

**Thinking Spaces to Promote Empowered Learners,
Creative Problem Solvers, and Effective Communicators
Grant Evaluation June 2026**

1. Name, school, grade level/subject, and project title.

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Grade level K-5

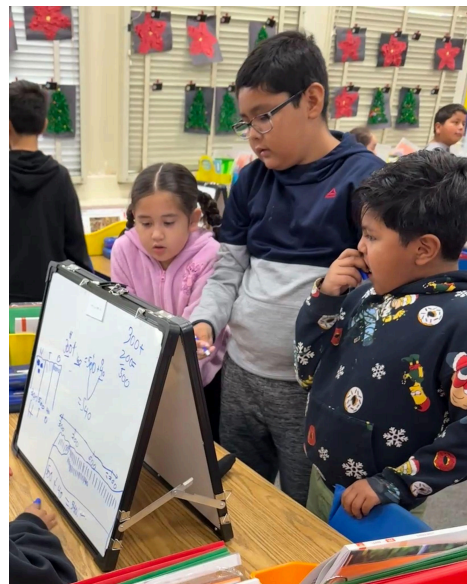
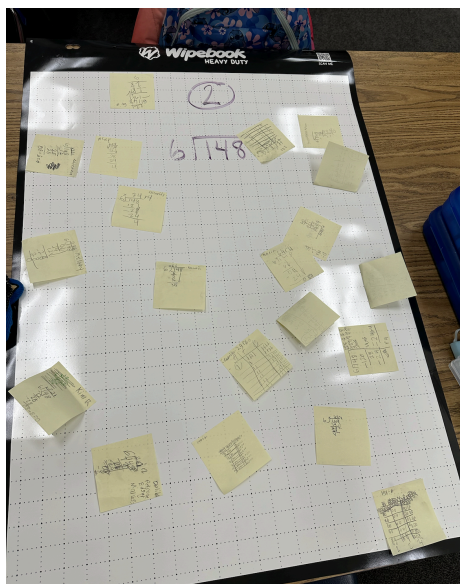
Central Elementary School

2. Summary

All materials for the grant were purchased based on teacher requests. Some teachers received large portable whiteboards with handles, some received WipeBooks, some received desktop whiteboard easels, and some received a mixture of those options based on their requests. All K-5 teachers completed the Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics book study and received implementation support if requested.

3. Evidence of Meeting Goals

Our Math i-Ready data school wide showed a 5% increase of students in the green (meeting proficiency) when compared to the previous year. Teachers commented that through the project, students were collaborating with each other, sharing ideas, and taking more risks with their ideas and willingness to try. Students liked being able to work and discuss in small groups and learning from their classmates.



4. Assessment of the Project

The project was successful overall. Some grade levels spent more time working with students using these new routines and materials than others. I am hoping that the larger scale success of some grade levels will encourage other grade levels to dedicate more time to using the collaborative structures and materials in the future.

5. Budget [Link to Receipts](#)

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Description: 3 Kits (Math, ELA, & Games) to be used for TK Family Nights. TK teachers at all elementary sites will be able to check out the kits.	Total Received from EEF: \$3,070.03
WipeBook: 8 sets	\$1,139.23
Amazon: 30 Desktop Whiteboards	\$1,292.10
Lowes: 30 Shower Boards for large portable whiteboards with handles	\$650.22
	Grand Total of Expenses \$3,081.55

6. Replication

Other schools could use this model to implement the strategies in Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics.

7. Taking this project to the “next level” & contributing to or affecting teaching

This project can be taken to the “next level” by using the same collaborative structures and materials purchased across other curricular areas.

8. Suggestions for the Innovation Awards program

We are so fortunate to have a foundation which supports the creative ideas of teachers. Receiving a grant validates ideas and supports teachers by helping them learn and grow with new materials and programs. This in turn motivates teachers and students. I appreciate that the grant process is easy and does not require a substantial amount of time from a busy teacher's schedule. Thank you to all who are involved in the process!