

Grant Number 1028

Project Title Educate, Captivate, and Connect: A Story and Preston Collaboration

Please select the **MAIN** curriculum area your grant addresses. English as a Second Language

Does your grant have a technology component? (Will you have technology equipment, software, etc. in your budget?)

No
 Yes

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Campus Story Elementary

Main Subject English/LA - Elementary

Grade(s)

1
K
2
3
4
5
6

I have co-applicants.

Social Media

Please provide your work-related social media contact information.

Facebook

Twitter @StoryLibrary

Other (please specify)

Additional Grant Applicants

	First Name	Last Name	Campus	Grade
Jenny		Armentrout	Preston Elementary	LMS

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Campus/Student Information

Your campus: Story Elementary

Will other campus' be involved/impacted by this grant? No
 Yes

Please select all campuses that will be involved/impacted by the grant.

Preston Elementary

Your grade(s): 1,K,2,3,4,5,6

Will other grades be involved/impacted? No
 Yes

Project Purpose

What is the problem, need or opportunity that this grant will address? Describe the impact of this project on your students. (500 words or less.)

Reading is the foundation for all learning. The more enjoyable a student finds reading, the more successful they are in school, because their foundation is rich and strong. Book clubs enhance the joy of reading because they offer titles that captivate and connect to the social aspect of sharing thoughts and feelings that come from a common text. In addition, students will grow their empathy by using reading to look through windows into other parts of the world.

The students at Story and Preston can greatly benefit from reading and connecting with others about books. Within the structure of a book club, discussion will be planned to be rigorous to help support the learning in the classroom. This, in combination with Skype visits with each other, can add another layer of interest and engagement.

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.)

We would like to offer all 4-6th Story and Preston students (about 500 students) the opportunity to participate in a book club during the 2019-2020 school year. The selected book is Refugee, an exciting work of historical fiction that puts the reader in the shoes of some diverse characters. Readers tend to be more compassionate and have empathy for others because of the lives they get to 'live' while reading books. We are asking for funding for books for students who may not be able to obtain their own copy, and for the nationally acclaimed author Alan Gratz to come visit our schools to discuss his book and the craft of writing.

Project Summary

Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media. (2-3 brief sentences)

The Preston and Story Book Clubs will read Refugee by Alan Gratz, connect digitally to discuss, and then culminate with the author visiting our schools.

Allen ISD Goals/ TEKS

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

-AISD Goal: Integrate effective communication through advancing technologies and develop interpersonal skills throughout the learning environment by using different response platforms from a blog posting response, to a digital post-it on Padlet, a social bulletin board, or a hand written response in an interactive journal.

-Reading TEKS- These skills spiral through each grade level: active listening, asking questions, answering questions with multi word responses and using text evidence to support findings.

Measurement

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

-A reading interest survey will be given to participating students at the beginning and end of the book club. Analysis will be done to look for positive changes in reading habits.

-Participation will be logged, as well as documentation of responses to readings.

-A survey will be sent to teachers after the Author's Visit.

Teaching Methods

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

We will use a literature circle format for this book club. We will have a reading schedule and will facilitate weekly discussions with question stems. Responses to these questions will take place in a variety of ways. There will be oral discussion with other book club members, as well as opportunities to post digital responses.

Timeline

What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?

Fall 2019

- Invite 4th-6th grade students to join the book clubs.
- 1st meeting- pass out reading schedule and discussion guide.
- Subsequent meetings until the end of the book- read and discuss.
- Schedule Skype meetings with partner campus.

Spring 2020

- Author Visit by Alan Gratz.
- Follow up Skype meeting with partner campus.

Curriculum/System Support

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

Whether listening to read alouds, or reading for a book club meeting, the reader is engaged with the text in anticipation of the discussion to follow. By curating high level questions, the students will have the opportunities to make learning connections with their peers.

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

Budget Item	Item Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Author Visit	Other Expenses	3000.0	1	3000.0
Refugee	Instructional Supplies or Resources	6.0	100	600.0

BUDGET TOTAL 3,600

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

Principal Approval Required

Please provide the Name and Email of your PRINCIPAL. (Not your name)

First Name	Last Name	Email Address <small>(Completed)</small>
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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 Kimberly Richardson

Date 01/22/2019

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

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Grant Status

Grant Awarded Yes
 No

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