



2012-13 Educational Grant Application
Deadline: Wednesday, March 7, 2012, by 4pm

Name of Grant: Battle of the Books – Part II

Name of person(s) submitted by:

Mary Higdon

Campus/Department: Rountree _ **Grade Level(s):** __4 - 5_____

Total Dollar Amount Requested: \$1436.00

Number of students who would be involved/impacted by grant: 120

Name of principal or immediate supervisor who will approve submission: Daniel Pitcock

Project Summary/Purpose: Be specific. What is the **student need** which the project will address? The purpose should describe **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.

Students are involved in many types of competitive teams but rarely do elementary students have the ability to participate on an academic team. The Battle of the Books is a program where students form teams, read selected novels, and then compete to see who can answer the most comprehension questions. Students are introduced to novels that they may not normally choose and have the time set aside to discuss and share ideas about their reading. One major benefit of the program is that the students will be developing reading stamina and rigor by reading challenging text.

This program is already in place at Rountree but can not continue without new novels that reflect the interests and needs of our readers. Our expenses would consist of the novels sets and trophies for our winners.

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?

All 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to participate. Students will form teams which allows for a variety of students at different reading levels to work together and be successful.

Novels will be introduced in October 2012 and students will begin to form teams. Monthly team meetings will be held to check progress and encourage readers. The Battle of the Books will be held in May.

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Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Limit to top two or three examples.

Reading/Comprehension of Text/Independent Reading. Students read independently for sustained periods of time and produce evidence of their reading. TEK 4.9A

Listening and Speaking/Teamwork. Students work productively with others in teams. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. TEK 4.29A

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project?

Students in 4th and 5th grades are assessed at the beginning and the end of the year using the DRA. Those students who have worked to develop reading stamina by reading independently should show a marked improvement on their DRA scores as well as their STAAR assessment.

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project?

Teachers will interact with students to ensure success by utilizing a reading log to check progress as well as using an interactive message board where students can leave comments or questions about their reading and can receive answers. (Corkboard).

Timeline for project (Funds will be available after September 1, 2012):

October 2012 – May 2012

Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems:

The Battle of the Books has been part of Rountree for the last eight years. However, in order to continue the program it will be necessary to get some new novel sets that will better reflect the needs and interests of our readers. We want to create lifelong readers.

Include any additional comments or information (attach additional pages if necessary):

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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	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
20 novel sets – 10 for 4 th grade and 10 for 5 th grade; 8 books each		\$8.00	\$1400
Trophies		\$6.00	\$36.00
Technology	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Staff Dev / Training	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Transportation	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Other Expenses	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED			\$1436.00

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.