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Fischbach Reading and Writing Grants Awards \$7,600

Through the generosity of local donors! Benton Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 Marilyn Fischbach Reading and Writing Grants. All Benton County elementary teachers were invited to submit competitive applications for funding of projects or materials that will enhance the curriculum offerings in their classrooms.

Alice Thurston, (Foundation Board member), Cassidy Etter (College Success Intern), Leslie Fisher(R&W Committee member) ,and Lynn Bowers(R&W Committee member) recently visited the teachers to share the good news.

- **Emily McMullen** (Otterbein) will purchase materials for enhancing learning environments.
- **Heather Holder** (Otterbein) has received funding to grow the classroom library.
- **Halston Ziembo** (Otterbein) will purchase materials for social, emotional and mental health.
- **Kristie Bernier and Lauren Muthig** (Otterbein) will use their grant to purchase books for classroom library.
- **Cathy Jenkins and Sarah Bostian** (Otterbein) received funding to purchase books for sensory activities.
- **Eva Cassidy** (Otterbein) will purchase phonic skills chapter books.
- **Sara Crane and Whitney Widmer** (Otterbein) will be utilizing this award for their fourth graders to purchase weekly newspapers for Science and Social Studies.
- **Jackie Dowdy and Jeanine Levco** (Otterbein) has received funding to enhance the fifth grade reading and writing curriculum.
- **Amy Mermoud** (Prairie Crossing) will be using grant funds to purchase Scholastic News Magazines and Interactive Reading and Writing Bundle.
- **Tracy Best** (Prairie Crossing) will utilize this award to purchase Scholastic News Magazines and Ailuki Magnetic Tiles for kindergarten students.
- **Jennifer Call** (Prairie Crossing) will be using grant funds to purchase books by Mo Willems (Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus).
- **Amanda Wargo** (Prairie Crossing) will utilize the funds to purchase a subscription to Writing City a digital writing curriculum.
- **Leah Harrison** (Prairie Crossing) received funding for subscriptions for Scholastic News and Science Spin.
- **Cris Burgett, Barb Holmes, Alyssa Dunscomb, and Abbie Spitznagle** (Prairie Crossing) will purchase Scholastic News Magazines for their 2nd grade students.
- **Laura Sexton** (Sacred Heart) received funding to purchase Light Table for sensory activities for preschool.

- **Kelsee Burk** (Sacred Heart) will be using grant money for purchasing a subscription to Reading Eggs.

Benton Community Foundation is pleased to partner with our school systems in this effort. For more information about these awards or how you can donate to the Marilyn Fischbach Reading and Writing Fund contact andrea@bentoncf.org.