

Grant: Reading and Kindness Rocks!

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I am writing to provide a summary of the grant I received and how it has been effective. The grant I received was used to purchase materials that implemented reading, kindness, creativity and art. To complete phase I of the Reading and Kindness Rocks project, the book Pay it Forward was purchased and given to all fifth grade students. Students met every Friday during book club, which was facilitated by the media specialist. During each book club meeting, students participated in enriching conversations about the text and applied it to real world situations. Since it was a pleasure read, and not associated with a traditional assignment, students enjoyed the book club meetings. Students are currently completing the last 2 weeks of the novel and will begin phase II of the project in a few weeks.

This grant also allowed for the purchase of a variety of acrylic paints, paint pens, brushes and river rocks for use in this phase. The students are already excited and planning what words of wisdom they will put on their rocks for others to inspire others. The rocks will be placed in the outdoor reading area for all to read. Once phase II is complete, the students want to create other kindness rocks to place throughout the community.

Thank you so much for allowing me to facilitate this project for our students. Our school's motto is that kindness matters so this project complemented our mission well.

