



**2011-12 Educational Grant Application**  
**Deadline: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 by 4pm**

**Name of Grant: Soaring with Social Studies!**

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**Campus/Department:** Marion Elementary      **Grade Level(s):** First

**Total Dollar Amount Requested:** \$1153.38

Number of students who would be involved/impacted by grant: **132**

Name of principal or immediate supervisor who will approve submission: **Johnna Walker**

**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.

Reading has been a lifelong passion of each of us. We read for enjoyment and we read to learn. The value of a good book is immeasurable. A subject which proves this fact in an academic area other than reading is Social Studies, especially in the primary grades. In fact, using well written, appropriate literature to enhance a social studies lesson is one of the best ways to make social studies real and connected to student's lives. Children have more success learning and understanding material when it is presented in a way that is meaningful to them. By using literature, students are presented with varied perspectives on the topic being taught, they are helped to develop interest in the social studies topic being taught and become more engaged that topic, which will lead them to make meaningful connections and understandings of social studies lessons and objectives that will last a lifetime.

**The purpose** of this project is to provide each first grade class with literature listed in the Allen ISD social studies curriculum document, along with other appropriate books, which will enhance the learning and help develop lifelong understandings of the social studies skills being presented in each unit of study. This in turn will build the foundational skills in social studies that will follow the students for years to come.

A handbook will be made to distribute to parents with topics and the concepts introduced through these books, helping to engage the students and extend the learning begun from the book. The books obtained from this grant will used to support instruction in social studies for years to come.

**Project Description:** What is the idea and how will it be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and how will they benefit?

The '**Soaring with Social Studies!**' project will improve academic achievement in social studies as well as develop knowledge and interest in various reading genres and different purposes for reading. Ways the books will be used to enhance the social studies curriculum include, but are not limited to:

- Providing an age appropriate explanation of the social studies concept being taught.
- Inspiring a creative social studies experience for children.

- Helping students to make real life connections to social studies skills.

These ways promote improved performance and demonstration of skills the in classroom. If the children can make a connection to social studies content in literature, it can make social studies more interesting, engaging, and help them to connect the concept to their life which will make the learning real and memorable to them. To that end, monies from the grant will purchase books that correlate with each unit in the Allen ISD social studies curriculum to be used by the teacher and students during instruction in the various social studies units of the curriculum.

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

These books support each unit in the Allen ISD social studies curriculum, which covers all the TEKS for social studies in first grade.

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

- **Objective #1:** By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, 85% of the targeted students will increase their scores by 25% on district unit assessments.
- **Evaluation #1:** The instructor will give district unit assessments after completing each unit in the district curriculum. Scores will be reviewed and gains recorded.

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project?

Social studies instruction will involve active participation and will be implemented daily. Books will be introduced and used within the unit that connects to the concept they present. Mini-lessons using these books will offer opportunities for engaging activities correlating with the book topic. After large group usage, the books will be a springboard for:

- classroom discussions
- cooperative learning
- small group instruction

All books used will be available for children to read and enjoy.

Timeline for project (Funds will be available at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year):

August 2012	-Compile a parent handbook entitled “ <b>Soaring with Social Studies</b> ” -Order selected books
September 2012	-Distribute books to the classroom -At curriculum night, explain grant “ <b>Soaring with Social Studies</b> ” and the <b>Foundation for Allen Schools</b> grant program. Focus on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How using literature improves social studies instruction</li> <li>• How we are using the literature during social studies instruction</li> <li>• Describe how they can reinforce learning with Parental handbook</li> </ul>
September 2012- April 2013	-Continued implementation of grant “ <b>Soaring with Social Studies</b> ” -Informal assessments administered during the school year to track progress and learning needs

May 2013

- Examine assessment results to determine if objective have been met
- Final expenditure and project completion reports

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

All of these books are listed in the Allen ISD social studies curriculum developed by the district for use in first grade classrooms, thus supporting district learning goals.

Additional comments or information you would like to include: (May attach additional pages.)

This grant is requesting a set of books for each first grade classroom. Although we have and are willing to share books within the grade level, the advantage of each class having its own set of books will be the benefit of immediate access to the literature when needed to meet the individual needs of the students in the class at any time of the year.

Many thanks to the **Foundation of Allen Schools** for the opportunity to request supplemental materials for our classrooms. Students learn best when multiple instructional strategies are implemented in the classroom. It is appreciated that we are given the chance to obtain these accessible tools for our children.

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**Grant Budget:** product numbers, addresses, web sites, etc are not required on this budget page; name of product/training/type of transportation/etc. is sufficient.

<b>Instructional Supplies</b>	<b>Vendor / Supplier</b>	<b>Cost per Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>**SEE</b>	<b>ATTACHED</b>	<b>SHEET**</b>	
<b>Technology</b>	<b>Vendor / Supplier</b>	<b>Cost per Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Staff Dev / Training</b>	<b>Vendor / Supplier</b>	<b>Cost per Item</b>	<b>Total</b>

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Vendor / Supplier</b>	<b>Cost per Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>Vendor / Supplier</b>	<b>Cost per Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>			<b>\$ 1158.38</b>

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.

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<b>Instructional Supplies</b>	<b>Vendor / Supplier</b>	<b>Cost per Item</b>
F is For Flag	Amazon	\$3.99
I Pledge Allegiance	Amazon	\$6.95
A Picture Book of MLK, Jr.	Amazon	\$7.95
We the Kids: A Preamble to the Constitution	Amazon	\$6.99
Where Do I Live?	Amazon	\$7.99
Me on the Map	Amazon	\$6.99
There's a Map on My Lap	Amazon	\$8.99
Rosie's Walk	Amazon	\$6.99
Armadillo From Amarillo	Amazon	\$7.00
Duck For President	Amazon	\$11.55
My Teacher For President	Amazon	\$6.99
Swimmy	Amazon	\$6.99
Money, Money Honey Bunny	Amazon	\$ 8.99
So You Want to be an Inventor	Amazon	\$ 7.99
Mistakes that Worked	Amazon	\$ 8.60
Now and Ben	Amazon	\$7.99
President's Day	Amazon	\$6.99
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Amazon	\$3.99
So You Want to be President?	Amazon	\$12.23

Make Way Sam Houston	Amazon	\$5.99
Introducing Landforms	Amazon	\$8.95
L is for Lone Star	Amazon	\$12.21
Abe Lincolns Hat	Amazon	\$3.99
If I Built a Car	Amazon	\$6.99

BOOK COST TOTAL: \$192.23 per class

**Cost of books for six classes** \$1,153.38

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$ (includes shipping)