



ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION GRANTS

Awarded to **Franklin Elementary School**

2000-2020

Year	Title	Description
2020	<i>World Music Drumming</i>	Incorporating World Music Drumming into the musical experiences provided to 3rd through 5th Grade students would enhance their elementary music experience. This curriculum would provide musical benefits as well as social-emotional benefits for our students. The objectives of this project are: 1) Grow students’ musical abilities through practicing rhythms as they perform the World Music Drumming ensemble pieces, and 2) Strengthen the classroom community through learning and performing World Music Drumming ensemble pieces, which inherently requires teamwork, cooperation, patience, and respect in order for students to succeed.
2019	<i>Robotics and Coding in the Elementary School</i>	Coding is considered a necessary “literacy” for most college majors and career paths. It is a skill that incorporates design thinking, creative problem solving, perseverance, and sequencing skills. Sphero Bolt robots offer both beginner-level and advanced coding opportunities for learners of all ages and in all content area. In order to promote the 4C’s learning experiences, computational thinking, multi-age coding opportunities, and college/career readiness skills, the Instructional Technology Coaches at the 5 elementary schools will engage staff and students in the implementation of lessons using Sphero Bolt robots and the Sphero EDU coding app.
2018	<i>Greg Tang, Jr. Visit</i>	ELF, partnering with each elementary school’s PTO/PTA, is helping to bring Greg Tang, Jr. of <i>Greg Tang Math</i> to Carpenter, Field, Franklin, Roosevelt and Washington to host a day of professional development for teachers and students. The creator of these fun and effective math games would provide hands-on materials and site-based training for all first through fifth grade teachers and classrooms. In addition, Mr. Tang would lead a Family Math Night in the evening. Over the course of the evening, students and families would rotate through 5 different math station – targeting number sense, fact and procedural fluency, and reasoning skills – all while getting excited about math! Mr. Tang will visit for a week and would spend one day and evening at each of the five elementary schools.
	Dry Erase Whiteboard Activity Table	Some of the most successful entrepreneurs in the world today are working in whatever environment best suits them. It is time for students to be given the opportunity to move away from the desks they have been sitting in since the 1920’s. This grant will supply a 4 foot dry-erase whiteboard activity table within the classroom, allowing for more flexible seating and increased student communication and collaboration.
2017	<i>LRC Flexible Learning Space Remodel - MakerSpace area</i>	This grant will support Franklin’s renovation of an outdated LRC space, by providing tables, chairs, and shelving for their pilot MakerSpace program. The MakerSpace area is part of a larger renovation that aims to make Franklin’s LRC more a flexible learning space used for instructional purposes centered around incorporating the 4Cs (Communication, Creativity, Collaboration, and Critical Thinking). All Franklin students will benefit from the renovation of this space. This grant supports District 64’s 2020 Vision Strategic Objective One “Develop Students Who Master the 4 C’s” and Strategic Objective Five “Provide Safe and Secure Learning Spaces to Support 21st Century Learners”.
2016	<i>Kindergarten Ready Set Work</i>	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
2014	<i>Social-Emotional Learning</i>	Sponsors community workshops on parenting emotionally intelligent children, led by Ed Dunkelblau, clinical psychologist and nationally known speaker on social-emotional intelligence, humor, and health.
2013	<i>Nutrition Detectives</i>	This grant provides an enhancement to 2nd grade Health curriculum that gives students the tools to make the right food choices.
2012	<i>Connecting with Authors through Skype</i>	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.
	<i>Worms are Eating our Garbage</i>	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	<i>Imagination Playground</i>	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.
2010	<i>Maine South Fine Arts Experience</i>	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!
	<i>Study Island</i>	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	<i>Heart Adventure</i>	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.
	<i>Physical Activity and Learning</i>	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.
	<i>Smart Music</i>	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.
	<i>Social Skills Video</i>	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	<i>Art Exhibit</i>	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.
	<i>Math Mania Event</i>	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.
	<i>On the Write Track</i>	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.

	<i>Study Island</i>	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.
2007	<i>Birdhouses</i>	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.
	<i>Climbing Wall</i>	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.
	<i>Follett's Reading Program Services</i>	This service will allow Lexile data to be added to our present library holdings.
	<i>Project RIDE</i>	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.
	<i>Starlab II</i>	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.
2006	<i>Gretchen Courtney</i>	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.
	<i>Poetry Week</i>	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.
	<i>Sue Ellen Fried</i>	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.
2005	<i>"Think Time" Math Problem Solving Manipulatives</i>	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.
	<i>Creating a Culture of Civil Behavior</i>	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.
	<i>Ocean Conservation Note Cards</i>	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.
2005	<i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i>	This grant will purchase a computerized reading program that supplies quizzes to test comprehension and vocabulary from books that students have chosen to read.
	<i>The Lindamood Auditory Conceptualization Test</i>	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.
	<i>The Mind That's Mine Program Kits and Student Books for CFC</i>	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	<i>Critical Friends Staff Development</i>	This grant will provide a professional development program for District teachers that facilitates collaborative teaching practices and

		the sharing of best practices.
	<i>Finger fun Kits for Occupational Therapy</i>	Money from this grant will be used to purchase lending library kits for home and classroom to improve students' fine motor skills.
	<i>Math Instruction Enhancement-Exploration of Societies</i>	Funds from this grant will be used to purchase materials and curriculum enhancement for Primary Challenge and 1st grade math instruction.
	<i>North Cook Consortium for Grant-Writing</i>	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.
	Reading Comprehension Management Software	Money from this grant will be used to purchase software that assists in the differentiation of reading instruction.
2003	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.
	<i>Edutrac Web-Based Physical Education Assessment Software</i>	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.
	<i>Teaching Character Issues Workshop</i>	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.
2001	<i>Puppetown</i>	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.
	<i>Science Unit Libraries</i>	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.
	<i>The Bereaved Child</i>	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.
2000	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.
2000	<i>Starlab I</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.
	<i>Story Sacks</i>	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

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