

2019-2020 VCEF Funded Classroom Mini-Grants

"Amassing Chemicals"

Purchase of new balances to target specific critical thinking and problem solving skills

Teacher: Dianna Cooper

School: Otter Creek Middle School

"Not Just For Boys - Technology Is For Girls Too" 2

Purchase of materials that will help female students to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and manipulative skills

Teacher: Alexis Schulz

School: Terre Haute South High School

"Mighty Meadowlarks" a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Initiative

Increase student achievement and attitudes toward school by recognizing exemplary student behavior and reinforcing earned status by holding monthly celebrations

Teacher: Andy Jackson, Alyssa McCullough, Lisa Whitaker, Jamie Kelly, Courtney Nicosin, Alexandra Nichols, Cassandra Cook

School: Meadows

"The Kindergarten Nutcracker" A DeVaney Tradition

Purchase supplies for play production which incorporates classic literature with music, creative movement, and drama.

Teacher: Christy Halls, Carol Sumner, Madisyn Paxson, Madeline Howes

School: DeVaney

123 ABC Come Learn With Me Kindergarten Family Nights

Purchase math and reading materials for Kindergarten family night.

Teacher: Christy Halls, Carol Sumner, Madisyn Paxson, Madeline Howes

School: DeVaney

8th Grade Book Tasting and Treats

Motivate and engage eighth grade students in reading by exposing them to a variety of literature genres

Teacher: Jennifer Majors

School: Sarah Scott

A Day in the Life of a Fifth Grader

Fifth grade students at Sugar Creek Consolidated journey through time as

they explore the Colonial period, reenact tall tales, and have a poetry café

Teacher: Cassandra Bahrt, Samantha Hunt

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

A Spoonful of SUGAR: Sustainable Urban Gardening (Design) And Research

Students design and fabricate a prototype "Contained Trellis System" for growing berry bushes and canes in an urban setting.

Teacher: Jan Barbee

School: Terre Haute South High School

A Word a Day Keeps the Dictionary Away

Students will increase their speaking and writing vocabulary which will also help in the area of reading comprehension. It will help to increase student's reading Lexile as well as lead to improvements in test scores

Teacher: Jessica McBride

School: Fuqua

Adult Education High School Equivalency Exam Scholarships

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Provide scholarship money to adult education students to pay for HSE programs.

Teacher: Jeff Clutter

School: VCSC Admin

Anchor Drive-In

Students will have the opportunity to go to the Drive-In Movies with their friends and family on a school night. Students and parents will have the opportunity to design their own car to bring to the theater. We will be serving popcorn and water that night with a book give away at the end. (Everyone will receive a book)

Teacher: Debbie Dailey, Caitlyn Parker, Clara Augustus

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Authentic Books Create Authentic Writers

Provide teachers with authentic mentor texts to teach the genres (argumentative, informative, and narrative) using 6+1 Traits of writing

Teacher: Kelsie Fischer, Casey Bukovack, Holly Meehan, Bekah Hadley, Drew Wiencken, Jessica Correa

School: DeVaney

Bears Love Books: Family Reading Counts Night

Offer Sugar Grove families three nights throughout the school year to visit the school, read with their children, and participate in the Reading Counts program

Teacher: Barbara Jackson, Susan Bough

School: Sugar Grove

Ben Franklin's Book BINGO & Data Night

Purchase Scholastic Reading Counts books for every student at Ben Franklin to take home, at least one book to begin the process of forming a home library, to improve student Scholastic Reading Counts scores, improve comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and reading skills, promote family-school involvement & learning, and stimulate the desire to read and learn.

Teacher: Deborah Smith

School: Ben Franklin

Big Hero Readers

Reading materials are put "in the hands" of students from a highly impoverished area to increase reading skills,

fluency, and foster the joy of reading

Teacher: Christa Flores

School: Ben Franklin

Binders, Books, and Bites

Purchase of books, binders, and food for students to share with their parents during breakfast.

Teacher: Shelly Hunt, Shelly Cardinal

School: Rio Grande

Bingo for Books

A night of bingo and games where students and their families can play bingo for the chance to win new books.

Teacher: Jessica McBride, Jessica Wilson, Laura Kidwell

School: Fuqua

Bingo For Books Family Night

Purchase books for prizes in Book Bingo Family Night, encouraging family involvement in reading and literacy.

Teacher: Karla Smith, Kristen Malloy, Ella Clark, Tammy Skinner

School: Farrington Grove

Bingo For Books Family Night

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Hosting a fun family night for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students and their families to play bingo, earn books, promote literacy, and build a strong home/school connection. It will also allow the teachers to interact and meet family members in a different setting.

