

Indian Prairie Educational Foundation
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Elementary School

Rachael Mahmood/Brookdale

Including all Students' Cultures in Literacy

50 sets of multicultural guided reading books will be purchased. Care will be taken to identify books that reflect the population of school.

Betsy Erickson/ Brookdale

Imagine That!

The Imagine That! Workshop provides the Kindergarten classroom with a great jumping off point to stimulate creativity.

Lindsey Parks/Brookdale

LCD Microscopes

LCD microscopes with a screen, that can be used by multiple students at once, as well as built in camera and storage for pictures will be purchased. These microscopes encourage collaboration, one of the 21st Century Skills that our district is focused on.

Benita Scott/Builta

LMC Presentation Center

A short throw projector for the LMC will provide an electronic presentation area for the entire school community.

Patricia Sigcho/ Cowlshaw

Family Summer Learning Workshops

A partnership with the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and the Willowbrook Wildlife Center will be formed. The Field Museum has specially equipment mobile units that bring the learning right to the school to provide hands on experiences to students.

Beverly Mathews/Fry

Knit-Knackers

A 5th grade knitting club to use as a character building exercise as well as a social service project, will be formed.

Beth Herrig/Georgetown

Scrabble Flash

Scrabble Flash Cube sets will be purchased for second grade classrooms. This game is a motivator for students, it helps kids generalize their spelling skills and spelling patterns in the format of a fun, fast paced game that can be played by kids of all levels.

Kristin Marino/Gombert

Beyond Question

The student response system is an amazing interactive way to keep students engaged and promote participation. Each student will have their own handheld remote responder. Teachers can create quick assessments and project these assessments on their white boards/SMARTboards.

Julie Breese/Kendall

Clear Chat

Logitech Clear Chat Comfort USB headphones will be purchased to assist students in recording and listening to their voices to improve fluency and word reading.

Lynda Field/Kendall

Word Study in Action

Words Their Way Online Workshop presents educators with a self paced, interactive, professional development workshop designed to help primary, elementary, and middle grade teachers, as well as reading specialists, literacy coaches, facilitators, and staff development trainers master the methodology of the Words Their Way word study approach for their students.

Deb Czajka/Longwood

Kindergarten Round Up & Social Skills Initiative

As part of Kindergarten Registration teachers will offer parents information on the value of playing games with their children. Then board games will be purchased for all incoming kindergartners.

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Julie Slade/Owen

Weather Weather

Groups will make a weather board game. Each group is responsible for coming up with the object of the game, rules, and at least 25 trivia questions that need to be answered while playing the game along with an answer key.

Eric White/Peterson

Save the Earth Lapboards

Lapboards will be purchased for each student in classroom. Lapboards are a great way to get students involved in the classroom while adding fun and creativity. Additionally, using these boards will greatly assist in cutting down on paper waste.

Eric White/Peterson

Westward Movement Curriculum Integration

To connect social studies with reading class room sets of "Tucket's Home" will be purchased.

Dave Alessia/Spring Brook

Iditarod

To coincide with differentiated novel studies, the Iditarod Insider will be purchased. Additionally, a real-life musher/Iditarod volunteer and his four-legged sled dog friends will be welcomed to school.

Dawn Pope/Spring Brook

The Heart of the Matter

Using heart and lung models as well as real stethoscopes in the classroom provides a hands on approach to learning.

Middle School

Megan Hall/Fisher

Playaways to Enhance the Novel Study Experience

This project will enhance the educational experiences offered to Special Education and English Language Learner and/or Bilingual students by allowing them to experience listening and reading two different seventh grade novels: The Outsiders and Among the Hidden.

Erin Wash/Granger

Wet felting

Wet felting is a process where raw wool, is pressed permanently together in a technique that mostly uses water. Using this method, a variety of items can be created. Felting will be done with both 8th grade Drawing and Painting students as well as the PACE students.

High School

Sharon Kickel/Crouse Education Center

Community Based Work Training

During work training students need a reference point to assess how a particular job or task should be performed and how it would look for a typical peer to perform the work. A flip video will allow the task to be recorded and then reviewed, providing students' immediate feedback.

Adrienne O'Neal/Neuqua Valley

Visualizing Biology

A video for each science unit will peak student interest and further develop their understanding of content. Biology teachers will also create class sets of either a puzzle or board game for each unit.

Adrienne O'Neal/Neuqua Valley

Reading Science

School reading specialists recommend Weekly Reader Current Science as a visually appealing source of relevant current scientific topics in the articles, graphs and charts. A subscription to this magazine will also give access to all archived editions, as well as digital interactive activities.

Nikki Crum/Waubonsie Valley

Audiobooks for Accessibility

Audio CDs will provide accessibility to the educational material, help promote content knowledge and retention, without putting a strain on those students that struggle with decoding and fluency issues.