

Sensory Room Equipment

\$534.19 awarded in April 2022

Sensory rooms in schools create a controlled, sensory-focused environment. These environments allow sensory experiences to be tailored to meet the specific needs of an individual and can be a therapeutic place for students to visit. New equipment was purchased to facilitate calming and productive release of energy.

“I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to purchase more items for students to use in the sensory room. The popular items were pogo jumpers, Magna-Tiles and both the gravity maze and putty maze games. Being able to have a variety of choices for the kids to have when they take breaks is helpful.”

- Chantal Clausen, Behavior Interventionist para



Grants Awarded to Windom Area Elementary Students in K-5

Rocket Math for 1st and 2nd Graders

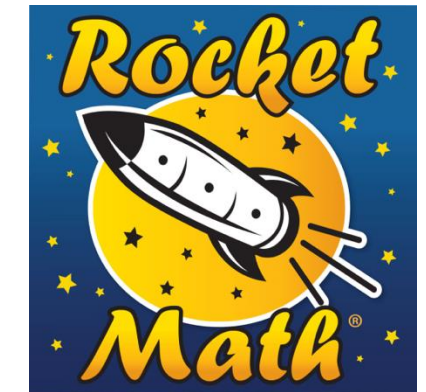
\$500 awarded in June 2021

\$2,030 awarded in April 2022

Fact fluency is a vital skill for elementary students that helps them with all other aspects of math. Rocket Math is a fun, engaging, and effective way to teach students their math facts. Students work their way through levels and have three seconds to solve math facts. They work through addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

“Rocket Math helps me answer adding and subtracting questions faster.”

- Addy, student



Jump Start Your Day

\$500 awarded in June 2021

Before school, students will jump rope to music and be taught jump rope jingles. There has been research done showing the educational benefits of this activity. Besides the physical and mental health benefits, the rhythm combined with exercise stimulates the brain. It helps students to become more focused when learning, which helps with math and reading skills.

“I like doing rhymes and jumping in while the rope is already twirling. It was hard at first, and then practicing makes you better, and then you feel happier.”

- Keihanna, student



Summary List of Projects

Beginning Balance K-5 Elementary Funds: \$10,715.19

Amount	Date	Description	Teacher/Staff
\$500.00	6/16/2021	Rocket Math Annual Subscription – 2 nd grade	Jaci Riordan
\$500.00	6/21/2021	Jump Start Your Day – Title Reading	Peggy Gehl
\$1,270.00	9/29/2021	K-5 Art Room Enhancements – Art	Elizabeth Roberts
\$1,800.00	9/29/2021	Elementary Soccer Goals – Playground	Dane Nielsen
\$1,391.00	10/13/2021	Non-Verbal & Dev. Cognitive Disabilities – SpEd.	Ashley Schmit
\$2,690.00	12/8/2021	Reading Novel Study Books – 5 th Grade	Kristi Maricle
\$2,030.00	3/2/2022	Rocket Math and Generation Genius	Grades 1 & 2
\$534.19	4/13/2022	Sensory Room Equipment for Calming Room	Chantel Clausen

Ending Balance 5/1/2022: \$0.00

K-5 Art Room Enhancements

\$1,270 awarded in September 2021

Funding was needed to purchase an instruction/story time space with a carpet and color coordinating baskets and containers to help organize art supplies. The grant also built an art specific library to use for instruction and provided color correction glasses for students who identified as color blind.

"Students get inspired by what they see in the books that are in the art classroom library. They are also able to make connections between what they have been learning in class and what they see in the books, which helps solidify the concepts they have been learning."

– Elizabeth Roberts, Art teacher



Elementary Soccer Goal Equipment

\$1,800 awarded in September 2021

Soccer is extremely popular within our school district, and we don't have goals for use at the elementary.

"I think the best way to express how much those soccer goals mean to the elementary school would be for someone to witness a morning recess or after lunch recess. They have been in use every school day since being put out. Just having the goals has brought together students for play, exercise, fellowship, competition and much more. We are forever grateful to the Windom Area Foundation for this grant."

- Dane Nielsen, Assistant Principal



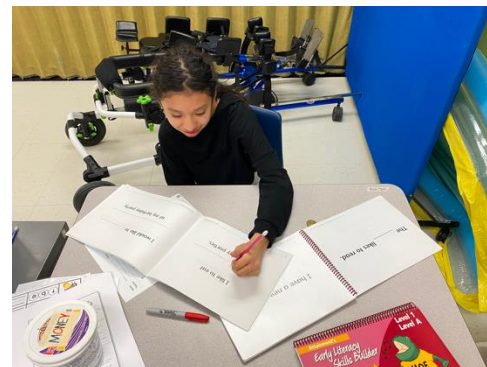
Non-verbal and Developmental Cognitive Disabilities Curriculum

\$1,392 awarded in September 2021

Early Literacy Skills Builder is a research-based literacy program for students with severe cognitive delays and non-verbal students. The math program provides a way for students to recognize numbers and to teach them about number sense.

"The reading curriculum that I was able to purchase helps my non-verbal and lower-leveled learners to read and be engaged in the reading process. This curriculum makes it so much fun for them. I really appreciate the grant, so that I can continue to help my students be successful and watch them learn and grow."

– Ashley Schmit, teacher



Novel Study Books/Unit Study

\$2,690 awarded in December 2021

A novel study allows students to develop reading comprehension and thinking skills through literature. It lets them practice and refine their skills related to the Minnesota Standards in a more engaging format than the typical reading textbook. And it helps build a love of reading and allows for project-based learning.

"Novel studies are fun and help me understand reading strategies and help me work on my comprehension. It is fun to be able to read and discuss what we read with my reading partners."

- Tara D., student

