



McKay Elementary

2010-2011

Take My Teacher Home: \$1,000

Take My Teacher Home is a project that extends the school day in a fun and exciting way for kindergarten readers. Students will benefit from teacher instruction by taking home an Ipod loaded with pre-recorded lessons. Each lesson includes vocabulary, letter fluency, a song, poetry, literature and occasionally a writing exercise.

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Experience Science: \$950

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This project will help fill the gaps in science knowledge and experience for English Language Learners (ELL). Funding will enable more of these students to experience hands-on science that will build their background knowledge and spark their interest in science.

Scientific Terrific: \$990

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Research increasingly shows that students' interest in science, especially girls, reaches a make-or-break point in 5th grade. Creating enthusiasm for science and fostering scientific thinking are goals of this program. In this pilot project, students will plan their own science inquiries, follow project guidelines, reflect on their learning, use engaging tools and technology and create multi-media presentations. The goal of the project, for TAG (Talented and Gifted), and high achieving students, especially girls, is to create enthusiasm and engagement in the study of science beyond elementary school.