

Dear Edgefield School Foundation,

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the FPSEC committee for funding my grant for the 2024-2025 school year. I'm excited to summarize how the grant has enhanced the learning experiences in my classroom.

"Collaboration Stations" allowed my students to access STEM bins to increase their interest in science and engineering. These bins contained play-based STEM materials that promoted creativity, critical thinking, and problem -solving skills. These stations provided activities that helped strengthen their fine motor skills, spatial learning, mathematical, and critical thinking skills. The students used the materials in the bins to play with, create with, and collaborate on together. These STEM activities helped the students by allowing them to successfully build or solve problems and provide great sensory benefits for students who need practice with fine motor skills.

Students had numerous opportunities to participate in collaborative discussions where they practiced listening and speaking skills and interacted with others who offered differing opinions and perspectives.

The goal was to teach the students to collaborate, communicate, and problem solve with their peers.

Students were engaged daily in STEM investigations. These collaboration stations allowed children to engage in daily opportunities to question, infer, investigate, construct explanations and design solutions, and evaluate and communicate information. Students were engaged as they increased their problem solving and communication skills.

"Collaboration stations" enabled my students to develop the world class knowledge skills of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), the world class skills of Creativity and innovation, Critical thinking and problem solving, Collaboration and teamwork, and Communication, and life and career characteristics of Interpersonal skills and Perseverance.

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