

2014-2015 Educational Grant Application

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Name of Grant	Enhancing Your Child's Communication Skills with Literacy
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Campus	Rountree Elementary School
Curriculum Area	Special Education
Other Curriculum	Speech Therapy Students
Grade Level(s)	PK-2nd
Students Impacted	100
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Project Purpose	<p>Our main purpose is provide parent education and support to help their children be more aware of literacy in order to enhance their communication skills. We want parents to know how important it is to read to their children beginning at birth. We will teach them fun ways to read to their children at all ages and how to incorporate picture books as well (for those parents who struggle with reading themselves). We will provide fun, research-based strategies for reading and data on how literacy can improve communication skills. The students will be enjoying animated story times with crafts or puppets and snacks to make it more enticing. The students will hopefully develop a life-long love for reading and in turn, improve their vocabulary; grammar; phonetics; fluency and print awareness; just to name a few.</p>
Project Description	<p>Parent education with childcare assistance provided by volunteers from Allen High School. We will have literacy activities for the children with animated story reading with puppets and crafts as well as a small snack. Parents will be provided with brochures and visuals containing research-based strategies for reading and improving communication skills as well as a list of developmental milestones expected for speech up to 7 years old. Parents will be taught fun ways to read to their children using various intonations, facial expressions and pictures from the books. They will be provided with book recommendations as well as their own books to take home at the end of the session since many of our families don't have books in their home. Our target</p>

	population are PK-2nd grade students, especially those with speech difficulties. These students would benefit by improving their vocabulary, mean length of utterance, fluency, grammar and overall communicative abilities.
Allen ISD Goals/TEKS	This project supports the Allen ISD mission of providing innovation in education that empowers every learner to realize his or her full potential. Once a child develops a love for reading, the possibilities are endless. Their self-confidence is boosted in the classroom and in every day communication with peers.
Measurements	If the students are currently being served as speech therapy students, data will be taken with baselines prior to these sessions and after as well to compare if progress has been made in communication skills. Participating families will be sent home with a checklist of monthly literacy activities to do with their children (containing book lists, websites, apps, etc.) and students will receive sticker sheet incentives if their checklist is brought back completed and signed by parent.
Teaching Methods	As speech therapists, we will provide a lot of modeling of various reading methods. Technology will be used (smart board) as well.
Timeline for Project	We would like to have at least one session in mid to late fall and then another in the spring of next school year.
Curriculum/System Support	This project will improve reading, pre-literacy skills and overall communication abilities in order to support the English Language Arts and Reading TEKS for elementary K-2nd grade.
Additional Comments	Many times in our field of work as speech therapists, we have children qualifying for our speech services due to lack of exposure to books and communication in the home. Our hope is to decrease these cases and provide parents with the education they need to enhance the communication skills of their children.
Instructional Supplies or Resources	books and CD sets-\$20 (x 50 students X 2 sessions)= \$2000 snacks- \$75X 2 sessions= \$150 reams of paper (for brochures and checklists)-\$20 craft supplies (for puppets)- \$330
Supplies Budget	\$2500
Technology	n/a
Technology Budget	0
Staff Training / Staff Development	n/a
Training Budget	0
Transportation/Field Trip	n/a

Transportation Budget	0
Other	n/a
Other Budget	0
Total Budget	2500
Additional Funds	n/a