



2008-2009 TEACHER ACTION GRANT

List of Grantees

Exciting Music Experience

Kitty Lok & Erin Shin

Commodore Stockton Child Development Center

The Teaching Team will be learning the many ways in which music can support all aspects of children's development including language, social /emotional and physical development.

The Innovative Teacher Project Reggio Emilia

Katryna Shek

Family Connections

Teachers are poised to dig deeper in the discovery of a unique approach to organizing learning for children, parents and themselves. Teachers will get to meet and work with the staff of the *Innovative Teacher Approach*.

Butterfly and Hummingbird Pollination Garden

Karen K. Bagshaw

Friends of St. Francis

Teachers and will create a garden to attract hummingbirds, and caterpillars where children and teachers will learn to observe the life cycles of these creatures and understand their role in the ecosystem. The teaching team will expand their curriculum to incorporate concepts and activities in science and literacy resulting from their experience of the pollinator garden.

Creative Movement for Preschool Children

Clara Cheeves

Holy Family Day

The teachers feel something special happens when children dance! They will be sending one of the teachers to a workshop to learn how best to use this important learning modality to enrich their educational activities.

Developing Our Portfolio System

Inge Byrnes

Holy Family Day

In partnership with the children and their families teachers will create a portfolio system designed to capture the children's growth and development that will have an important impact on the preschool curriculum.

Enhancing Sensory Motor Experience

Mary Lee Kane

John Muir Pre-Kindergarten

Teachers will participate in trainings on sensory integration to increase their expertise in this area as well as purchase books and materials that supports their practice. They also plan to share their experiences with families.

Building Math Concepts in the Classroom

Nathalie Larsen

Marin Day School -Laurel Heights

Teachers will invite experts from the field to learn more about Math and how to effectively incorporate this curriculum component in the classroom.

Exploration in Clay***Marina Schmidt*****Playland Family Child Care**

This Family Child Care Program will invite an expert to help explore clay work through hands-on instruction. They will discover techniques from an artist viewpoint that will be incorporated into their arts curriculum.

Music and Theater Teachers Learning Together***Lariece Williams*****Mission YMCA Preschool**

Dancing, singing, acting and performing! Teachers will enhance their expertise in performance arts through coaching and enrich the experiences of the children in the arts.

From Seed to Plant***Teresita Punzalan*****OMI Head Start**

Teachers will be involved in designing and creating a garden that supports hands on learning and discovery for young children. They will enrich their curriculum by incorporating best practices in making science accessible to preschoolers.

Without Music the World would be B♭***Nina Lawit*****San Miguel Child Development Center**

Teachers will invite musicians to learn help them explore the many benefits of music. Songs and movement activities will be used to ease transition times, increase literacy and self expression and much more.

Everyone's an Artist: An Inclusive Mural Project***Vanj Ari & Meilani Long*****Sheridan Elementary School CDC**

Local artists will collaborate with the Teacher Team and children to create a mural. Teachers will learn to work with different art materials and find techniques to create visual representation they can use with both children with special needs and typically developing children.

Teachers Rising from the Ashes***Marina Johnson*****Visitation Valley Family School**

Teachers will focus on strengthening communication and team relationships through a series of trainings. Teachers will have an opportunity to go on a retreat for a time of reflection.

The Role of Sensory Integration in Therapeutic Classroom***Janise Wu*****Visitation Valley Community Center**

Teachers will participate in training on sensory integration and its impact on children's learning. They will work with an Occupational therapist to learn various techniques as well as to identify materials they can purchase that supports sensory integration activities.

Come and Explore Your World***Flora King*****Visitation Valley John King Child & Family Development Center**

Teachers will focus on bringing more science into the curriculum. They are curious about integrating science into other components of the curriculum and will participate in professional development activities to expand teaching practices to better support children's learning.