

Leveled Lending Library



GRANT RECIPIENTS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this grant was to provide first grade students and their families leveled reading books to be used at home to further develop students' reading skills. As a result of receiving the literacy grant I purchased leveled readers for a classroom lending library. The books were labeled and sorted into baskets by reading level. Families learned about the leveled lending library at Open House and written updates were provided as needed throughout the year. Families also received a list of strategies that could be used with their young reader at home. Students purchased and decorated a canvas tote bag that was used to transport the books between home and school. Each day the students went to their "just right" basket, selected a book to take home and recorded the title on their Reading Log sheet.

NYS STANDARD

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

GRADE LEVEL

Grade 1

STUDENTS SERVED

19 students

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Students demonstrated a high degree of motivation and interest while choosing books to share with their families. The selection of books included many genres, which increased student exposure to non-fiction books, folktales and biographies. The library gave students additional reading practice at home using materials that supported their current reading ability and parents were able to observe their child's developing reading skills over time.