



## Foundation For Allen Schools Grant Application

**Scholarship Fund Amount: \$0**

Application #: AP131106

Applicant First Name: Rebecca

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Gender:

Cell Phone #:

High School:

Post Secondary School:

Application Status: Submitted

### Application Questions and Answer

Question	Answer
Preferred name/name that you go by:	Rebecca
Best phone number to reach you at:	+19727270560
Campus	Boyd Elementary School
Grade(s)	6
I have co-applicants:	No
Please provide your work-related Facebook contact information.	
Please provide your work-related Twitter contact information.	
Name of Grant	"A Novel Idea" Book Club
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	English Language Arts (Elementary) & Dyslexia

Does your grant have a technology component?	No
Will other campuses be involved/impacted?	No
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	No
How many students will be involved in this grant?	100
Are there any additional funds available for this grant?	No
<p>What is the problem, need or opportunity that this grant will address? Describe the impact of this project on your students.</p>	<p>This grant will provide multiple sets of novels for 6th grade students, in order to facilitate book clubs. Students will be able to self-select books of their choice based on individual interests and will be grouped in clubs accordingly. Book clubs will meet to discuss various components of the novels (plot development, character changes, theme, point of view/perspective) thus providing students with a much needed opportunity to practice peer academic discussions, while also enhancing comprehension of text and practicing reading skills. Having a variety of types/genres to choose from will incite resistant readers to read more, as that component of self-selection is often lacking in today's academic setting and in the case of Title One students, at home as well. These book clubs will serve as an effort to overcome the deficit of students living in a less print rich environment than that of their middle school peers.</p>
<p>How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit?</p>	<p>Throughout the school year 6th grade students will be participating in book clubs, where they are able to select a book based on their interest and grouped accordingly. Students will lead and run their own book club, with each participant having a specific job/role . During the meeting students will summarize and discuss ideas about the text, as well as make predictions and inferences This will provide an opportunity to use academic vocabulary previously taught in class, thus allowing a deeper and more authentic understanding of the academic language needed to be successful in 6th grade.</p>

Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media.	6th graders at Boyd Elementary are reading for fun with the books they choose and facilitating their own student led book clubs!
Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Please provide 2 or 3 examples.	<p>6.4 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--self sustained reading. The student reads grade appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self select text and read independently for a sustained period of time. 6.5 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. 6.5(D) The student is expected to create mental images to deepen understanding 6.5(F) The student is expected to make inferences and use evidence to support understanding.</p>
What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project?	The effectiveness of this project will be measured by evaluating student participation and discussion during book club meetings.
What teaching methods will be used to implement this project?	Students will be completing the reading independently, both during class time and outside of school. During book club meetings, students will work collaboratively with their peers to discuss books, strengthen reading skills, and deepen their understanding of the text. The teacher will occasionally perform some read aloud to engage students in meaningful discussions and to model fluent reading.
What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?	Monthly book clubs will run throughout the 2020-2021 school year, starting in September.
Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems.	This grant will allow sixth grade students an opportunity to participate in authentic academic conversations about their reading. The goal is both to help them grow as readers, as well as prepare them for the many academic discussions they will be expected to have in middle school.
Total Grant Budget Requested:	300.00
	R. Cothran

**Project Budget Set Number 1**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Item Type	Instructional Supplies or Resources
List item to be purchased under item category:	Novel Sets
Unit Cost	30.00
Quantity	10
Total cost of items in this category:	300.00