Teacher: Kate Hall, Jaymi Dunkin, Caitlyn Parker, Angela Richmond, Ciara Augustus, Debbie Dailey, Jeanne Endress, Kristen Fennell

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Bingo For Books Family Night

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Teacher: LeeAnne Bamberg

School: Terre Town

Bobble Head Biography

Students will read the *Who Was?* biography books to learn how to and practice locating important information for research writing.

Teacher: Kara Wilkinson, Jennifer Hall

School: Woodrow Wilson

Books and Breakfast

At various times during the school year, parents will be encouraged to come into the classroom and enjoy a small breakfast while working on important reading skills with their child

Teacher: Michele Francis

School: Farrington Grove

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Teacher: Robin Rudisel

School: Farrington Grove

Books in Hands, Smiles on Faces

Giving out books to those students that may not have any at home. By the end of the year the student's will have received 6 books of their own choosing.

Teacher: Justin Allen

School: Ben Franklin

Bookworms: Inching Our Way Through Second Grade One Book at a Time

Students will use multiple copies of quality trade books to strengthen reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency

Teacher: Cheryl Thornton, Lisa Slunder, Tim Moss, Julie Wheaton, Mandy Chaney

School: Dixie Bee

Breaking Out of 2nd Grade

Students will complete missions in a variety of subject areas to unlock a Breakout box using communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity

Teacher: Amy Johnson

School: Farrington Grove

Bright Lights, Big City and Coding

Teach students the practical skills and knowledge of coding, which is required to construct and program a portable LED video board & then to display videos and messages to share events and information at SSMS with other students, parents, and community members.

Teacher: Tadd Combs

School: Sarah Scott

Bright Writing!

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Use a single picture book as a springboard for a schoolwide focus on the Six Traits of Writing. Each week, for six consecutive weeks, the entire school will focus on one of the writing traits.

Teacher: Amy Bosley

School: Deming

Building 6th Grade Readers through Student Choice

West Vigo Middle School students will develop a love for learning by reading more books of choice outside the school day. These books will be distributed right before Winter Break and right before Spring Break

Teacher: Alicia Lanham

School: West Vigo Middle

Building an 8-Bit Computer System

Allow students to gain a fuller comprehensive understanding of the intricate operations and how to repair common computer systems

Teacher: Jeff Hammers

School: Terre Haute North HS

Building Character One Book at a Time

Our monthly classroom Character Award Winners are invited to the Principal's office to choose a special book and to have their picture taken with the Principal as a congratulations for displaying good character traits

Teacher: Kristen Malloy, Tammy Skinner, Ella Clark, Karla Smith

School: Farrington Grove

Building Good Character through Morning Meetings and STEM

Third grade students will be given an opportunity to work with manipulatives focused on building STEM skills, and they will participate in a class Morning Meeting to promote positive classroom culture each day

Teacher: Leslie Yocum, Jeesyka West

School: Fuqua

Building Readers

Purchase of books that can be used in the classroom and at home.

Teacher: Stephanie Barnett

School: Terre Town

Caldecott Art Show

Caldecott books are used to promote an excitement for reading and a hands on art experience

Teacher: Amber Wigginton, Jana Weeks

School: Ben Franklin

Cashing in on Reading

The teacher will provide books for students to purchase using "Fuqua Dollars" they earn for passing Reading Counts Quizzes at monthly Reading Counts Nights

Teacher: Jesica Wilson

School: Fuqua

Celebrating Hoosier History - The Pioneer Project

Required Indiana history curriculum will be enriched through literature, after-school activities, and family involvement

Teacher: Dana Bennett, Jan Engle, Stephanie Ralston, Kristina Runyan

School: Dixie Bee

Check Out and Take Home Song Tale Books

Song Tales, stories that are sung as part of the new music curriculum, would be available for student checkout in the library.

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Teacher: Amie Ellison,
Amy Funkhouser

School: Davis Park

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Song Tales, stories that are sung as part of the new music curriculum, would be available for student checkout in the library.

Teacher: Amie Ellison,
Stephanie Kerr

School: Sugar Grove

Circle Up for STEM Literacy

This grant will provide students with the opportunity to read chapter books (that they will keep) with their peers as well as bring the book to life through STEM activities

Teacher: Olivia Larimer

School: Sugar Creek
Consolidated

Circuits Alive!

Learning schematic symbols and reading drawings are vital skills in technical fields, so drawing live circuits on paper is a game changer for students to see these drawings as actual circuits and not just diagrams.

