



Rock Creek 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

ELL Family Nights: \$1,000

To help English Language Learner (ELL) parents become partners in their children's education six ELL family evenings will be planned with grant funding. The purpose of these evenings is to build community between ELL families and school, while giving parents tools they need to become more active in their children's education. The family evenings will focus on such topics as the school nurse addressing common health concerns, Will Hornyak, a well known story teller, will share the art of telling stories and demonstrate ways parents and children can write stories in the air, a hands-on science inquiry workshop put on by Mad Science, THRPD and teachers will share ways for families to enjoy physical activity together, a math game night with an emphasis on basic math processes, and the final evening will be spent writing family books and discussing ways families can keep their kids reading and writing over the summer.

2005-2006

Home Literacy Connection: \$1,000

Studies show that students who are literate in their native language have a much easier time becoming proficient in English. The Home Literacy Connection project will provide parents with bi-lingual reading materials they can use at home to support their children's literacy in both English and Spanish.

Coffeehouse Poetry Evening: \$500

Coffeehouse Poetry Evening is the culminating third grade event, emphasizing the importance of good writing, celebrating a year's work of writing improvement. Children will share their poetry books with their parents, and they will create and read poetry together.