

General Information

Grant Number	207
Project Title	Camp Write About It
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	English/Language Arts
Does your grant have a technology component? (Will you have technology equipment, software, etc. in your budget?)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Primary Contact Information	
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Main Subject	English/LA - Elementary
Grade(s)	4
I have co-applicants.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Describe details of the project

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Campus/Student Information	
Your campus:	Olson Elementary
Will other campus' be involved/impacted by this grant?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Your grade(s):	4
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

Project Purpose

What is the problem, need, or opportunity that this grant will address? Explain **what students will know and be able to do** as a result of this project and/or how a problem will be addresses and/or how a situation improved because of the grant. (500 words or less.)

The purpose of "Camp Write About It" is to get our 4th grade students excited about writing and to review all of our writing TEKS as we magically transform our classrooms into campgrounds. At the end of camp, the students will have completed either an Expository or Personal Narrative writing piece, reviewed grammar lessons, practiced editing and revising skills, applied the six traits of writing in their compositions, and created a journal of learning. These engaging activities will allow the students to be successful on the STAAR Writing test as well as being life-long writers.

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? (500 words or less.)

The week prior to camp, students will receive letters in the mail that invite and inform them and their families about camp. Additionally, the parents will receive a secret letter that asks them and other relatives to write a short note of encouragement for their child. Then during camp mail call, the letters will be distributed and students will read around the campfire using their flashlights. This will really light up their faces, fill them with pride, and motivate them as writers. Camp will be five days long during our language arts block two weeks before the 4th grade STAAR Writing test. The following activities and skills will take place during this week:

A creative writing piece will be written by each student as we review the six traits of writing: word choice, voice, organization, sentence fluency, ideas, and conventions.
 Grammar skills will be reviewed daily and then applied to their creative writing piece.
 ♦?♦ Daily journals will be written in every day as students participate in mini-lessons and reflect on their camp experiences. Camp groups will be formed and students will create their own group names.
 Theme related snacks will be made several times throughout the week. Ex: trail mix consisting of bugles (to represent the introduction of the paper), twisted pretzels (the conclusion that "wraps up" the writing), m & m's(sensory details), conversation hearts (feelings), and cheerios (conventions of writing).
 Songs and cheers will be taught and sung each day to build a sense of excitement and support.

Allen ISD Goals/ TEKS

Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Provide only two or three examples.

ELA TEKS 15(A,B,C,& D) Students use elements of the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing) to compose text.

Goal #1 - AISD will meet the needs of each student through continuous improvement in curriculum, instruction and assessment, resulting in exemplary performance.

Goal #2 - AISD will provide a caring, secure learning environment for our diverse student population.

Measurement

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? (500 words or less)

We will compare the writing samples collected during January's Writing Simulation to our writing pieces at camp, and then again to the STAAR composition scores once they are released. We will also compare the editing and revising portion of the simulation to the same section of the STAAR Writing test to verify improvement. Additionally, we will create a survey for the students to measure their engagement of the week and for the parents and students to express their thoughts and feelings about Camp Write About It.

Teaching Methods

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project? (500 words or less.)

This project will utilize whole group instruction, small cooperative groups, individual work, and teacher/student conferences.

Timeline

What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?

Camp will take place two weeks prior to the 4th grade STAAR Writing test in 2016, which usually falls in the month of March.

Curriculum/System Support

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

"Camp Write About It" is a week-long project that actively engages our student learners. Students will get to experience the excitement of camping while fine tuning their writing skills. "Camp Write About It" provides a variety of activities that offer novelty and choice. This camp directly coincides with the 4th grade writing curriculum that is used in AISD and the state and helps to prepare our students for the STAAR Writing test.

Budget details

Budget Details ** All awarded funds will be available by September of the next school year.

Budget Item	Item Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Flashlights	Instructional Supplies or Resources	5.69	20	113.8

D Batteries	Instructional Supplies or Resources	124.99	1	124.99
Assorted Highlighters	Instructional Supplies or Resources	7.99	10	79.9
Pencils	Instructional Supplies or Resources	7.99	2	15.98
Pencil Cap Erasers	Instructional Supplies or Resources	1.49	14	20.86
Composition Books	Instructional Supplies or Resources	1.0	132	132.0
Postage to mail letters	Instructional Supplies or Resources		132	64.68

BUDGET TOTAL 552.21

Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or District Funds? PTA funds? Let us know if you have or will be seeking funds from other sources to help with this project.

Additional funds? No
 Yes

Signature page and principal contact

Principal Approval Required		
Please provide the Name and Email of your Principal		
First Name	Last Name	Email Address (Completed)
Amanda	Reyes	Amanda_Reyes@allenisd.org
Applicant Signature		
By entering my name below I signify that I understand that if I move within the District and have written the grant myself, I may take the grant with me to my school (as long as it is appropriate for my classes). If I have written the grant as part of a team, I will leave the grant behind with the team. If I leave AISD, I will leave the grant with the school for which I wrote the grant. As a condition of this grant, I will complete an evaluation form provided by the Foundation.		
Signature	Jennifer DeLeon	
Date	03/26/2015	

Principal's approval form

I certify that this would be a good use of funds for our school and this grant supports the district goals and/or our campus improvement plans. **Do NOT include any identifiers, such as: campus name, your name, teachers name or mascot **
No actions possible.
Comments
Camp Write About It is a wonderful program that positively impacts all 4th graders at our school. It is highly engaging and encourages our students to write to their fullest potential.

History and final disposition of application

State Change History	
State Change	***** 03/26/2015 00:57:54 Submitted
State Change	***** 03/26/2015 14:29:11 Accepted
Grant Status	
Grant Awarded	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Award Amount	552