

Fall 2007 Approved PTA Grants

1. \$399 **Tumblebooks Online Subscription. Submitted by Tracy Murdach.**

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated talking picture books which are taken from existing picture books adding sound, animation music and narration. It is accessed on line from every computer in Many ethnic and cultural issues are addressed and many have bilingual titles allowing the user to read the book in 2 languages.

2. \$1200 **SRA Reading Mastery reading instruction program**

Submitted by Allie Mensing Resource Teacher at PR. This program targets students with intensive reading needs support and has been proven effective for 35 years. A well known program to reading specialists, it focuses on sound pronunciation, oral blending and symbol identification.

3. \$380 **SRA Corrective Reading encoding Levels A and B1** Submitted by

Allie Mensing.. This reading program targets students who are reading one or more grade level below their peers. The key components of this program are teacher-directed instruction, high frequency practice and learning letter sounds and blend words

4. \$2088 **Grade 3 leveled Readers** Submitted by Toby Pleszkun,

Gifted/Enrichment at PR. District 34 has put emphasis on using leveled reading material to teach a variety of reading strategies through shared, independent and guided reading. The National Geographic Themed sets align directly with social studies and science curriculum and are of high interest to students

5. \$250 **28 books to address reading strategies for 3rd Grade** Submitted by Kellie

Saylor 3rd grade teacher PR. These books have been identified to address the reading strategies that will be taught in third grade which goes from Learning to Read to Reading to Learn.

6. \$1780 **Books for Independent Reading** Submitted by Deb Shefren Reading

Specialist Lyon. This grant would provide student books for leveled reading during Independent Reading. This grant would enable each 1st and 2nd grade to receive 30 additional books.

7. \$689 **Digital Video Camera and Wireless Microphone** submitted by Tracy

Murdach technology facilitator Lyon. Lyon currently has only one video camera . Lyon is currently doing "What is your story" theme and they are limited with one camera. Other uses are student presentations, Fine arts technology integration and documenting student progress

8. \$290 **Digital Camera for Lyon Fine Arts** Submitted by Mary Tapia Fine

Arts teacher Lyon. This camera will be used to document student work. Current cameras have limited storage capabilities, poor resolution and use floppy disks.

These digital photos of the students artwork will be used to create digital portfolios for self assessment purposes. Self assessment is a targeted area of growth for the district.

9. \$1121 **LCD Monitor to display in Lyon School Office for upcoming events.**

Submitted by Katie Seigel Admin Asst at Lyon. The monitor would be located in the office and used as a communication tool to display coming events, support school activities and display student photos and work. A similar monitor was given to PR from a PTA Grant.

10. \$270 **135 headphones** Submitted by Katie Konieczka Technology Facilitator PR.

These headset would be used with computers in the back of classrooms while teaching is taking place. It enables students to utilized Read Naturally to work on fluency and reading comprehension. Students need the sound on for students to learn and practice while they work through the program.

11. \$300 **.MAC accounts for class website design** Submitted by Fine Arts team at Lyon.

New iWeb software on the Apple computer allows teachers to design and maintain their own class websites. Currently they have to go through Tracy Murdach to make any changes or additions.

12. \$2625 **FISH, Philosophy to improve student character and problem solving.**

This grant would fund 7 “Expedition Packs” which provide instructional materials situation analysis materials for students to analyze and discuss. This supports the districts goal to develop and use social awareness and self –management in order to be successful in school and life.

13. \$420 **Brain Gym Materials** Submitted by Jenny Freidman Spec. Ed. Teacher Lyon.

This is targeted at students who have trouble focusing which directly affects students academic progress. Research has shown purposeful movement activities in their routine is helpful. Brain Gym is a complete program of stimulating activities to use in the classroom. Jenny would like to pilot the program with IEP students and then introduce it to Lyon Staff at Building Council Meeting.

Total Grants Approved for Fall 2007 \$11,812