Teacher: Michael
Goetschel

School: Terre Haute South
HS

Conviction for Nonfiction

This series of books allows middle school readers an opportunity to become engrossed in a genre that they normally consider to be boring. Students will also be assigned to complete one book report per grading period in addition to having the books to read when they have free time.

Teacher: Sherri Armstrong

School: Honey Creek
Middle

Countdown to Kindergarten

Comprehensive "Kinder Kit" includes everything needed to help incoming kindergarten students make a successful transition into kindergarten. These supplies will help families assist their child in developing language, literacy, math, and fine motor skills

Teacher: Jamie Speth,
Sherri Haymaker, Brenda
Keiser

School: Hoosier Prairie

Creating Space - Storage Space That Is - Take 2

"Creating Space - Storage Space That Is – Take 2" provides students with the opportunity to design and produce storage units that will provide a place for books and other resource materials to be stored in various classrooms throughout Terre Haute South Vigo High School.

Teacher: S. Paul Myers

School: Terre Haute South
HS

Creative Counseling

Creative Counseling is a program that allows students to use visual arts as a method of expressive therapy

Teacher: Lacey Lewis,
Meghan Olds

School: Hoosier Prairie

Deming's Attendance Stars

Increase the overall attendance at Deming Elementary by reaching and recognizing every student

Teacher: Amanda Allen

School: Deming

Department of Energy Middle School Science Bowl Competition

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The Department of Energy Middle School Science Bowl provides an opportunity for students to be inspired, challenged and enriched. It is also an opportunity to inspire girls and minorities at Woodrow Wilson in STEM.

Teacher: Colleen Sutliff, Greg Sloan

School: Woodrow Wilson

Digging Deeper with Science: Making the Textbook Come Alive with Hands-On Experiments

Using grant funds, we would be able to complete the hands-on experiments that are shown throughout our second grade science textbook.

Teacher: Rebecca Boehler, Sara McCoy, Emily Nassar, Kirsten Morrison, Michaela Gauer

School: Lost Creek

Don't Be A Meanie- Hoosier Prairie Drama Club

The school will provide an after school program for students to express themselves creatively

Teacher: Allison Lawson, Meghan Olds

School: Hoosier Prairie

Down and Derby

Students will participate in a pinewood derby to learn aerodynamics, friction, and about the laws of motion

Teacher: Jason Childress

School: West Vigo Middle

Early Learning Centers

These reusable mathematics and language centers will be used to enhance lessons and provide opportunities for structured independent and small group work from year to year

Teacher: Skye Edington

School: Sugar Grove

Eco Marathon Team

Giving the students an opportunity to take place in a Science, Math, and Technology (STEM) activity where Indiana High School students work on designing and building a fuel efficient vehicle that will be tested at the Shell Eco Marathon in Sonoma California next year

Teacher: Gregg Dillon

School: Terre Haute South HS

Enrichment with Storyworks Jr

The teacher will use the *Storyworks Jr.* magazine

from Scholastic as a supplementary material in her class as well as the *I Survived* book to encourage additional reading of a topic from the magazine.

Teacher: Coral Pickens

School: Sugar Grove

Enticing Learners Through Science and Social Studies

First grade students will read and discuss various science and social studies topics in Science Spin and Scholastic News magazines.

Teacher: Michele Myers, Patti Oehl, Skye Edington

School: Sugar Grove

Eyes On, Hands On Algebra

Incorporate more visual and hands-on learning materials into lesson plans in order to help visual, spatial, and kinesthetic learners better develop abstract thinking skills so they can be successful in algebra.

Teacher: Jill Nagy

School: Terre Haute North HS

Falcon Book Club

Creating an afterschool book club for 3-5th

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graders meeting once a week from September until February.

Teacher: Amber Wigington

School: Ben Franklin

Falcon Financial

Third grade students participate in an ongoing math, behavioral, homework, and attendance incentive program, which incorporates skills needed to count money, manage a bank account, make rental payments, and purchase property

Teacher: Jessyka West, Leslie Yocum

School: Fuqua

Families Loving Literacy

At various times during the school year, parents will be encouraged to come into the classroom and enjoy a small breakfast or snack while working on important literacy skills with their child

Teacher: Michelle Kemp

School: Farrington Grove

Family Fun Events

Families are invited to participate in learning activities in the classroom and to watch their child

perform in 6 different events to educate parents on our curriculum and to make them feel comfortable and engaged in the school setting.

