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Dear Illinois Retired Teacher Association Foundation,

Thank you for providing the grant funding which allowed me to purchase fairy tales for the Illini Central Grade School library. I was able to purchase approximately forty high-quality library bound books at a variety of reading levels.

Our students spent the month of February exploring the fairy tales. Since I was able to purchase such a great variety of books, there was something for every student. We read fairy tales from many different countries. The students then researched those countries while they were in the computer lab. We also focused heavily on comparing and contrasting different versions of the same fairy tale. These activities made the students more attentive readers and drew their attention to the minute details of each tale. Other discussions revolved around the author's word choice, the impact of setting on the plot, and character analysis.

I have attached some samples of the work students completed during the unit. The samples are not flashy nor glamorous. They are unedited and in some cases, unfinished, but I hope they will give you a glimpse of the wonderful learning that took place as a result of the grant funding.

I have also attached pictures of some of the books that I purchased. The books purchased with this grant have become favorites among the students and are hard to keep on the shelves.

On behalf of all of the students at Illini Central Grade School, thank you for your support and the work you do to make these projects possible.

Sincerely,


Kaitlyn Strauman