

Kindles for Kids

Classroom Grant

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Application Form

Report Fields

Project Name*

Name of project

Kindles for Kids

Amount Requested

Amount requested on application.

\$807.87

Grade Level

Please select grade level below.

Intermediate (4-6)

Primary Subject Area

Please select the primary subject area of your grant.

Language Arts

School

Please select your school from the list below

Poly Drive Elementary

Number of Students Served

Please enter the number of students that will be served by this grant.

30

Project Cost

What is the total cost of your project?

807.87

Statement of Need

Please describe the need for this project. For example, how will this project impact student learning?

This project will provide a set of six Kindle Paperwhite touch screen e-book readers, with covers, for use in a sixth grade classroom at Poly Drive Elementary. Kindle e-readers allow six devices to access each purchased title at the same time, which works perfectly for book clubs or literature circles. Research materials and periodicals are available via the Kindle format, as well as teacher created materials that can be

viewed by students. Classroom sets of novels are costly and do not hold up well in the long run. The Kindle option offers a greater variety of literature at reasonable prices.

The cost of one paperback novel classroom set is at least \$200.00 per title. E-readers truly provide more options at a much lower cost. Newly published literature is available immediately via the Kindle format, whereas affordable paperback materials are often not available for quite some time.

Primary Goal

Please describe the primary goal of the project and how it blends with School District 2 goals and curriculum.

The primary goal of this project is to infuse technology into our daily learning. As a sixth grade teacher, I am constantly on the lookout for methods and materials that support and reinforce our Common Core State Standards. The district's current curriculum materials serve elementary children in grades K-5, but do not offer uniform curriculum materials to sixth grade classrooms. We must search for ways to meet the needs of our students, while offering rigorous Common Core lessons. The availability of award-winning literature with the Kindle technology expands our use of literature in the classroom. The kids are engaged and excited about using e-readers and it is an opportunity to add enthusiasm for reading.

The Kindle e-readers offer dictionaries, encyclopedias, thesauruses, atlases, almanacs, newspapers, and periodicals to meet the requirements of our Common Core Standards.

Project Description

Briefly identify the major activities and materials involved in your project.

The most common activity for this project will include the daily use of the Kindle Paperwhite readers for literacy circles and book clubs within my classroom. This format allows up to six students to interact with the same text on a daily basis during small group reading instruction and discussion. When one group has met for the day, the next group can then access their books on the devices. All students in my classroom will have regular opportunities to use the Kindle devices.

I currently have seven Kindle devices in my classroom and I would love to have more students working with them each day. I am able to differentiate for specific students at various reading levels to meet their needs. With the Kindles, I have been able to provide reading materials at multiple grade levels for specific children to instill a love for reading. This grant would allow twice as many students to utilize Kindles daily.

Students with visual impairments are able to change the font size and students who benefit from auditory reinforcement can utilize the audio options built into the Kindle devices.

Professional Development

If your project includes professional development how will it improve student performance?

No professional development is needed for this project.

Project Timeline

When will you implement your project?

This project will be implemented immediately. If awarded this grant, I will make arrangements to purchase the Kindle units immediately to get them in my students' hands as quickly as possible. The units are durable and I anticipate ongoing daily use for years to come.

Plan for Evaluation

How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

I will be able to observe the kids' enthusiasm as they embrace e-reader technology. In the intermediate grades, we transition from learning to read . . . to reading to learn. Using technology to help instill a love for reading will help my students become life-long learners.

Project Budget

Please explain how the funds from this grant will be spent to support your project goal. You can either type or upload a project budget to show how funds will be used. Please identify other funding sources if applicable.

Initial cost for six Kindle Paperwhite units ~ $\$119.00 \times 6 = \714.00

Six Insten leather cases with shipping ~ $\$8.97 \times 6 = \23.87

10 Kindle e-book titles (Average of \$7.00 per title) = \$70.00

Total project budget: \$807.87

Parents and community members often donate to my classroom and ask for suggestions. I would request Amazon gift cards to provide additional e-book titles and reference materials. I am also willing to incur the cost to purchase additional titles as needed.

Supervisor Approval*

I have received approval from my supervisor to apply for this grant.

yes

Attachment 1

Please attach any photos, pages from catalogs, or other documents below. This is completely optional.

Kindle Paperwhite.jpg

Attachment 2

Insten Paperwhite Case.jpg

Attachment 3

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Kindle Paperwhite.jpg
- Insten Paperwhite Case.jpg



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