

REF Grants Awarded for 2014-2015 School Year

Project Title	Applicant's Name	School	Grade Level	Description
Dive into Real Life Books	Mammone	Lincoln	2	Students will be introduced to STEM books as well as well as non-fiction books to enhance literacy and learning of real life informational texts.
Literacy - Enriched Play Settings	Rosenzweig	Sylvan	K	Proposal will provide dramatic play centers; such as veterinarian office; grocery store; hair salon, etc, to help influence emergent literacy development
Tricks for Tricky Words!	2nd grade teachers	Washington	2	Teaching Cards will be used to determine the meaning of unknown words and phrases by using context clues and pictures - common Core 2.4
Organization groups: A Student Centered Empowerment Group	Rudnick	Pierrepoint	4-8	Program will provide instruction in organization and study skills for faculty recommended students who struggle academically due to a deficit in these areas. Supplies will help reinforce these skills.
From Garbage to Garden	Almaliah	Pierrepoint and Union	4 G&T	Students will be introduced to the benefits of composting - education as well as with the practical experience of composting in the school The program will start with the 4th grade G&T students with the potential to expand to whole school
Chromebooks	Morano/ O'Donnell	RHS	9-12	The goal of this program is to increase the student use of technology, to promote group collaboration in the classroom, to facilitate writing as a process , and to encourage collaborative presentation skills through the use of 30 Chromebooks.
Using iPods to Enhance Reading Instruction in 6th grade	Gismond	Union	6	The goal of the proposed activity is to use iPods to improve students' decoding and listening comprehension skills through a multisensory approach to learning. It would assist auditory learners. The proposed program would increase the availability of iPods funded last year for this program.
STEM Club	Helphigstine	Pierrepoint	6-8	Proposal is to develop a CAD- 3D Club. Through the use of computer aided design (CAD) students will apply science and math skills by designing and creating 3 dimensional objects.
Junior Scholastic Informational Text Magazine / On-line Resource	Mcfadden-Doty, Espanosa/ Manocchio, Doty	Pierrepoint	6-7	The goal of program is to increase the incorporation of informational text into the English and Language Arts classrooms through the use of Scholastic magazines and access to on-line activities.
Ants at Work !	2nd grade teachers	Washington	2	Students will be able to observe, write about and discuss working ants after reading the non-fiction Ants at Work book through the use of live ants in Uncle Milton's Ant Farm

Instruments for a Changing World	Boyer	Washington	K-3	Students will be provided with various percussion instruments to experiment, play, improvise and interact with music accompanying their own singing. They will also be involved in discussions of world music and various cultures
World Language Festival	Decker	Pierrepoint	4-8	Recurring program which immerses the students in the cultures of the languages taught in the Rutherford school district.
Heroes and Cool Kids	Frank Stout	RHS		Program stresses tolerance and anti-bullying as well as positive lifestyle choices for students in Grades 6, 8. It assists in transitioning grade 9 students into HS who also derive benefits from students in Grades 11 and 12 who are trained and lead by example.
"Let's Read"	DeCaprio	Lincoln	K	Goal of program is to introduce early readers to nonfiction text with high interest books that provide sight-word practice. A total of 64 sight words will be introduced.
RAZ up Reading	Risoli	Lincoln	1-3	Students will utilize leveled readers on the Kindle Fire devices purchased last year for both instructional and independent reading.
Middle School Transition	Carrion/Rudnick/ Huzzy	Pierrepoint	5-6	Goal of the program is to provide a comprehensive transition to middle school age students by providing tips and strategies to help them with academic, social and emotional challenges they may face a middle schoolers.
History Alive	Vandyk	Pierrepoint	6	An interactive and lab based program to assist students in learning about various cultures and themes in world history. It teaches students to think critically about history .
Smart Response	Smith	Pierrepoint	5	Engage students with Smart Response- click system in mathematical instruction. It will provide teachers with immediate insight on students' understanding of the material.
Classroom Document Camera	Smith	Pierrepoint	5	Portable camera that connects to projector via USB port which would enable students and teacher display any material (papers, objects or other technological tool) through a projector tied into the computer.
Newark Museum Traveling Planetarium	Foy/Curley	Pierrepoint	4	Newark Museum Traveling Planetarium - Telescopic Sky
Scooterville Enhancement	Randazzo	Washington	k-3	Goal of program is to supplement Scooterville, a Washington School town, created at the end of each year to teach students how to follow road signs and learn health and safety lessons at the places that they visit.

Let's Get Ready to Read!	Kennedy/Catalano/Sabia/Mandelbaum	Washington	1	Program will utilize Book baggies; whisper phones headsets and book buckets to foster reading growth of first graders which would also allow them to explore various genres.
The BARKY Awards	Stracco	RHS	9-12	The Barky Awards is a program created to recognize Excellence in Theatre. It is based on the philosophy of Tony award and presented to the theatre community each year in June.
Read Across Rutherford	Stracco/Nastasi	RHS		RHS students from Public speaking and Future Teachers of America will work with students from Washington and Lincoln to celebrate Read Across America.
The Starfall Premium Digital Phonix and Reading Program	Faigenbaum	Sylvan	K	The goal of the proposed activity is to provide digital, interactive phonics and reading instruction using district technology already in place. The program is interactive and works using smart boards.
Shaping Lives through Theatre Education	Stracco	RHS		Develop Theatre Honor Society through International Thespian society
Americas Battle of the Books	All 6th - 8th grade Teachers	Union	6-8	A reading incentive program for students in grades 3 -12. Students read books throughout the year and come together to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books they have read.
Astronomy Day at Union School	All 4th Grade Teachers	Union	4	Newark Museum Traveling Planetarium
Book Club	Gallo-Pasquale	RHS	9-12	Program designed to create and foster life long readers.
"Best College Fit"	Buckley	RHS	9-12	Assembly designed to assist students and their parents in learning what to look for in researching a good college "fit" and how to prepare to compete successfully for admission.
TV Studio Control Room	Mett	RHS	9-12	Update 20 year old TV equipment to HD equipment currently used in the industry.
Fire UP Readers - Year 2	Risoli	Lincoln	1-3	Grant will enable program to purchase full version of apps for existing Fire Up reading program; which will provide more activities than the free apps already available.
Flocabulary	Guglielmotti	Pierrepont	4-5	A web based vocabulary program which exposes students to grade-appropriate terms through the use of rap, songs and current events.
Sylvan School Playground		Sylvan	K	New Playground Equipment for K @ Sylvan
School's Choice	All	Washington	1-3	Prize from REF Fall Raffle to be used for school selected project.
				Total Awarded: \$64,561.00