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Students Have *Fun with Books* Thanks to Foundation Grant

February 7, 2012 – Highland Elementary School 3rd Grade students are having fun with books thanks to a \$1,000 Venture Grant from the Ephrata Area Education Foundation. The grant funded the purchase of classroom sets of books to help students study biographies, historical fiction, mysteries, realistic fiction, poetry, and non-fiction books.

“The purpose is to expose the 3rd Grade students to a variety of genre, some they may not have read prior to delving into our *Fun with Books* adventure,” said teacher Susan Doub.



Students in her class recently read historical fiction books and completed projects to showcase what they learned. Several students wrote plays while others created “sandwich books” where they used parts of a sandwich to summarize and highlight various elements.

For example, on the bread they wrote the name of the book and author and drew their favorite scene. They summarized the book on the lettuce, described the setting on the mayonnaise, wrote about the main character on the tomato slice, and described the plot on the slice of ham.

The Ephrata Area Education Foundation awarded 15 Venture Grants worth nearly \$14,500 for the 2011-2012 school year. The grants provide funding to District staff to help enhance and expand educational experiences and opportunities for students that would not normally be funded through the school budget.

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