Teacher: Carol Sumner

School: DeVaney

Family S.T.E.A.M. Night

Family S.T.E.A.M. Night is a fun and engaging evening of exploring, creating, making, and building through hands-on-minds-on learning activities for students and their families

Teacher: Stephanie McVey

School: Meadows

Farrington Grove ART Club

The after school ART Club encourages students to actively investigate self-expression while also providing the opportunity to engage in the creative process, critical thinking and problem solving and at the same time gain art historical knowledge and artistic skills enhancing self-worth.

Teacher: Judith Irving

School: Farrington Grove

Fast and Fact-ous!

Using math game manipulatives and color

coding markers, students will have more interest and desire to practice their math facts.

Teacher: Christina Bastian

School: West Vigo Elementary

First Grade Family Night Book Bingo

In an activity designed to get books into the homes of our students, first graders and their grandparents/parents will play Vocabulary/ Sight Word Bingo and win books and educational door prizes.

Teacher: Patti Oehl, Michele Myers, Skye Edington

School: Sugar Grove

Franklin Falcons Talent Show

Students will build self-confidence, empathy, and sportsmanship through a teamwork theater experience and to encourage parental involvement in helping students learn their roles as well as attending performance.

Teacher: Justin Allen, Amber Wigington

School: Ben Franklin

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Fuqua Falcons are Forever Readers

Each student at Fuqua will receive one free book to encourage reading (at their level) at home

Teacher: Meghan Smith

School: Fuqua

Fuqua Scientists

Students will use display boards and art supplies to complete a Science Fair project using the Scientific Method

Teacher: Melissa Newman, Jannifer Oricks

School: Fuqua

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Teacher: Allison Fulson, Michael Glotzbach

School: Fuqua

Hands on STEM Projects

Provide differentiated learning in the classroom and allow students the opportunity to advance their problem solving skills and find the solutions to problems

Teacher: Kristen Drummond

School: Ben Franklin

Happy Atoms

Students will engage in a guided-inquiry based learning using magnetic atoms to build a variety of compounds as they work through the digital guided quests at their own pace on a tablet. They will be able to digitally scan their physical model and add it to their database.

Teacher: Lori Reynolds

School: West Vigo Middle

Heart to Heart Club

Fourth and fifth graders will meet after school to write letters, make cards, and design posters for shut-ins in nursing homes and private residences, and for Sugar Grove friends who cannot come to school (i.e. major accident, cancer, deployment, etc.).

Teacher: Jane Tennis

School: Sugar Grove

High Interest Materials for High Ability Learners

Purchase *Scholastic Storyworks* magazine and *Indiana Studies Weekly* as supplementary materials to allow students to interact with high-interest,

multi-genre content at a higher text complexity

Teacher: Stacey Samuels

School: Lost Creek

High School/Elementary Pen Pal Writing Project

Using the Fellowes Coil-Binding machine, students will bind an originally written children's book that will then be sent to their elementary pen pals

Teacher: Sherry Kidwell

School: Terre Haute North HS

History Mystery: Enriching Students in Social Studies

Teachers in a special education classroom will use foldable templates and materials for interactive notebooks and project based learning to strengthen content knowledge in United States History, World History, and Geography

Teacher: Darah Phillips

School: West Vigo Middle

Holocaust Introduction and Symbols of Hope Tiles

As a culminating activity to our Holocaust/The Diary of Anne Frank Unit, students will create ceramic hope tiles in remembrance of Holocaust victims

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Teacher: Jennifer Majors,
Kyle Fuqua

School: Sarah Scott

Homework KITS

Homework bags are an essential part of kindergarten that includes family involvement

Teacher: Stephanie Barnett, Sierra Gossett

School: Terre Town

Hoosier Prairie “Loses It” for Literacy!

At a family book-tasting held at the school, students will receive a book for themselves and a book to lose in the community for others to read to promote literacy

Teacher: Mia Killeen

School: Hoosier Prairie

“If the Book Fits, Read It!”: Fostering Fluency with Foundational Readers for Kindergarteners and their Families

In order to foster fluency, children must be provided with leveled books so they can practice reading with their families at home

Teacher: Carol Sumner, Christy Halls, Madisyn Paxson, Madeline Howes

School: DeVaney

Increasing Opportunities for Reading Success for Beginning Readers

Provide a large set of Reading Recovery-approved books in order to provide our struggling readers with more resources and opportunities to read with success at their own level

Teacher: Hannah Peterson, Braden Lanter, Holly Meehan, Kelsie Fischer

School: DeVaney

Interactive Notebooks in Language Arts and Math

Classroom teachers will use materials for interactive notebooks to strengthen vocabulary and content development in Language Arts and Math

Teacher: Ronda O’Dell-Garrard, Vicki Rich

School: Sarah Scott

Interactive Notebooks to Promote Growth in English

Interactive notebooks will be used to provide project based learning and growth opportunities for students in 8th grade English

Teacher: Crystal Dougherty

School: West Vigo Middle

It's In The News!

