

Foundation for Public Schools in Edgefield Teacher's Vision Grant 2016-2017

Teacher: Jennifer Rice **School:** W. E. Parker Elementary

Grant Name: Under the Big Top

My grant proposal, "Under the Big Top", benefited my 3rd grade math/science students. " The overall goal was to purchase books and bookbags for my students. There are 17 students in my homeroom class, however, my second group of 16 students are allowed to check out books to read at their leisure. I always get excited when a student asks, "can I take this book home to finish reading it?"

I believe that reading is the springboard to students' success. My goal for writing the grant is to implement activities that will explore reading, writing, and math. The goal of the project is to get students to read and keep reading!

Sadly, many students do not have a variety of books to read at home, therefore, students are encouraged to take books home from their reading sack to read during their time away from school. This gives them an outlet to pull away from the television set.

Unfortunately many of our students come from low income families which hinder some parents from having extra reading materials in the home. These parents simply don't have the extra money to buy books for the home. Every parent wants their child to be successful at school regardless of their circumstances. With the aid of this grant, we will see improvements in students' classroom performance, homework, grades, test scores, and ultimately the overall love for reading!

I'm overjoyed with the success of this project. It is my hope to continue to build on the collection of books next year.

On the following page you will see photos of the book bags as well as some students enjoying their independent time. You have my permission to use the photos as well as quote me.

“Under the Big Top”



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Pictured: Chloe Castle & Akilias Key