

Dear Yakima County Retirees Association.

I would like to first start this summary off by thanking this organization for donating yet again to my classroom and providing my students with engaging and unique ways to learn social skills.

The grant that our classroom was awarded provided over 48 social skills books that teach out students new skills through story engagement. They are building on their skills learning about emotions, inclusion, perseverance, personal space and more.

I attached a photo of a wonderful extension project that the students did in connection to one of the books that we purchased with the grant. This extension allowed the students to work on social skills, communication, reading, writing, fine motor and art. Providing that cross curricular work that is so valuable within the classroom. Each student chose a feeling and wrote a sentence explaining why they felt that way. After they completed the writing assignment they got to create an emotion spot just like in the book.

This is just one example of the extension activities our students will be able to do. It is so encouraging to hear our students connect with these concepts and use these skills. We are only at the beginning and already hear "I feel frustrated, because..." Can't wait to see what else they do.

Thank you again for your generosity. The impact it has on our classroom this year and years to come is appreciated.

Thankful,

Katherine Graham, Ridgeview Elementary

Quick overview of items received: Social Skills story book (a instructional book full of social stories for numerous situations), 'No Hitting Please', 'Inclusion Alphabet', 'Eli, Included', 'Just Ask', Social Inferences card set, 'I have Ants in my Pants', 'Personal Space Camp', 'But It's Not My Fault', 'Perseverance Makes Me Stronger', 'Cooperation', 'Little Spot of Emotion' Box set x2, 'Little Spot of Feelings' Box set x 2, Little Spot Plush Set, and "Not My Fault".

