

## **2008 GRANT AWARDS**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.