Scholastic News provides students with current and engaging non-fiction science, social studies, and language resources right at their reading level

Teacher: Michelle Jahn, Amy Johnson, Alyssa Pearlson

School: Farrington Grove

Just Crack'in

Students will gain knowledge through hands-on experience by watching chicks hatch and develop in the classroom

Teacher: Leslie McGraw

School: Woodrow Wilson

K.O.O.L. (Kindergarten Organizes Our Learners) Daily Binders

Providing binders to help organize students, parents, & teachers through this important first year of school.

Teacher: Heather Johnson, Kristi Miller, Sanae Glendening

School: Lost Creek

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Teacher: Rhonda Casey, Lisa Higham, Tiffany Woodward

School: Lost Creek

K-1 Readers' Theater

Provide enrichment for our high-achieving kindergarten readers and support for Grade 1 struggling readers.

Teacher: Ashley Brown, Carla Bailey

School: Sugar Grove

LabQuests - Improving How Science Labs Are Done

The LabQuest devices will allow Honey Creek students to use electronic sensors of all kinds to instantly, accurately and easily measure things like sound waves, photons, force, temperature, and pH.

Teacher: Bill Wilkinson

School: Honey Creek Middle

Leaping into Cells

Students will learn about how cells develop into all organs by a hands-on lab dissecting a frog.

Teacher: Leslie McGraw, Corrina Tally

School: Woodrow Wilson

Learning Disguise and First Grade Family Math Night

In order to boost our parent involvement, we have an annual 'Learning in Disguise' evening that encourages families to attend a night of hands-on learning, while in costumes, to help build basic skills for first graders, and our math night to help parents understand the importance of building a solid foundation of math skills in a fun and inexpensive way.

Teacher: Jennifer Hendrix, Sarah Chalos, Deborah Myers, Todd Warren, Judy Fendrick

School: Dixie Bee

Learning with Stations

Provide fresh, new reading and math activities for workstations to engage students in independent learning.

Teacher: Anita Greasor, Justin Allen, Erin Edington

School: Ben Franklin

Let's Move! Fun and Movement with Music

This project will encourage our students with moderate and severe

disabilities to get up and get moving in time to a wide variety of music

Teacher: Kristy McPike

School: Terre Haute South HS

Let's Get Organized For our Future

Today's elementary students need help in learning, early, how to become organized, set goals, manage and proceed with a plan. Using a daily planner, now, will better prepare them for their future as a middle schooler and beyond high school into their careers as an adult.

Teacher: Joan Phegley

School: Ben Franklin

Little Cub Book Club

Interactive book club for struggling readers in Kindergarten to stimulate their passion for reading and to help build a foundation for academic excellence

Teacher: Ashley Brown, Elizabeth Trausch

School: Sugar Grove

Lost Creek MakerSpace

Provides space and materials for students to invent, tinker, create,

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problem solve, explore and play using STEM/STEAM and creative materials that they do not normally have access to during the school day or at home

Teacher: Monica Zimmerman

School: Lost Creek

Loving Literacy in an Inclusion Classroom

Add to classroom library books of all levels and genres to meet the needs and interests of all of my readers

Teacher: Kelly Miller

School: Farrington Grove

M.A.T.H. Connection

The M.A.T.H. Connection will provide avenues to introduce math activities, resources, and materials through games and computer play that support and enrich the math/reading standards during the school year for students and parents

Teacher: Dianna Lammey, Tim Moss, Becky Noble, Susan Cox, Kendall Meares

School: Dixie Bee

Magic Tree House Masters

Students are asked to read one Magic Tree House book per grading period, answer questions and other activities, and create a project

Teacher: Jamie Thomas, Mary Alice DeWitt, Kylee Fuqua

School: Sugar Grove

Make Reading Count

1st grade Family night of reading, food, fun, and a book to take home!

