



William Walker Elementary

2011-2012

Together We Continue: \$1,000

Funding provided through BEF Building STEAM 4 All

Together We Continue extends the BEF funded project initiated in 2010 to promote comprehension strategies with challenged special education learners. Incorporating iPads into the literacy project will enrich, inspire and continue to build fluency and comprehension strategies. Technology, together with the class library, will provide the additional push these children need to make more significant gains in their reading.

Family Book Clubs: \$960

The Family Book Club project will be an opportunity for parents and children to share a literary experience. The clubs will meet to discuss literature in a cross-generational setting, encouraging children to read high-quality, high-interest literature, discuss ideas and issues in a safe environment and connect with important people in their lives. Each family will be provided with a copy of the current book under discussion.

2010-2011

Together We Can: \$750

The Together We Can project targets both Special Education and English Language Learners (ELL) with a focus on comprehension strategies from multiple research-based and successfully documented literacy-based reading programs. The use of an enriching class library with targeted mini-lessons will increase background knowledge, build vocabulary and comprehension skills and inspire a love of reading in struggling readers.

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.