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2023-2024 Teacher Vision Grant Summary

This was the perfect grant for my classroom, at the perfect time! At the end of last year, I moved from teaching kindergarten for seven years to teaching second grade for the first time. Most of my books were kindergarten level. I was so excited to implement these books with this grant this year. The grant was for bridging the gap between home and school. I purchased more leveled readers for our classroom, take home pouches, and reading tools to engage readers.

Students take home a bag of books each week that includes 4-6 books of various topics. They rotate bags each week. Students love choosing different genres and topics on their level that they CAN read, and be excited to read! Students read the books nightly at home.

Reading growth is always amazing to see. At the end of the year, our goal is for students to be able to read at a certain level and answer comprehension questions about their reading. We have assessed these skills throughout the year on our report cards and through I Ready Diagnostics. I am eager to see their growth for our end of the year assessment.

I am thankful for this grant and was excited to reading materials to grow engaged readers. Thank you for supporting your students, teachers, schools, and communities!

