



Beaver Acres Elementary

2011-2012

Evaluating the Earth's Landscape: \$937

Funding provided through BEF Building STEAM 4 All

Acting as Geotechnical Engineers, fourth grade students will work through the engineering design process to evaluate a fictional landscape in Nepal, and make recommendations for a potential site to build a bridge. In addition, students will have the opportunity to participate in OMSI's traveling program – Let's Rock. The program will connect students with scientists in our community, as they learn about the dynamic forces that shape our earth, and how to properly identify rocks and minerals.

2010-2011

Arts for Learning (A4L): \$312.50

Award will be used to fund one Arts for Learning unit, with an artist in residence in one classroom in each grade 3-5 during the spring. Arts for Learning integrates standards-focused, text-based content and arts strategies to improve students' achievement in literacy, learning and life skills.

Technology Integration for Special Education: \$1,000

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Grant funds will be used to integrate iPad technology into small group or individual activities to support students with communication disorders. These students have greater success when provided with visual information.

2009-2010

Summer Sounds 2010: \$9,463

Grant funds will be used to continue this important summer program. During the four weeks of Summer Sounds, 30 at-risk kindergarten and first grade students will strengthen their oral language development, reading and writing skills through a celebration of sounds. A variety of sounds (songs, nature, phonics), will capture these young students attention, while deepening and strengthening their sound system and its application to speaking, reading and writing. Parents will be given guidance in oral language, reading and writing development to help students at home.