

Thank you so much for funding our “A Stitch in Time” embroidery project for our 4th grade students. This project had a meaningful impact on our classroom community and provided students with a creative, hands-on learning experience that many had never experienced before.

Students were highly engaged throughout the project and took great pride in learning basic embroidery skills. The project encouraged creativity, patience, focus, and perseverance while also strengthening fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Many students who sometimes struggle during traditional academic activities were able to feel successful and confident through this artistic process.

Students especially enjoyed making connections between this project, our Oregon Trail simulation, and geometry lessons. They noticed patterns, symmetry, shape design, and practical sewing skills that connected naturally to our classroom learning. The project also helped students feel a stronger sense of ownership and belonging within our classroom environment as they transformed the space with their own artwork.

One of the greatest outcomes was the pride students felt seeing and using something they created themselves every day. The classroom became brighter, more welcoming, and more personal because of their work.

As I reflect on the project, I am excited to continue and expand it next year with additional materials and improvements. One adjustment I hope to make is finding a sturdier alternative to the plastic needles, as durability became an issue during the project. Even with that challenge, the project was an overwhelming success, and I look forward to building on it in the future.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of creative, meaningful learning experiences for our students.

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