An intense summer reading initiative for 2nd and 3rd graders. The program utilizes a driving metaphor intended to capture the students attention, create a cohesive theme for activities and help to make a meaningful connection. The concept is to have students as drivers in the "reading drive" and then similar metaphors are used to make comprehension captivating and fun.

2005

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D64	"Think Time" Math Problem Solving Manipulatives	Funding from this grant will be used to purchase manipulatives used during Wednesday's "Think Time" so children can solve academic and non-academic problems.
EM	Chicago River Project	This grant will provide a service/learning project, in which students study, research and visit the Chicago River over the course of the year to determine ways to positively affect the life in and around the Chicago River.
D64	Creating a Culture of Civil Behavior	Funds from this grant were used to bring speaker to Roosevelt School. SuEllen Fried has spoken extensively and co-authored two books on bullying prevention. She presented to Roosevelt's students, Roosevelt's staff and district-wide lunch supervisors. In addition an interactive district-wide parents presentation was held.
LI	Electricity & Electronics Club Go-Kart building	Money from this grant will be used so students can design, retrofit, assemble and wire a manned go-kart.
JE	ELF mini-lab	Funding from this grant was used to purchase an ELF mini-lab featuring computer tables, chairs and four computer programs with a continuum of learning objectives specifically geared to meet the needs of 180 preschool students with developmental delays.
MS	Expanding Your Horizons Conference	Funding from this grant allowed for a day-long conference for girls in 6th-8th grade to encourage and support their interest in math, science, engineering and technology.
LI	Fire Project	Funding from this grant will allow students to produce a musical slideshow on DVD. Students will research history in their lifetime, identify important people and events, write lyrics to a song and find appropriate images.
RO	Fourth Grade Level Book Room	In a joint effort with the PTO, books and CD-ROMS will be purchased to enhance the literature collection thus exposing all fourth graders to a variety of genres of literature.
CA	iMovie Workshop and Film Festival	This grant will bring a series of five before-school workshops on iMovie production where 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students and

		their families plan, script, produce, advertise and exhibit their movies at the film festival.
CA	Learning Difference Team	Funding from this grant will be used for a parent and staff development program to better inform the needs of the visual-spatial learner. Linda Kreger Silverman's team presented to teachers followed by a parent evening seminar.
ELEM	Ocean Conservation Note Cards	This grant will support an activity where students work in cooperative groups to research endangered ocean animals. The groups will design note cards featuring the animals, which will be printed and sold during Open House. All proceeds to be donated to the Shedd Aquarium. All second graders will participate.
MS	Opposing Viewpoints Database	Funding from this grant will enable students to develop higher level and critical thinking skills. From Gale/Thomson, the database is an online website that presents both sides of current or controversial issues.
WA	Oral Reading/ Creating Books on Tape	This grant allows students to raise money and purchase a soft cover copy of a story. Students then will practice reading the book to improve fluency, intonation, expression and appropriate speed. A professional audio engineer will then record each child reading. The children will subsequently design and create a CD label and write a summary of the story to be included in the CD jacket.
D64	Scholastic Reading Counts!	This grant will purchase a computerized reading program that supplies quizzes to test comprehension and vocabulary from books that students have chosen to read.
CA	STAR Reading Assessment for All Classrooms	Funding from this grant will be used to purchase an assessment tool that allows teachers to track reading growth and diagnose difficulties.
D64	The Lindamood Auditory Conceptualization Test	This grant will allow for the purchase of an assessment tool designed to identify children who have insufficient phonemic awareness, a key predictor of how well children will learn to read in the early years of school.
D64	The Mind That's Mine Program Kits and Student Books for CFC	This grant purchase a program designed to help students discover how their minds work and what they can do to make their minds work better.

2004

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D64	Critical Friends Staff Development	This grant will provide a professional development program for District teachers that facilitates collaborative teaching practices and the sharing of best practices.
D64	Finger fun Kits for Occupational Therapy	Money from this grant will be used to purchase lending library kits for home and classroom to improve students' fine motor skills.
ELEM	Math Instruction Enhancement- Exploration of Societies	Funds from this grant will be used to purchase materials and curriculum enhancement for Primary Challenge and 1st grade math instruction.
EM	Multimedia Magic	Money from this grant will be used to purchase cameras and equipment for a middle school elective course in digital movie

		production, storyboard creation, and editing.
D64	North Cook Consortium for Grant-Writing	Funds from this grant will be used to support a consortium that will enable District 64 to join with 25 other districts in securing grant funds for Language Arts and Math initiatives.
WA	On the Write Track Conference	This grant will provide a day-long conference for 5th graders to enhance and encourage writing skills.
FR	Reading Comprehension Software	Money from this grant will be used to purchase software that assists in the differentiation of reading instruction.
CA	Santons	French clay figures for foreign language hands-on unit.

