

**Grant Title: Wheels in Motion: Bringing Playground Tricycles to our Kids**

I proposed adding a fleet of safe, age-appropriate playground tricycles to enhance outdoor play and physical activity for my students. My goals for providing the tricycles included the following reasons:

- To encourage active, social, and imaginative play that promotes physical fitness and coordination.
- To integrate tricycles to increase daily physical activity and improve gross motor skills.
- To foster teamwork, community, and overall well-being among students.
- To fill a gap in playground resources, not a continuation of prior funding.
- Improves physical fitness and cardiovascular health through active play.
- Enhances gross motor skills, balance, and coordination.
- Builds social skills, cooperation, and teamwork during shared riding and games.
- Stimulates imaginative and creative play opportunities.
- Promotes emotional well-being and a stronger sense of community among children.

Being able to purchase these tricycles has changed the climate of our recess playground in such a positive way. Not only have they brought so much joy to the faces of our preschool aged children, there have also been so many physical benefits as well. Watching our students as they spend time riding these tricycles have helped me to recognize the following benefits even amongst our younger children:

- Improved physical fitness and cardiovascular health through active play.
- Enhanced gross motor skills, balance, and coordination.
- Stronger social skills, cooperation, and teamwork during shared riding and games.
- Stimulated imaginative and creative play opportunities.
- Promoted emotional well-being and a stronger sense of community among children.

Our playground has become a place where our children feel safe enough to take risks, to laugh out loud, and to play with total abandon. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to provide our students with these tricycles. Nothing compares to the amount of joy we feel when we see our children laughing uncontrollably and sharing rides with friends.

Sincerely,

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