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FPSEC: Teacher's Vision Grant 2022-2023 (Listening Center)

When I applied for this grant, I had requested that I use the grant toward building a listening center within my classroom. This included buying headphones, an audio jack, a tape/cd player system, and the books and cds to listen to. I knew that students would highly benefit from not only having visual and audio aspects hand in hand, but it could also help develop their social skills. The entire experience helped a lot of my students come out of their shells! I had students engaged with one another discussing the book they had read, and making predictions on what would happen. They also connected their own personal experiences to what they had read through their conversations with one another. As far as reading scores are concerned, every student went up a reading level at this point, or even more because of these skills they have been able to achieve. One student went up four reading levels just from the fall to the winter, and it has truly helped so much!