



2013 - 14 Educational Grant Application
Deadline: Wednesday, March 20, 2013, by 4pm

Name of Grant: PebbleGo

Name of person(s) submitted by: Kellie Latson, Library Media Specialist

Campus/Department: Boyd Elementary **Grade Level(s):** K-6

Total Dollar Amount Requested: \$ 850.00

Number of students who would be involved/impacted by grant: 750

Name of principal or immediate supervisor who will approve submission: Kyle Pursifull

Project Purpose: What is the problem, need or opportunity that this grant will address? What is the **student need** which the project will address? The purpose should explain **what students will know and be able to do** as a result of this project. Please explain how a problem will be addressed or a situation improved because of the grant. **(200 words or less)**

I am proposing to add the research database PebbleGo by Capstone digital. PebbleGo is specifically designed to meet the needs of young readers, supporting multimodal literacy for students. Currently, students at Boyd have access to two research databases: World Book Online and Grolier Online. Both of these databases are excellent resources for research, but they are geared towards older students and lack the simplicity of content and use that is needed when working with emergent readers on research projects. PebbleGo incorporates audio, leveled text and pictures at an appropriate level for younger students research needs. Additionally, pre-readers are able to access information through a visual search feature. This database will allow our younger researchers to have access to meaningful leveled information from home or school which will allow for the support and development of early problem solving and information acquisition skills in research using digital resources.

Project Description: How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit? **(200 words or less)**

The school library media specialist, working with the school technology specialist, will ensure that the proper AISD technology protocols are followed to add this database. The library media specialist will conduct training for teachers in the use of PebbleGo. The library media specialist will also incorporate the use of this database into collaborative instruction to include Super 3 and Big Six research skills for each grade level beginning in the fall of 2013.

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Allen ISD Goals/TEKS: Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Limit to top two or three examples. **(50 words or less)**

Allen ISD goals supported:

Use of this database supports the mission of Allen ISD in that it utilizes innovation in the realm of technology to help even the youngest learners begin to develop strong information literacy skills.

TEKS supported:

(4) Information acquisition. The student uses a variety of strategies to acquire information from electronic resources, with appropriate supervision. The student is expected to:

(A) apply keyword searches to acquire information; and

(B) select appropriate strategies to navigate and access information for research and resource sharing.

(8) Solving problems. The student uses research skills and electronic communication, with appropriate supervision, to create new knowledge. The student is expected to:

(B) use electronic tools and research skills to build a knowledge base regarding a topic, task, or assignment.

Measurements: What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? **(100 words or less)**

Specific measurements used to evaluate the effectiveness of this project include the completion of collaborative grade level specific research projects conducted as part of the AISD curriculum. Additional data on PebbleGo use at home and school will be collected to evaluate usage levels for Boyd.

Teaching Methods: What teaching methods will be used to implement this project? **(100 words or less)**

PebbleGo uses a multimodal platform to index and present information in the social studies, earth and space, animals and biographies. This platform includes fully narrated leveled text as well as visual search options and citation support. The database is designed for emergent readers with reading scaffolding in mind. Students will receive collaborative direct instruction in the use of this database.

Timeline for project: Funds will be available after September 1, 2013. **(50 words or less)**

The database will be purchased and installed after September 1st. Training for teachers and students will begin after installation. The database will be available from home or campus and can be utilized for instructional activities immediately after installation.

Curriculum/System Support: Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems. **(100 words or less)**

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Additional Comments: Include any additional comments or information. **(100 words or less)**

PebbleGo is also a viable resource for students K-6 who have special learning needs. Its leveled reading and visual search features are ideal for helping struggling readers at all levels with needed research information and citation support whether at school or at home.

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Grant Budget: specific product numbers, vendor addresses, etc. **are not required** on this budget page. The name of the product or the type of training or estimated cost of transportation is sufficient.

***Please round numbers to the nearest dollar amount.**

Instructional Supplies or Resources: (Books, Manipulatives, etc.)	
	Total: \$
Technology: (Software, License, etc.)	
PebbleGo (includes 24/7 access to all four databases) one year subscription	850.00
	Total: \$850.00
Staff Training / Staff Development:	
	Total: \$
Transportation:	
	Total: \$
Other Expenses:	
	Total: \$
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$850.00

Additional Funds: Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or district funds? PTA funds? If you have or will be seeking funds from any other sources to help with this project, please explain. No other funding is available for this project at this time.