



2024-25 Gift of the Fine Arts Grant Recipients

Fresh Ideas for Fresh Sounds submitted by Cara Maurizi from Leal Elementary. This grant would allow the purchase of lifetime access membership to ukulele and keyboard curriculums that would continue to grow each year because the creator is constantly adding new content. In each of the curriculums, students would progress through the programs in order to learn how to play the instruments, but that also includes reading music, composition, aural skills and performing as a group.

Costumes for Centers submitted by Lane Cannon-Gjerde from Yankee Ridge. With the purchase of costumes, students will have the opportunity to learn about costumes through play-based learning and to get a variety of different items for them to explore different characters. 3rd grade students will do a unit on theater jobs and will learn more in depth about costuming and costume designers. K-5 students will learn basics about how costumes enhance characterization.

Creepy Crawly Theater submitted by Sherrie Hildreth from Dr. Martin Luther King in Urbana. Third graders will be participating in all the theater roles--acting, singing, dancing,

speaking, costuming, set design, and stage managing--are going to be truly edu-taining! Funds will go toward props, costumes and scenery for the production.

History in the Making through Music submitted by Tamra Gingold at Urbana High School. The grant will partially cover the cost of guest artists, Zach Mayer, Jessie and Brian Stark, working with students and creating arrangements of the musical pieces for her group.

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Gift of the Fine Arts grants are made possible by a private donor to enhance fine arts education experiences in visual arts, music, dance, and drama for District 116 Kindergarten through 5th grade students.