

2026-2027 EPSF Classroom Grant Program - Sagewood Elementary School Grants

School	Grant Name	Description	Requestor	Grade	Amount
Sagewood Elementary	Fraction Tiles	Purchase fraction tile sets and teacher demonstration sets so students engage in hands-on exploration of fractions to build conceptual understanding of equivalence, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of fractions. Fourth and fifth graders must develop a deep, flexible understanding of fractions to meet grade-level standards.	Kristina Tolen	SW / 4-5	\$ 1,554.00
Sagewood Elementary	puzzles and collaborative games, sand and playdough, light table manipulatives, dramatic play resources	This grant request seeks to continue modernizing the foundational learning centers at Sagewood Elementary, as some of our current materials have not been updated since the school opened over ten years ago. Kindergarten learning has evolved significantly in a decade we are in need of high-quality resources that align with current developmental standards. We are requesting an update to our center rotations to better engage students in dramatic play, fine and gross motor development, and social-emotional growth. Specifically, this grant will provide: Problem-Solving & Social Skills: New puzzles and collaborative games designed to encourage sharing and strategic thinking. Sensory & Fine Motor Development: Fresh supplies of sand and playdough, which serve as vital tools for sensory regulation and the hand-strength needed for early writing. Strategic & Visual Learning: Light table manipulatives that invite students to explore patterns and spatial awareness through hands-on discovery. Creative & Role-Playing: Updated dramatic play resources to foster creative thinking, language development, and the ability to navigate social roles through play. By replacing these decade-old materials, we will provide our youngest learners with an environment that is not only engaging, but specifically designed to support the "whole child" during these critical early years of development.	Stephanie Stovie	SW / K	\$ 1,500.00
Sagewood Elementary	Books & Community Experiences	This classroom grant project would allow our Language Group students to learn about their community and learn new communication skills using verbal language or communication devices. Our students would be able to use the books they read to learn about different places in our community including the zoo, a farm, and a forest.	Michaela Koenig	SW / K-4	\$ 671.90
Sagewood Elementary	Vox Books	Sagewood Elementary is seeking grant funding to expand our school library collection through the purchase of VOX Books, which pair printed text with built-in audio narration. These books will be made available for circulation to all patrons. Many students, particularly kindergarten through second grade—have limited access to consistent models of fluent reading. Without regular exposure to strong narration, pacing, and expression, young readers may struggle to develop the foundational fluency skills necessary for comprehension and long-term reading success. Sagewood Elementary currently serves 35 English Language Learners, one of the highest percentage of EL students in our district. In the current school year, the breakdown of these students are 6 Emerging (beginning level) EL students and 29 Progressing (middle level) EL students. We also have 21 current students that have exited EL, are redesignated English fluent, but are in monitor status. The top five languages represented across the district include Telugu, Spanish, Chinese, Tamil, and Nepali. These students bring valuable linguistic diversity to our school community, yet they often face unique challenges in developing English literacy skills. This grant will help address those challenges by providing accessible, high-interest reading materials that support language development and foster a love of reading. This project is designed to support our primary students and our diverse student population, with a particular focus on English Language Learners (ELs), by providing equitable access to engaging, language-rich literacy resources.	Cheera Hibbard	SW / K-4	\$ 1,791.96
Sagewood Elementary	SEL Materials	The purpose of this project is to provide the staff at Sagewood Elementary with a robust, shared inventory of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) materials. I am requesting a curated collection of children's picture books designed to serve as instructional anchors for emotional literacy and problem-solving across all grade levels. To facilitate the practical application of these concepts, the request includes specialized plastic bins and a diverse variety of tactile fidgets for our "Calm Down Kits". By supplying these physical containers and sensory tools, we are expanding our standardized system that allows all teachers to support student self-regulation. Collectively, these resources will ensure that every educator has the literature and the physical tools necessary to support students' emotional needs directly within the classroom environment.	Amanda Hoops	SW / K-5	\$ 967.74
Sagewood Elementary	370 copies of - The World According to Humphrey	Our classroom grant project, One Book, One School: Reading Together, seeks funding to purchase copies of a high-interest, grade-appropriate book for every student and staff member at our school. This initiative is designed to foster a shared reading experience, cultivate a stronger school community, and promote literacy engagement among all participants, regardless of their reading level or background. The program will involve simultaneous reading of the chosen text across all grade levels and classrooms over a designated period, culminating in school-wide activities and discussions that integrate various subjects and encourage family participation. The grant is specifically requested to cover the bulk purchase of the selected title, ensuring that financial barriers are eliminated and every member of our diverse community can own and engage with the book, ultimately building a shared literary culture and boosting reading enthusiasm throughout the school year.	Tatum Mendenhall	SW / K-5	\$ 1,861.10
Sagewood Elementary	All-In-One Magnetic Phonics Kit (21 sets)	Our classroom grant project aims to purchase 21 All-In-One Magnetic Phonics Kits (Item #EE755) to ensure that our special education teachers and reading specialist have durable, portable, and high-quality materials for small-group reading instruction aligned with the UFLI program. Each sturdy case contains 80 color-coded grapheme magnets—including vowels, consonants, digraphs, and sound-switching tiles—along with a built-in write-and-wipe workspace where students can build, map, decode, and encode words. These all-inclusive kits replace our current laminated Velcro folder system, which has worn down from daily use and is no longer dependable for year-round instruction. By providing four kits for each of our four special education teachers and five for our reading specialist, we will equip staff with organized, ready-to-use manipulatives that are easy to transport across classrooms and student groups. The structure and durability of these kits make them an ideal fit for teachers who frequently travel throughout the building to provide targeted reading support.	Alyssa Timperley	SW / K-5	\$ 629.79
Sagewood Elementary	Story Champs Bundle	Story Champs is a multitermed, systematic, and explicit language program for preschool and school-age children, allowing you to teach basic and advanced story structure, vocabulary, modifiers, causal, and temporal connections. It includes 24 stories with printed illustration cards, story grammar icons, Story Starter cards, Story Games, Master Lesson Plans, and Writing worksheets. The Story Champs AAC expansion pack is a program that helps preschool and school-age children who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) build their language and comprehension skills as well as expand their use of AAC for academic and social communication. It includes 36 stories (Level A and simplified versions), a story illustration flipbook, and Master Lesson Plans	Angela Fitzgerald	SW / PreK-5	\$ 524.22
TOTAL SAGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM GRANTS					\$ 9,500.71