Reaching New Heights with Hi-Lo Readers

2018 Read2Succeed Grant

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NCSLMA Read 2 Succeed grants are available to K-12 NCSLMA member media coordinators (certified or provisional) in public or private schools, in partnership with classroom teachers, for innovative projects that foster the integration of media / information skills into the K-12 curriculum. The focus is on individual media coordinators and teachers rather than on district-wide projects. Up to five (5) one-year grants totaling $1,000 each will be awarded. Previous grant winners may re-apply after three years. Click here for Read 2 Succeed Grant Application due May 31, 2018.

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### 2017-2018 Winners

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The evidence is clear that students learn more and are better students when they read more often. Their reading levels increase simply because they practice more, and self-selected reading leads to greater motivation.
● 40 book challenge for EC students
  ○ Those students have given up trying to read much.
  ○ The books in our library were not appropriate for this task.
  ○ Series can build confidence and independence.

Rationale
What I said I would do:

- 40 book challenge for EC students
- Book tasting lesson
- Weekly teacher/student conferences
- Books talks by teachers, MS, and students
- Student-created book trailers
- “Student recommended” display
Book tasting at the Holbrook MS Media Center.
How I said I would measure:

A cautionary tale

- AR tests
- Google form linked in Google Classroom
- Growth measured on STAAR tests
How I spent the money:
Data?

I do not have any numerical data on STAAR Reading because our district discontinued it.

I do not have data on who passed EOCs because I did not get it before the end of the year and the teacher had a baby and has not come back.

But...
This has led to a school-wide initiative requiring each student to read the equivalent of a book a week.
YEAH!!
In the future I will be:

1. More careful about which teachers I ask to go in on grants with me.
2. Make sure I get the data before it is too late
3. Continue to share my big ideas with administrators, because even if it doesn’t turn out the way I hope

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