Teacher: Kate Hall, Jaymi Dunkin, Angela Richmond

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Making Math Meaningful

Students and parents will be invited to join us after school for math nights where we will model how to play some of the math games from our reading series, give families time to play the games together, then send each family home with a math kit containing all of the materials needed to play the games at home

Teacher: Michelle Kemp, Michele Francis, Robin Rudisel

School: Farrington Grove

Math Games at Home

Each student will be provided with a folder full of math games and the materials to play and learn at home

Teacher: Jamie Thomas, Mary Alice DeWitt, Kylee Fuqua

School: Sugar Grove

Math Manipulative Night

Increase math skills and family involvement by providing a hands-on learning experience in which families will receive a math manipulative goodie bag during a Family Math Night.

Teacher: Kristi Higham, Beth MAngin, Mindy Shore

School: Riley

Mathcounts Competition Registration

Registration costs

Teacher: Colleen Sutliff

School: Woodrow Wilson

Meet My Family: A Monthly Family Involvement Activity

Families will be invited to school or other designated locations for a fun, exciting activity with their child once a month.

Teacher: Rebecca Boehler

School: Lost Creek

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Mining for Knowledge about Rocks and Minerals

Students will gain knowledge and understanding about the twenty main minerals that make up most of the rocks on Earth's surface

Teacher: Corrina Tally, Jeff Lough

School: Woodrow Wilson

Mohs Hardness Scale, Streak Test, and Rocks and Minerals Kit

In order to fully understand terms like streak test, magnetism, crystal formation, metamorphic, igneous, and sedimentary rock, students need hands on experiences with actual minerals, rocks, and streak plates

Teacher: Carra Stewart

School: Farrington Grove

More YA Lit in the YA Classroom

Offer a high-interest, culturally diverse library in classroom so students have quick, easy access to literature.

Teacher: Jamie Luna Schatz

School: Terre Haute South HS

Musical Theater Company T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More)

The students, teachers, media specialist, parents, university students, and community volunteers will work as a TEAM to create a musical theater company incorporating subjects across the curriculum (reading, writing, math, science, social studies, art, P.E., and music) and Indiana Academic Standards to perform two musicals for the school and the community

Teacher: Tim Moss, Kathleen Sabaini, Erin Schultz, Brian Lonneman, Jennifer Kelly

School: Dixie Bee

Northern Reflections Literary Magazine

Northern Reflections is an opportunity for students to be published, and will encourage and foster the creativity of all North students in both writing, art, and photography giving the students both pride and continued confidence by seeing their work in print.

Teacher: Jeanine Utterback

School: Terre Haute North HS

Oh Snap! We are Good Readers

Students primarily in kindergarten through third grade need a sight word resource that incorporates visual and kinesthetic elements as well as gives them a boost towards grade-level reading standards

Teacher: Heather Lowery

School: Hoosier Prairie

Only One You

A school wide rock garden art project inspired by the book, "Only One You" by Linda Kranz

Teacher: Sherrie McGuirk, Angela Shivers, Pauletta Allen, Judith Irving

School: Sugar Grove

Out of the Book/Look at Me Drama Presentations

Expressions Drama Club gives students the opportunity to write and perform Drama, Spoken Word, and Slam Poetry, thus creating an outlet for creativity and building self-confidence

Teacher: Rhonda Samply

School: Sarah Scott

P.S. (Problem Solving), Math is Cool

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Noetic Learning Math contest sponsors a national math semi-annual problem solving contest and weekly word problems for elementary students, grades 2-5, to help show growth in math concepts and improve logical reasoning skills

Teacher: Norma Artis, Alison Sebastian

School: Ouabache

Parent Involvement Center

Students will increase their love of reading through hands-on learning experiences with their families.

Teacher: Kari Beattie

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Piecing it Together: Scraps of Our Fifth Grade Year

Using this scrapbook, we will provide a springboard that appeals to the artistic and creative side of students which will help improve writing skills.

Teacher: Angela Foster, Deeann Downs, Kelly Miller

School: Farrington Grove

Pre-Algebra Interactive Notebooks

Interactive notebooks assist in keeping the students engaged and focused during math instruction and to assist them with study skills

Teacher: Natalie Scherle

School: Woodrow Wilson

Rademacher's Readers

Improve reading fluency and build the personal libraries of low-income families by providing every classroom student with weekly non-fiction magazines and two books every month

Teacher: Kathryn Rademacher-Smith

School: Davis Park

Rapid Prototyping Adventure

Providing a rapid prototyping 3d design challenge with scholarship opportunities for students

Teacher: Graham Bennett

School: Terre Haute South HS

Read in Club

Students and parents will meet after school 4 times a year to enjoy the excitement of reading by participating in reading and comprehension activities

Teacher: Michelle Jahn, Amy Johnson, Alyssa Pearson

School: Farrington Grove

Reading at Home Rewards

This grant will provide reading materials to students to build their individual book libraries, at home, and stress the importance of reading for fun.

