

Project Title: “Learning to a Different Beat”

This grant enabled me to purchase materials needed to better facilitate group drumming activities in our music classes. I was able to purchase two Remo drum combo packs for the students to experience three different types of drums. With this addition to our instrument collection, students will have the opportunity to tap into their creativity and self-expression as well as experience a sense of community and purpose within an ensemble.

I have not yet been able to fully measure the effectiveness of these products due to waiting on the products to be restocked as well as waiting on them to ship. I predict this grant will be effective, however, for many years to come because it will aid in improving student participation, classroom management, and classroom environment. It will allow my students the opportunity to explore and create. Prior to receiving this grant, we did not own enough instruments for whole group participation. There are countless benefits of group drumming- it is inclusive, non-verbal, universal, and requires no previous experience. It is an integral part of many diverse cultures. This project meets the needs of all students, and these materials will continue to be used for many years to come. My students and I are very thankful for having received this grant, and are excited for all the joyful sounds we will create!

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