

First Grade Literacy Take Home Bags



GRANT RECIPIENTS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

*The purpose of this grant was to improve early literacy skills by creating take home bags for first grade readers. With the grant I purchased more leveled readers, ranging in levels A-M. Each student decorated a pre-purchased canvas bag in the fall. Each night, the students brought home a leveled book that they chose from the leveled library and read it to a family member. The parents received a description of the strategies we use when the student is “stuck” on a word. The students had a bookmark that described a book that was too easy, just right or too hard.

* I will evaluate it in the spring by sending home an attitudinal survey to parents and asking them for any suggestions or better practices.

*Canvas bags, plastic storage bins and leveled readers are necessary.

NYS STANDARD

Standard 2-ELA: Students will read, write, listen and speak for literary response and expression.

GRADE LEVEL

First Grade

STUDENTS SERVED

22 students

STUDENT OUTCOMES

My students experienced a wide variety of literature both at home and in school. They became more fluent, more confident decoding and increased their comprehension. Students realized that their teachers and their parents are both important in their school careers. My students became more responsible and organized due to the procedures set up in our classroom. My students were excited about reading and loved “owning” their reading.