Teacher: Jaymi Dunkin

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Reading for all Levels

Subscription to Reading A-Z to supplement my reading program for all grade levels

Teacher: Jody Rogers

School: Farrington Grove

Reading Right on Target

First graders will each have a book-in-a-bag that they will take home every night. In their book-in-a-bag will be books that are specifically chosen for each student based on their Lexile level as well as a tracking folder where they will track their Reading Counts progress.

Teacher: Braden Lanter, Hannah Peterson, Holly Meehan, Kelsie Fischer

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School: DeVaney

Real World Math Connections

This grant will work to provide connections from math concepts learned in our Everyday Mathematics units to real world, hands on math applications.

Teacher: Olivia Larimer, Samantha Pearson

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Resources Around the Home and Classroom

Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies materials are put in the hands of students, from a highly impoverished area, to increase their problem solving abilities while at home and in the classroom

Teacher: Kristen Drummond

School: Ben Franklin

Scholastic News Magazines

Scholastic News magazines provide students with reading material covering current events with a challenge in finding text evidence and provides for improvement in writing persuasive pieces and summaries

Teacher: Kristen Browne, Rebecca Boehler

School: Lost Creek

Scholastic Super Science Magazine

Scholastic Super Science is a publication that allows students to explore real-world earth science, life science, physical science, engineering and STEM Challenges through interesting and exciting articles

Teacher: Linda Dempsey, Carra Stewart

School: Farrington Grove

Science Buddies - Hands On Weekly Experiments

The 3rd grade teachers at Lost Creek would like to provide our 3rd graders with hands-on, weekly science experiments, increasing both their knowledge of and attitudes towards science through fun and interactive learning

Teacher: Kristen Browne, Angie Miller, Angie Oxford, Allie Prindiville, Marlies Wright

School: Lost Creek

Science Discovery Stations

Building hands-on science discovery stations for students to enjoy.

Teacher: Heather Poole, Vicki Theide, Lisa Reed, Beth Wilguess

School: Farrington Grove

Science Power

Students will construct a habitat diorama in a shoebox.

Teacher: Megan Hassler, Jennifer Norris, Jennifer Harris

School: Ben Franklin

Science Superstars

Each grading period we will conduct two science experiments. The classes will get together to discuss and analyze our data and observations. Students will have the opportunity to share facts from their science journals with other students.

Teacher: Sierra Gossett, Stephanie Barnett, Charity Easter

School: Terre Town

ServSafe Certification

A Servsafe certification will afford students the opportunity to earn an industry certification while enhancing students' marketability to local restaurants and provide these establishments with certified personnel at no

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additional cost to the business.

Teacher: Staci Utterback, Melissa Colbert

School: Terre Haute North HS

ServSafe Certification

The ServSafe certification enables students to earn more entering the workforce and to become Indiana Foodservice Managers.

Teacher: Rita Walters

School: Terre Haute South HS

Six Traits Parent Involvement Night

This grant will allow the parents an opportunity to come to the school with their student and spend an evening reading, writing and taking a Reading Counts quiz

Teacher: Amara Floyd, Megan Ogg, Roseanne Waite

School: Farrington Grove

Soar Together Daily

West Vigo Elementary's school project, "Soar Together Daily", will encourage improved attendance through weekly, monthly, and grading period incentives

purchased with grant money for our students as well as families.

Teacher: Randa Rector

School: West Vigo Elementary

STEAM Interactive Notebooks

Interactive notebooks will promote differentiated instruction in order to create an environment that appeals to multiple learning styles, while providing a tangible and visual reference to use in the 7th grade math and science classes

Teacher: Andrea Lugar, Alisha Pritchard

School: Sarah Scott

STEAMing on the Prairie

Students will participate in a variety of STEAM challenges during a biweekly after-school club culminating with a parent celebration

Teacher: Cindy Jacks

School: Hoosier Prairie

STEAMulate Your Brain at STEAM Club

Primary and Intermediate S.T.E.A.M. Clubs provide 1 hour per month of afterschool fun with hands-on-minds-on

learning through S.T.E.A.M. activities in which students are engaged in exploring, creating, making, building, thinking, and problem solving through science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics

Teacher: Stephanie McVey, Carla Haley

School: Meadows

STEM in the Classroom!

