

LITERACY PROJECT DESCRIPTION

For the past 4 years we have been doing a Literacy project for the students at Sun View Elementary School. Each year our Literacy project evolves based on the current needs of the Students at Sun View Elementary School. This year our Literacy project will include giving the gift of summer reading (2 books to each student at Sun View) and to promote non-fiction reading to the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

For every twenty 9th graders, 6 drop out.

- Of those remaining fourteen students
 - 6 graduates are work bound.
 - 8 become college freshman
 - Of those eight, 4 are college drop outs and 4 are college graduates
 - Of those four college graduates, 2 secure high skills/high wage occupations.
 - The other 2 are underemployed

The of the 300 students that attend Sun View:

- 74% are low socioeconomic status
- 45% are English Language Learners
- 21% are Special Ed (diagnostic)

LITERACY - KIDS DISCOVERY (Non-Fiction Learning)

Non-fiction reading and learning is generally harder to processes. The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers at Sun View Elementary have found a valuable tool in the Kids Discover "magazines" (for lack of a better term) and have been utilizing them for the past 11 years for Non-fiction/High Interest learning. These "magazines" are by topic; chock-full of information. It is the wonderfully vibrant graphics in these "magazines" that draw the students in and make them want to read and learn more. Giving the students the opportunity to self-discovery; to explore learning on their own instead of having a teacher dictating what they should be learning.

The 20 Kids Discover topics come in packs of 10; once delivered they will go into the central book room where each teacher will pull the topics they need for the week (or longer). Teachers will often use these in small group learning (and are helpful with a combination grade level class, where one grade level might be working on Kids Discover and the other grade with the teacher - and then switching).

As a companion to the Kids Discover "magazines" the teachers will come up with a companion piece to promote reading comprehension and self discovery. For example, one of the teacher's companion piece is a "Scavenger Hunt" where the student can work individually or with a partner. In this Scavenger Hunt it will have you reading a certain page or page range and then ask you questions (based on the topic) like, Name 5 things you learned, Name 5 things you want to learn more about ____, go to # page and draw 5 things you learned. Another example would be for the student to read a certain page or page range, list 5 facts and then go to the computer and find 5 different facts not listed on the page.

Because these "magazines" will not be written in and are durable, they will not only be used this year, but used over and over each year; encouraging students as they pass-through each grade level to read and learn. Kids Discover has been used at Sun View as a resource over the past eleven years and are requesting new titles with an emphasis in Science as these will help with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders with their reading comprehension allied with the Science Standards and Common Core Standards.

LITERACY – SUMMER READING

Many children tend to fall behind during the summer unless they are given the attention and resources they need during these months. Having access to books during the summer helps to reinforce good learning habits and is critical to maintaining a child's achievement level. Children who lack the access to books and the opportunities to read will fall behind each summer. During the school year, lower-income children's skills improve at close to the same rate as their more advantaged peers - but over the summer, middle- and upper-income children's skills continue to improve, while lower-income children's skills do not. (Alexander, 2007)

It has been said that by the age of 9 children are learning to read...after age 9 children read to learn. Children that do not learn to read by age 9 often perform lower and become low achievers; don't go to college or even drop out of school. Because of this they are less likely to get jobs and may even turn to drugs or criminal activities. The purpose of the our Summer Reading Literacy Project is to promote literacy to our youth and encourage them to learn to read; with the hopes of having them learn to like or even love to read. To accomplish this our goal is to deliver Summer Reading "Gifts" to each student and have read aloud sessions to the students upon delivery.

Sun View Elementary School is one of the lowest performing schools in Huntington Beach. You often find that children that attend these lower performing schools can often come from lower-income families and they don't or won't have access to reading material over the summer. Here are the 2013 Sun View CST scores:

- Grade 2 English Language Arts – 43% proficient or better
- Grade 3 English Language Arts – 31% proficient or better
- Grade 4 English Language Arts – 76% proficient or better
- Grade 5 English Language Arts – 64% proficient or better

Here are the student counts for each grade level:

K - 50
1 - 40
2 - 60
3 - 55
4 - 55
5 - 40

We will be "wrapping" each Summer Reading Packet with ribbon to create added excitement and show that it is "fun" to get books as gifts. By showing our children that it is fun to read (during the read-aloud sessions) and giving them reading materials that BELONG to them and that they can trade or borrow from/with their friends; we are encouraging the reading and learning process. In addition to the reading packets each book will come with a handout/worksheet that we will include in the gifts to help with reading comprehension.

Upon approval of the grant we will order the books from Scholastic. Once the books arrive we will have members of our club assemble each Summer Reading Packet with the appropriate number of books. We have tentatively scheduled our book distribution for Friday, May 29th (delivery of the books must happen before the end of the school year June 2015). On this day we will "present" the books at their Flag assembly in which the entire school (students, faculty and staff) along with some parents attend. Following the assembly we intend to have "read-aloud" sessions to the grade levels as we pass out the books).

We plan to purchase either School Readiness Packs (5 books per pack) or STEM Packs (5 books per pack) and Fiction/Non-Fiction (10 books per pack). Maybe more (Packs so we can give the students more than one book, or additional books for their library or their reward system (if a student acquires a certain amount of points they get to

exchange them for a book on the reward shelf to take home and keep)) if we get donations (for this part of the project) from our members.

It is our intent to stuff each book with its corresponding Think Sheet (a worksheet with activities/questions that pertain to the book to help promote reading comprehension) and "wrap" it in a ribbon (to promote the "gift" of reading). We will also be stuffing the book with a book mark with their school logo and the 4 way test on the back and stickering the inside of the book with their School logo. The bookmarks and stickers will be made and printed by one of our club members. Our club members will assist in stuffing, wrapping and stickering the books.

Our members will also participate in the book presentation. In May or June we will be at the schools Flag Assembly where we will be introduced, we will then have 3 read aloud sessions where members will read books to the students and pass out their gifts.

The new catalog is not yet available for the books, I have enclosed last year's catalog as I am informed by my scholastic contact that the prices of the packs will not change this year. I estimate that this project will cost about \$2,580.16.

LITERACY PROJECT PROPOSED BUDGET AND TIMELINE

The total budget for this project is \$3,376.06.

- Club Contribution: \$1,688.03
- District Contribution: \$1,688.03

Scholastic Books

Item Name	QTY	Item Price	Total
Scholastic STEM Packs (5-books per pack)	66	\$19.95	\$1,316.70
Scholastic Fiction/Non-Fiction Packs (10-books per pack)	31	\$34.95	\$1,083.45
Shipping and handling for Scholastic (usually waived)			\$0.00
Sales Tax (estimated)			\$180.01
TOTAL			\$2,580.16

Kids Discover

Item Name	QTY	Item Price	Total
Various titles	20	\$39.90	\$758.10
Microsoft Office Pro Plus 2010 License (3 yr)	1	\$19.90	\$19.90
Subtotal			\$778.00
Shipping and handling (estimated)	1	\$458.15	\$37.90
TOTAL			\$795.90

TIMELINE

Kids Discovery - Will be purchasing these titles as soon as the grant has been funded; so that the students will be able to use them for as much of the 2014-2015 school year as possible.

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