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School: Merriwether Elementary
Grade: 3rd

With the money I received from the Vision Grant, I was able to purchase STEM bins for my class. A variety of STEM materials were purchased including LEGOS, Wooden Blocks, Magnets, Play-Doh, Dominoes, and much more. The students are able to use the STEM bins during morning choice, as well as during centers as an enrichment activity. I was also able to purchase STEM task cards that challenge students to build anything from popular tourist attractions like the Eiffel Tower to a summer camp log cabin. Finally, I was able to use the money from this grant to purchase Storybook STEM which is a unit that provides STEM activities that correspond with ten different novels. We have read several of the novels this year and have enjoyed connecting our reading with STEM. The students love this addition to our classroom and it has allowed them to work on problem solving skills, be creative, think ahead, and come up with solutions to make their STEM creations even better.