This project will allow us to have STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, and Math) activities throughout the year that help our students to have hands on projects each month

Teacher: Ciara Augustus, Debbie Daily, Caitlyn Parker

School: Sugar Creek Consolidated

Storytime Steam

Use favorite read aloud books to create fun and hands-on ways to challenge the student's thinking and problem-solving skills using preschool STEAM activities

Teacher: Terre Pohlar

School: Riley

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Sugar Bear Cubs: Here We Come (Summer Activity Bags)

Provide incoming kindergarteners and their families with a “Kindergarten Readiness” guide and a bag of materials for them to use during the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Teacher: Susan Bough, Barbara Jackson

School: Sugar Grove

Supermilage Car

A Science, Math, and Technology (STEM) activity where Indiana High School students work on designing and building a fuel efficient vehicle that will be tested at Lucas Oil Raceway Park in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Teacher: Dana Thompson

School: Terre Haute South HS

Take a Trip Around the World

We want to put geocache trackables on Flat Stanleys that will travel the world and students will get information from each place they stop to track their progress.

Teacher: Emily Condon, Krissi Dillon

School: Dixie Bee

The Conservatory of Botany

The purpose of this project is to provide the knowledge of how to produce nutritious food on your own, and what is required to be a successful horticulturist

Teacher: Pamela Runyan, Cayce Cottom

School: Sarah Scott

The Salute

Annual commemorative eighth grade magazine full of pictures, articles, interviews, and memories which is completely designed and written by students and distributed to every eighth grade student free of charge

Teacher: Christine Rhodes

School: Woodrow Wilson

The Solution Squad - Solving Problems Through STEM

Students will use their imagination and creativity, as well as skills taught in math and science, to design solutions for real-world problems

Teacher: Amy Johnson, Michelle Jahn, Alyssa Pearson

School: Farrington Grove

The Wonders of Magnetism

The Wonders of Magnetism magnet kits will provide 4th graders with a better understanding of how magnets work and give them hands on experience with magnets, all while enhancing state assessment scores and our science curriculum.

Teacher: Linda Dempsey

School: Farrington Grove

Through My Eyes...Scrapbook of Terre Haute History

Students will create a scrapbook about Terre Haute’s rich history in these hands on activities that will make a lasting impression on our students

Teacher: Justin Allen, Erin Edington, Anita Greasor, Jana Weeks

School: Ben Franklin

Tiger Trot

The Farrington Grove Tiger trot is an annual running race for all students who

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wish to participate in an organized running event

Teacher: Bill Smith

School: Farrington Grove

Toolbox Project

Students with the construction pathway of West Vigo High School will use technology, innovation, design, and engineering to build toolboxes.

Teacher: Megan McManus

School: West Vigo HS

Touch Math for Developmentally Delayed Kindergarten

Providing a tactile and kinesthetic approach to teaching math concepts

Teacher: Barbara Elder

School: Lost Creek

Using CNC Machines to "Hold our Future Workforce Together"

Students will design, machine, and build clamping devices that they can use throughout their career

Teacher: Martin Nagy

School: Terre Haute North HS

VEX Competition or Bust

Preparing students to compete in robotics at the regional, state, and perhaps the national level is the goal

Teacher: Mark Kirby

School: Otter Creek MS

VIP - Very Important Parents

Parent events are being planned for first grade parents to come into their child's classroom for enrichment activities that showcase their child in an academic setting in order to foster a positive relationship between home and school.

Teacher: Julie Sutliff, Alyssa McCullough, Stephanie Smith

School: Meadows

Weekly Wonders

Weekly Wonders is a year-long reading and writing project that offers a selection of high-interest, nonfiction reading materials for students to take home, read and use as research and inspiration for writing about current events.

Teacher: Deeann Downs, Angela Foster, Kelly Miller

School: Farrington Grove

We're Binding Home and School Together

Homework binder will provide 3rd grade students with the opportunity to be able to connect school to home with their binders that will include math manipulatives and reference pages, reading tools and their homework agenda

Teacher: Amara Floyd, Megan Ogg, Roseanne Waite

School: Farrington Grove

We're Going on a Book Walk!

This project will allow students to read a book, take a walk, and have a reminder token to be able to retell the story.

Teacher: Amanda Hazelwood

School: Terre Town

We've Got Data, Yes We Do!

Students will be provided binders to track their data for the three years that they attend West Vigo Middle School

Teacher: Julie Lautenschlager

School: West Vigo Middle

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Whoooo's in the Food Chain?

Providing barn owl pellets, which are a natural teaching tool because they are a fantastic example of the food chain, the principles of ecology, animal structure and function, skeletal anatomy, and natural history

Teacher: Mary DeBard

School: Otter Creek MS