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GRANT RECIPIENTS

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NYS STANDARD

ELA 1E, MST 1E
Listening and reading, mathematical
analysis

GRADE LEVEL

Kindergarten and First Grade

STUDENTS SERVED

20 students



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It was a great opportunity for families to get together, turn off the TV and play board games. The books on social skills that went with the games provided a great discussion starting point. The grant provided quality time with family, that individual computer and video games lack.

A game night was held at school with parents and students. Everyone had an opportunity to play the games and learn the rules. At the end of the evening, the families went home with a game in a bag, along with a response journal for kids and parents and a book on social skills. Comments were written on the class web page.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Students learned how to play fair and followed the rules of new games. Children demonstrated the ability to accept failure as they played the game by knowing that they were not always going to win. They increased their ability to sit still for a longer period of time to play the games. The games enhanced memory, sequence, taking turns, organization, and math skills.

Parents noted that the children enjoyed teaching the game to others in the family and even grandparents played!