

Spring 2006 Competitive Grants

Preschool: **Preschool Play** Materials used to teach children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to play, an essential activity for developing imagination and socialization.

Collicot: **Math Fact Lunch Munchers** Supplies, math games and incentives for lunch time math club.

Cunningham: **Hands On History** Unit on every day lives of people in historic Dorchester using primary source document, Colonel Samuel Pierce's Account Book to teach concept of barter. Funds cover cost of historical recreation actors for three 5th classes on one day. **Math Centers for Differentiated Learning** Learning materials to supplement "spiral skilled" Everyday Math program currently used in elementary schools. These materials will help students master skills that have been introduced but not reinforced in the official curriculum.

LeapFrog Schoolhouse Literacy Center To purchase six LeapFrog personal learning tools and a decodable classroom library of interactive decodable books and phonics skill cards to use in resource room. Provides independent, hands-on reading practice for 1st and 2nd grade students with IEPs or in need of remedial support.

Glover: **Extreme Multi-sensory Approach** Teachers will construct large alphabet letters using materials purchased with this grant for use in teaching handwriting in K-5. Uses visual, tactile, and kinesthetic inputs as well as spacial awareness.

Tucker: **Scholastic News at Tucker School** Subscription to Scholastic News for every student, K-12. Proposal is to integrate English and French classrooms once a week using Scholastic News as the tool. Addresses problem of reading informational text.

Pirece Middle School: **Big Maps** Materials to help students create big maps as a hands on and creative approach to teaching geography. **Solid Geometry** Three dimensional

objects for use by 7th grade geometry students. Especially helpful for students with difficulty understanding three dimensions on two dimensional paper. **First Lego League Robotic Challenge** Pierce students want to participate in national robotics competition. Grant funds equipment and materials needed. **Health Curriculum Enhancements** Materials and equipment for three new units: Babysitter's training, Community First Aid and Safety (including CPR manikins), and HIV Prevention. **Les Monde des Ados** Subscription to French magazine written for middle school students to use a curriculum supplement in course on French Cultural Studies. **Computer Piano Keyboard with music education/composition software** To be used in teaching music composition to middle school schools.

Milton High School: Journalism Curriculum Software Purchase of single license for Adobe In-Design software for use by Journalism I & II students. **Poetry Jam** Funding for spotlight, stage set, wardrobe, and 30 iTunes for use during poetry jam. Repeat of last year's successful program.