

Grant No. 13-006

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State: FL  
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Grant Categories: Reading  
Received Funds: Yes, in 2011-2012 Tara Colen received a \$500 math grant for my 2nd grade classroom. This grant money was used to purchase math manipulatives for my students to have a more hands-on learning experience.  
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Project Title: Vocabulary Around the World  
Expected Date of Implementation: September 2013  
Number of Students Participating\_Impacted: 350  
Low Performing Students: 50  
Statement of Need: In our Title I school, according to the Discovery Education Assessment Test 3, an average of 22% of our 3rd-5th graders scored a level 2 or below on Reading Vocabulary.  
Statement of Need: HighRisk  
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Program Summary: Vocabulary knowledge is critical to effective reading comprehension. Research shows, for students to comprehend, they should be able to read with 90% accuracy

and encounter only 1 word in 20 that is unfamiliar. As a result, our goal is to teach vocabulary explicitly and through high interest activities, across all grade levels, with great emphasis on grades 3-5. Through the implementation of focused vocabulary instruction, overall reading comprehension will improve in our Title I school.

Program Goal(s): The goal is to increase academic vocabulary in grades 3-5.

Goal Objective 1: Students will have multiple experiences with a variety of academic vocabulary across all subject areas.

Activities 1: Students will use multiple vocabulary words in context in all subject areas in skill-building stations. Learning stations focused on homophones, idioms, synonyms, antonyms, homographs, etc. allow students to have repeated practice and multiple review opportunities. All skill-building stations are student led. These stations allow for vocabulary mastery because students are highly engaged in group discussions.

Goal Objective 2: Students will use context clues to discover the meaning of unknown words across all subjects.

Activities 2: Students will apply their knowledge from objective 1 to unlock the meaning of unfamiliar words. Through the use of interactive software and student led learning stations, our students will have multiple opportunities to practice the strategy of using context clues to boost their vocabulary skills and reading comprehension.

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Student Outcomes: Based on the 2012-13 Discovery Education test 3 Reading Vocabulary data, an average of 78% of students in 2nd-4th grade scored at least a level 3 or above. During the 2013-14 school year our goal is 85% mastery, with an overall student learning gain of at least 7%.

Objective 2: Based on 2012-13 NCUST Vocabulary and Context Clues Common Assessments, students in 3rd- 4th grade had a mastery level of 45%. During the 2013-14 school year our goal is 85% mastery, with an overall student learning gain of 40%.

Evaluation: Students will be explicitly taught vocabulary and the strategy of using context clues. They will have multiple opportunities to apply the skills and strategies taught with highly engaging, hands-on activities. This project will be evaluated using checklist, rubrics, teacher observation, and student self-assessments, provided by the purchased materials.

Continuation: The materials purchased through this grant will be in stored in the school's reading resource room and available for teacher checkout for many years to come. There will be no additional sources needed to continue this project.

Other Information:

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**Budget Description Form**

Classroom Description:

Classroom Description Amount: 0.00

Program Supplies: 1.BD-441 Synonyms-grade 3 \$9.99 2.BD-422 Antonyms- grade 3 \$9.99 3.BD-445 Multiple Meaning Words-grade 3 \$9.99 4.BD-674 Using Context Clues- grade 3 \$15.99 5.BD-443 Homophones- grade 3 \$9.99 6.LL-399 Understanding Idioms- grade 3 \$19.99 7.LL-399 Understanding Idioms- grade 4 \$19.99 8.LL-399 Understanding Idioms- grade 5 \$19.99 9.LL-398 Understanding Multiple Meanings- grade 4 \$19.99 10.LL-398 Understanding Multiple Meanings- grade 5 \$19.99 11.HH-253 Vocabulary Folder Game- grade 3 \$34.99 12.HH-989 5 Minute Filler Teaching Cards grade 4- \$16.99 13.FF-423 Vocabulary Stations- grade 3 \$49.99 14.FF-323 Context Clues Bingo grade 4- \$9.99 each total of 2 sets \$19.98 15.FF-323 Context Clues Bingo- grade 3 \$9.99 16.GG-818 Context Clues Teaching Center- grade 4 \$29.99 17.GG-818 Context Clues Teaching Center- grade 5 \$29.99 18.LL-863 5 Minute Vocabulary Practice Cards grade 4- \$29.99 each total of 2 sets for \$59.98 19.LL-863 5 Minute Vocabulary Practice Cards grade 5- \$29.99 each total of 2 sets for \$59.98 20.LL-432 Wrap Around Games Grades 3-4 \$24.99 21.LL-433 Wrap Around Games Grades 5-6 \$24.99 22.HH-316 Read to GO Vocabulary Station- Grade 4 \$49.99 23.HH-316 Read to GO Vocabulary Station-Grade 5 \$49.99

Program Supplies Amount: 617.74

Computer Software: 1. HH-428CP Vocabulary Quiz Game Show Interactive- grade 3 \$49.99 2.HH-426CP Vocabulary Quiz Game Show Interactive- grade 4 \$49.99 3.HH-426CP Vocabulary Quiz Game Show Interactive- grade 5 \$49.99 4.HH-815CP Context Clues Game CD-ROM- grade 3 \$39.99 5.HH-826CP Vocabulary Game CD- ROM- grade 4 \$39.99 6.HH-826CP Vocabulary Game CD- ROM- grade 5 \$39.99

Computer Software Amount: 269.94

Computer Hardware:

Computer Hardware Amount: 0.00

Other Equipment: 1.BD-203X Hot Dots Power Pens \$39.99 each 2 set of 4 pens total \$79.98 2.Energizer Max AAA Batteries 12-ct. \$9.99 each total 3 boxes \$29.97

Other Amount: 109.95

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Printing:

Printing Amount: 0.00

Shipping:

Shipping Amount: 0.00

Vendor Information: Lakeshore Learning Center Target

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Total: 997.6300000000001  
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