

Thank you so much for finding my grant! My project, "ABC, 123, Amp It Up For You And Me...again!," was designed to continue to "amp up" learning by providing additional literacy and STEM materials and resources that will integrate all curriculum areas. Students have been able to explore and practice skills and use problem solving to complete challenges and activities. The literacy materials have allowed the children to be immersed in all things literacy such as books, writing materials, magnetic letters, stations and much more. With the STEM materials, students brainstormed and worked together to plan, create, and test solutions. Since an integrated approach was used, money was spent to purchase literature, such as "Amelia the Mouse, Inventor Extraordinaire" and STEM materials such as "Fairy Tale Problem Solving Kits". STEM stations such as this one provided challenging hands-on collaborative learning. Research shows that the best way to engage children's brains is by having them use their hands. Through read alouds and learning logs, students have been able to reflect on their learning and understanding. This project has naturally inspired students to think divergently, inventively, and imaginatively. The materials purchased from this project will be used again and again, impacting students for years to come.

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