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EM	A World in Conflict-Man vs. Man	Comprehensive, differentiated materials (literature, videos, journals, etc.) will be purchased for the Emerson 8th grade social studies and language arts teachers. The unit is a culmination to their yearlong study of world conflict. The materials will assist the students in discussing issues of conflict.
FI	American History Project	To enhance the 5th grade social studies program on American History, the students will use Kids Discover magazine. Plans also include having a "Colonial Day" in the fall and inviting Civil War reenactors in the spring as each of these units are covered.
FR	Author Visit: John Gardiner	John Gardiner, author of Stone Fox, will make presentations to the students, parents and teachers. He will focus on writing for each of these three audiences.
LI	Author/Illustrator Visit	This project will involve a group presentation as well as student workshops lead by a visiting author/illustrator. The goal is to encourage and inspire enthusiasm in reading and writing by exploring the authoring and drawing process.
MS	Author/Illustrator Visit to the Middle Schools	This project will involve a group presentation as well as student workshops lead by a visiting author/illustrator. The goal is to encourage and inspire enthusiasm in reading and writing by exploring the authoring process through an interactive presentation based on professional experiences as well as to underscore the differentiation aspect of our curriculum.
WA	Born to Read	Second grade students will write stories explaining the importance of reading to children (some stories will be translated into Spanish). The stories will be illustrated, "published," and then donated to ob/gyn floor at a local hospital for families with new babies.
RO	Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation	This grant is for the continued development and implementation of a Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation program at Roosevelt School. The funds will be used for guest speakers and other school assemblies focused on this issue.
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FI	Cooking Station	These funds will be used for cooking equipment and supplies to develop a cooking station in this instructional resource room. Cooking will be used to teach primarily second and third grade students using activities that encompass many academic skills such as math, reading, writing, listening, organizing, following directions, sequential order, oral language, health, social studies and science.
CA	Courtyard Nature Preserve	This project creates a hands-on learning environment to enhance the science unit by converting an unused courtyard area at Carpenter School to a nature preserve. This is to expand on a project already begun by various groups at the school.
CA	D.R.U.M. Club Instruments	Funds from this grant will be used to purchase additional drums and percussion instruments for the club DRUM Discipline, Respect, Unity through Music.
D64	Edutrac Web-Based Physical Education Assessment Software	The purpose of this project is to utilize the Edutrac Software to allow PE teachers across the district to have individualized student physical fitness assessments. Students will set fitness goals and record them easily using this software.
EM	Emotional Intelligence	This project is to continue to support the development of an emotional intelligence curriculum at Emerson. It will be used to cover training, supplies, and building assemblies.
MS	Expanding Your Horizons	This grant will fund a daylong conference developed by a national association for 6th through 8th grade girls at both middle schools to encourage and support their interest in math, science, engineering, and technology.
CA	Exposure to the Lyric Opera	Funds from this grant will be used to expand on the Chicago unit, which is part of the 3rd grade social studies curriculum. The Carpenter staff plans to include a component on the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The funds will cover the cost of a classroom visit by a Docent from the Lyric Opera as well as a field trip and backstage visit at the Lyric Opera.
EM	Fabric of America	This grant will fund an interdisciplinary unit in social studies, math and language arts through the creation of a personal quilt. Each student will create a story quilt; a geometric quilt or a documentary quilt based on his or her reading, math or social studies curricula.
CA	Growing up to Read	Through a parent/child reading program, this project will focus on creating a partnership with parents to emphasize the importance of the parent's role in their child's education. The focus will be first grade and will involve the regular classroom teachers, the special needs teacher, the social worker, and the early intervention teacher.
MS	Incorporating Reading Books into the Science Curriculum	This project will incorporate picture books into the 6th grade science curriculum at both middle schools. This will support two goals of the District, reading in the content area and differentiation of curriculum. It will also assist 6th grade students in the transition from an elementary science hands on program to the textbook/hands on approach in 7th and 8th grade.
FR	Interactive Software to assist with Language Disorders	This grant will purchase software that will allow the speech pathologist to use a broader variety of intervention strategies for children with expressive language disorder. The primary users of these programs will be children in grades 2-5 who have problems with writing and language arts because of their difficulties organizing words and ideas into sentences.
FI, RO	Learning Respect and Responsibility from a Real Life Hero	This grant will bring a New York City firefighter to visit both Roosevelt and Field Schools. In addition to helping the students learn about respect and responsibility, students will learn about fire safety.

