

Zoo Study Buddies

Grant Type: Elementary school grant

Grant Amount: \$750

Organization: Colina Foundation



What was the objective of your grant or initiative?

To have kindergartners pair with fifth graders to study and recreate animal habitats, culminating in a trip to the zoo to see the animals in a simulated environment.

What was your approach?

The pairing of kindergartners and fifth graders for study purposes hadn't been done at this school.



What were the outsized results?

Our main objective was met as the kids did learn about the animals, but the unanticipated outcome was that it cut down on bullying in the schoolyard. When someone would bully a youngster, his or her study mate would intervene and protect the kindergartner.

The project has continued and has also spread to another school in the district. The amount has grown to \$1,406, but still is a worthwhile investment.

