



Nancy Ryles Elementary

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.

2008-2009

A Picture Equals a Thousand Words: \$924

The phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words" takes on a new meaning when digital cameras are used by students to stimulate third graders' interest, and inspire creativity in writing. Throughout the academic year students will use their images, captured at school and on field trips, as writing prompts to create photo-essays demonstrating various writing styles.

2004-2005

Study Buddies Plus: \$7,809

The BEF funded after-school program will continue and expand so that more students will receive academic support. Students who do not receive homework support often have missed assignments, which can result in frustration, apathy and diminished learning. Through the Study Buddies program students will receive assistance and encouragement from a mentor, while applying study skills and techniques to their homework assignments. Through success, positive reinforcement and a clear set of practices, students will learn how to approach and complete homework assignments.