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Upon being rewarded the Edgefield Foundation Grant, I used the grant to fund Stem for Them. I was able to purchase 15 comprehensive stem bins for my students to use this year. I use these stem bins as my Morning Wake-up. Students enter the room on certain mornings and grab a bin. They are usually given a task to complete, such as building an object that connects to content we're learning in class. Sometimes they are given free choice and can create from their own ideas. By using these bins, my students' attention is grabbed first thing in the morning and they are excited to begin their day. I have also seen an increase in their critical thinking abilities and problem solving skills. They have learned to be independent in their thinking and not rely on others so much to spark their creativity.

I am so very thankful for this grant. My role as a teacher is validated when stakeholders in our community pour back into the schools and children of our community.

Thank you again for this amazing opportunity!

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