



FAR & WISE 2023 Final Report

Elementary Program - New Cohort

Grant Amount: \$25,000

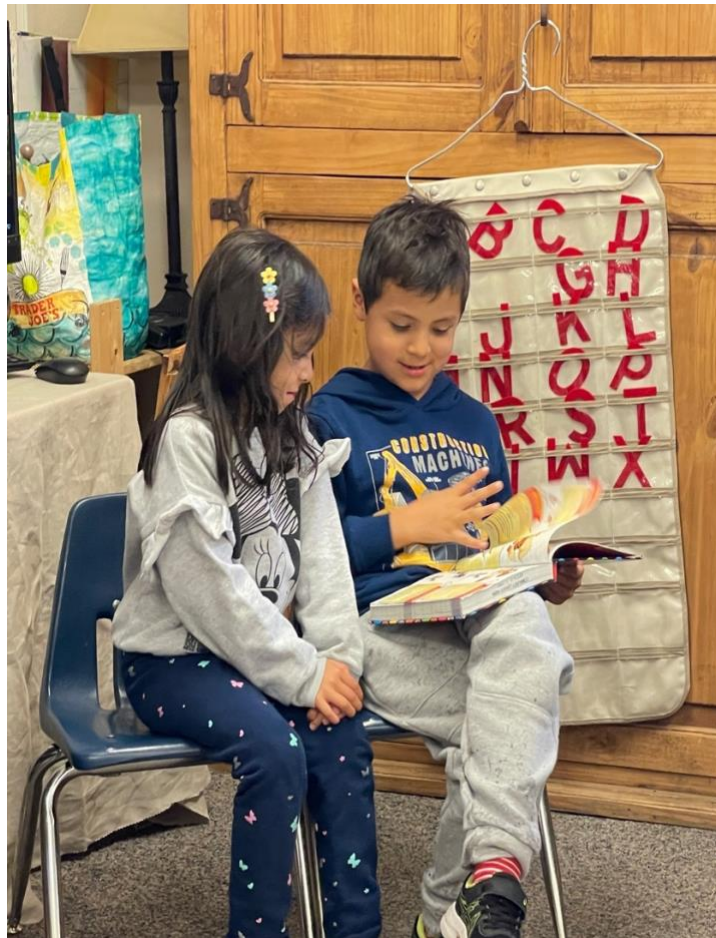
Grant Program in Review

The Wood River Women's Foundation grant provided critical funding to support the launch of a new 2nd grade cohort of 22 students! We had an extraordinarily successful year with this cohort with students making strides in literacy and math, and in their personal development in both social and emotional skills. We started the year with 20 students, but with additional requests, we were able to add two more students. One of our students joined us without English language skills, and this was an added challenge for him but he rose "to the task" by listening and working on his verbal and written English skills and has flourished – he is an integral part of the group. We even introduced early science concepts around Earth Day, and the students loved it. We had 100% parent participation in family connection conferences and all 22 students are still enrolled and will continue on!

Objectives & Outcomes

- We are waiting for specific literacy outcomes from literacy tutors, but 100% of our students participated in our in-class literacy programming (some worked additionally with our partner, Lee Pesky and our own literacy tutors); and our teacher assures me that we *exceeded* our goal of 90% improving their literacy skills. She states that all (100%) students made some strides in literacy skills (some greater than others). We will have more "scientific" results within a week or so. Exact data forthcoming.
- Our lead teacher also reported that 100% of students showed development in social-emotional skills throughout the year; our child development specialist states that 90% is accurate in terms of marked gains in social skills and emotional development consistently, over the year. We track our students' ability to self-regulate, resolve conflict, problem-solve, cooperate with one another, collaborate, and manage their emotions. We support the development of listening skills, respect for others, and support the development of confidence by encouraging students to share ideas about a book, share events from school, and other ideas based on prompts introduced by our teachers; we see each of these as critical skills to overall development, scholastic and life success.

- We started with 20 students, and as mentioned above, ended with 22! 100%+ retention.
- Unexpected challenge: non-English speaking student. Outcome: very positive as he is learning English by immersion and is learning (making strides) academically and flourishing socially.







Budget

Expenses	Amount requested from WRWCF	Actual Expenditures
Salary and Benefits	15,000	15,000
Classroom Set-up <i>(Equipment, furniture, materials, supplies)</i>	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	25,000	25,000