CA	Literacy Bags	This project would create literacy bags to be used by students and parents for a home-school connection. They would enhance in the child's specific need and/or skill area. Each bag will include two to three books and activity ideas and materials for games or art projects.
MS	Manipulatives, Games, and Math Resources	These funds will purchase math games, manipulatives and other resources to assist in reinforcing math concepts through a variety of learning styles at both middle schools.
FI	Master Test Disks for the Accelerated Reading Program	These funds will purchase two customized master test disks to go with the Accelerated Reading Program funded by a previous ELF grant. These customized disks will allow the teacher to hand pick books that match the unique reading levels of each Resource student.
RO	Math Start Series	This project will focus on student, parent, and staff education in the following ways: using math books to enhance student learning, helping integrate math into everyday life, demonstrating the link between literature and math, developing reading and language arts skills, such as comprehension and critical learning.
CA	Multi Sensory Approach to Learning	Multi sensory learning is an approach, which utilizes the visual, auditory and kinesthetic forms of learning. It is believed this approach will help Carpenter meet its academic goal of meeting the needs of all students in their building. The information will be shared with others in the District who are interested in this approach to learning.
CA, WA	Pedometers	These funds will purchase pedometers to enhance the physical education curriculum initially for elementary students at Carpenter and Washington Schools. The use of pedometers encourages students to take an active interest in performing at their individual best.
EM	Picture Books to Enhance Math Learning	The purpose of this project is to incorporate adolescent picture books and writing into the math curriculum. The belief is that by exposing students to literature and language development in this way, students will be better able to write and solve math word problems.
CA	Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports	These funds will provide training to a team of Carpenter parents and teachers on the state's programs to teach and support positive behavior of all students.
RO	Promote Academic Goal of Reading	The purpose of this project is to plan and implement student, parent and staff education as it relates to Reading. The grant will fund presentations and other forms of teacher and parent in-service.
ELEM	Puppetown	This grant will purchase a variety of hand, finger, and full-body puppets to be used in numerous subjects throughout the District in grades K-5. It would also include a collection of books that contain information about puppet use, scripts, poems, plays and lessons.
D64	Science Unit Libraries	This project will fund the purchase of quality non-fiction books to enhance the District's science curriculum. Through reading, students are able to grow in their understanding of science concepts introduced through hands-on experience. The books selected will be at a range of reading levels to support the District's goal of differentiated instruction.
RO	Self-Esteem Books	This grant will fund the purchase of books and materials to help students learn about diversity, building self-esteem and problem solving. Sets will be available for teachers in the primary grade levels.

D64	Starlab I	Starlab is a portable teaching environment that can be moved from building to building. It consists of an inflatable dome, projector, and related projecting materials. Use of the StarLab will allow teachers to address seven of the Illinois State learning objectives in science. Unit modules can be purchased to cover Mythology, Earth Mapping, Weather, Plate Tectonics, Ocean Currents, and Cell Biology. It will primarily be used in third and sixth grade, although some available modules could be used to enhance the middle school curriculum.
ELEM	Story Sacks	Story Sacks are a unique and fun way of promoting literacy, math, and social studies in both school and at home. The "sack" is an innovative bag made of theme- designed material with a storybook puppet, or other manipulative, and an activity card for activities to be done at school and at home. This award will purchase 80 sacks and will allow the sacks to be available to all kindergarten classrooms throughout the district.
WA	Studio Experience in the Art Room	This grant will cover the purchase of weaving looms, a sewing machine and some potter wheels. It will allow students to take part in an independent "studio" experience in the art room.
D64	Teaching Character Issues Workshop	The purpose of this project is to bring Jim Garbarino, a nationally known author on the subject of bullying, civil behavior and teaching character issues in the classroom to the district to educate teachers/administrators in a staff development and parents at a workshop.
CA	Technology Learning Center	This grant will fund computer software to provide more individualized instruction to students with various needs in reading and writing.
EM	The Art of Storytelling	This grant will provide a workshop and classroom activity to introduce the art of storytelling. It will include a storytelling year-end festival with a visiting local storyteller, as well as a club for interested students.
D64	The Bereaved Child	This grant will fund workshops for staff at specific grade levels K-8 to assist them in working with a child dealing with grief or loss. The Good Mourning Program, part of Rainbow Hospice, will lead the sessions.
FI	“There’s a Moon in my Lunch Box” Musical Performance	This project involves a musical performance starring the STRIVE program students in which they will learn poems and special music, make instruments, etc. and perform for peers, parents and students.
EM	"Who Am I" Language Curriculum	This grant will help in the development of an 8th grade Language Arts curriculum around the theme "Who Am I?" and "What Can I Learn About the People Around Me?" It will involve speakers as well as student input and assessment. The theme will be woven into the reading and writing objectives throughout the year.