



Illinois Retired Teachers' Association,

I want to thank your organization for the funds that made it possible to purchase the many books that will enhance my teaching of the United States. We started this learning adventure in January. My students love reading about the different states! They are discovering many new and wonderful things about the country they live in. These second graders are spending time looking at and making maps. They are gaining knowledge about the mountains, rivers, deserts, and plains. We are learning about the many different crops and industries that are important in the United States. They especially love reading about the different animals that live in the states. I love when they use the state books to do their vacation planning! One little boy has decided that he would like to live in Utah when he grows up! These books are giving my students a greater appreciation for the country they live in and will provide them with a great foundation for future learning about the United States. Thanks again for making this learning experience possible for the second grade classes in Leland.

Sincerely,

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