



Students at Julia A. Stark Elementary School, Stamford, participate in FirstClass Grant-funded program to foster creativity through building and problem-solving through teamwork.

FirstClass Grant Program for Teachers.

Examples from 2016 Recipients!*

Hamilton Avenue School - Constructive Recess

Provided funding to expand the school's "Constructive Recess" program which encourages interaction between boys and girls during play.

Columbus Magnet School – Young Astronaut Space Suits

A science, technology, engineering, and math program. Included a simulated space mission that taught real life emergency scenarios that NASA astronauts have encountered.

Hart Magnet Elementary School – Zooming In On My Environment

A program which used microscopes and materials to explore the macroinvertebrates extracted from the Mill River on the school's campus.

Hart Magnet Elementary School – Geology Rocks!

Provided a visit by a geologist from the Bruce Museum and a Rocks and Minerals exploration for students.

Julia A. Stark Elementary School – Wiggle to the Beat!

Provided wobble chairs, balance balls and yoga mats to help enhance music class for students with social, emotional, and learning needs.

Marvin Elementary School – Integrated Rain Stick Study

Students explored the use, appearance, and ceremonial aspects of a musical instrument called the rain stick. Children even had the opportunity to create their own rain sticks.

Newfield Elementary School – LEGO StoryStarter Program

Students worked together to create and build stories with LEGOs and then used the unique StoryVisualizer software to photograph, write, and publish their stories.

** Applications are evaluated on creativity and impact. Past program selection is not a guarantee of future funding.*

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