

Worthington Bicentennial Teacher's Grant Proposal

A Village Called Worthington
If Walls Could Talk

Granby Elementary

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Amount Requested: \$1134

Worthington Memory Project Grant Proposal

Project Objective

- Enhances and builds on the knowledge of Old Worthington learned by students in the third grade
- Correlates with the 4th grade Ohio Proficiency Test - Citizenship section - Strand I - American Heritage and Strand II - People in Societies
- Celebrates the history of Worthington in three time periods: 1800's, 1900's and 2000
- Students learn about the buildings in old Worthington to help them understand how they have changed through time
- Projects will be recorded on an I movie that can be used by classrooms in the future and/or placed on the Worthington Memory Project website

Project Description

This project actually encompasses two projects. The first project to be completed will be *A Village Called Worthington*. This project is based on the book: *A Street Called Home* by Columbus artist, Aminah Robinson. Her book tells about the people who worked and lived along Mt. Vernon Avenue near downtown. She didn't want this rich and wonderful life to be lost so she chronicled it in the form of a quilt. By creating the street in Old Worthington (High Street) with shops, village green and churches in three different time periods, art teacher, Andrea Jewett feels this will give the students an opportunity to chronicle what life was like in each of these periods. Fourth grade was chosen because as third grade students, they studied pioneer life in Worthington and as fourth graders are preparing for the fourth grade proficiency test.

The students have learned about the buildings and have sketched them. Next, people and appropriate modes of transportation will be added. Then the drawings will be painted, and cut to create a "pop-up" version of their village of Worthington.

To tie in with the study of both Aminah Robinson's work and old Worthington, Mrs. Jewett would like to take the fourth grade students on a field trip through old Worthington and then downtown to the Columbus Museum of Art to view the exhibition of Aminah Robinson's work, currently on display until April 20, 2003.

These projects will be recorded on an 1-movic that can be placed on the Worthington Memory Project website. Ultimately the projects will be included in the Worthington Art Council's Annual Spring Student Exhibition - this year's theme being Worthington's Bicentennial.

The second project also involves Worthington buildings. This project is called, *If the Walls Could Talk*. Each grade level, first through sixth, will choose a building in Worthington to research its history and architecture. Each grade level will create a large scale model of the building. A student or students, dressed in period costumes, will tell about it as parents and students view them erected in the hallway. There will be a special evening for parents and the public to learn about the history of Worthington in celebration of the bicentennial.

Project Time line

Mrs. Jewett's art project is already underway and will be completed and displayed in the spring. The *If Walls Could Talk* project will begin in the fall of 2003 and end with the evening for parents. At this evening presentation, there will also be a musical

presentation that celebrates not only the Worthington Bicentennial Celebration, but also the State of Ohio Bicentennial Celebration. Both projects will be recorded and therefore will be able to be used by the third grade when they study Worthington each year as part of their social studies curriculum.

Evaluation

The knowledge the students gain through their research will guide their building creation. The beauty of the project and the feeling of stepping back into time will be evidence of successful projects. Parental response to the old Worthington buildings and the students' hard work will also be an indication of success.

Personnel

Art teacher, Andrea Jewett will oversee the project, *A Village Called Worthington*. There is also a bicentennial committee composed of eight Granby staff members and the principal which will oversee the *If Walls Could Talk* project. However, all students and each classroom teacher will be involved in the creation of the Worthington building models that will be displayed in the halls.

Budget

Bus transportation to the Columbus Art Museum and tour of Worthington for all fourth grade students	\$ 180.00
Museum Admission fee \$2.00 x 72 students and chaperons	144.00
Art materials for <i>A Village Called Worthington</i>	100.00
Art materials to build the buildings for the <i>If Walls Could Talk</i>	300.00
Materials to help with costumes \$30.00 per student x 6 classrooms 2 students each	360.00
Recording costs	50.00
Total Grant Request	\$1134.00