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PTO Grant Proposal by Christina Bates Grade 2

Dear New Franklin Teachers:

The New Franklin PTO has a teacher grant program that allots funds to worthy projects that will enhance our classrooms. A very simple application is below. The PTO Officers will select grant recipients at the November PTO meeting. Please submit applications by 10/26/15. Applications can be placed in the PTO mailbox or email to Stephanie Hausman at stepptom@hotmail.com.

1. Please write a brief narrative (not to exceed 250 words) outlining the project for which you are seeking funding. The narrative may include a project overview, desired outcomes and plans for achieving them as well as plans for assessing progress towards goals.

Project: Archaeology Dig to coincide with the second grade soil unit.

We have read about Archaeologists and learned the jobs involved in working together to excavate a site. We started with a three-layer cake (To simulate different soil layers) and slowly excavated through the cake layer by layer to uncover a variety of artifacts that were cleaned, bagged and labeled. We created and wrote a story about the people that may have lived (in the cake) using the evidence from the artifacts.

After experiencing all the jobs we moved outside to a more realistic dig site with real tools, sifters, and dirt. Students have to label each artifact, sketch it, note what kind of soil it was found in and then put it in a labeled baggie. We have taken the artifacts and displayed them and the site teams are working on writing a story about the people who may have lived there. We also have started book groups that are reading books about archaeology.

The excitement and enthusiasm for digging and finding artifacts is contagious! The students have had to work together on the sites and communicate together to come up with a story.

2. Please list the amount requested and the proposed use of requested funds.

All items are reusable for another year

4 Steel pointing trowels to dig- \$15.00

Items to bury \$ 30.00

For Cake- miniature bowels, skeletons, mini books, gems, plastic animals

For Outside- plates, coins, bones

Wood sifter built with screen and handles \$30.00

Sandwich bags for bagging artifacts \$5.00

Total-\$80.00