

**<u>PURPOSE</u>**: To teach textiles with a focus on sewing and weaving, improve the quality of art lessons by providing sewing machines and hand looms, and to develop a curriculum based on these materials.

**IMPACT:** Students are able to take a 2-D product and create it three-dimensionally. Students created stitch samplers, woven mats, pillows, and stuffed animals. Students gained self-reliance, persistence, and confidence. This grant provides student time to practice fine motor skills which they are losing due to technology use. They used their math skills to draft patterns and their reading skills to research information about textiles and to follow pattern directions. There is a tremendous amount of history to be learned through creating and stitching textiles.

**FUTURE PLANS:** This grant is part of our Maker Space development. Any additional expenses will be incurred from the art materials budget.



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