



Network for Educational Excellence in Wheaton-Warrenville

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## **District 200 Teachers receive \$22,000 in “Support our Students” grants.**

This fall the NEW 200 Foundation received 17 “Support our Students” grant requests and because of the generosity of our donors we were able to fund 16 of them totaling \$22,000. The goal of these grants is to enhance educational opportunities by providing new, creative teaching programs and methods to inspire students to become enthusiastic and engaged learners.

“In this grant cycle, at least 650 students will receive technology, materials, and other resources in their classrooms. Nearly all of those resources will benefit future students coming into those classrooms,” said Pamela Paulsen, President of the NEW 200 Foundation. “Ten teachers will attend professional development workshops with the potential to benefit hundreds of students each year. One teacher will attend best practices professional development courses and will train other District teachers in those practices. A single teacher can touch the lives of 3,000 students over the course of a career, so the number of students impacted by these grants is immeasurable.”

### **Have you ever dreamed of drawing in 3D?**

As a “Support our Students” grant recipient, Mrs. Lipnisky’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at Washington will receive twelve 3Doodler pens and their dream of drawing in 3D will become a reality.

3Doodler is the world’s first and best 3D printing pen that allows students to draw in 3D by extruding a heated plastic filament that cools almost instantly into a solid, stable structure. Students will be able to draw up into the air and create anything they can think of.

“It is extremely important for children to explore STEM subjects at an early age. Students will be able to design 3D geometric shapes and will learn about angles, symmetry, lines and geometric shapes,” Mrs. Lipnisky said. “With the ability to draw 3-dimensional shapes, students can visually grasp geometric concepts with a better understanding.”

When you teach Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics together, rather than as separate subjects, it engages students in problem solving and finding solutions. Students remember more of what they’ve been taught when they are involved in an active learning environment. The 3Doodler pens will help drive classroom engagement and enhance visual and tactile learning.

### **You can help enhance the learning experiences of more District 200 students.**

The NEW 200 Foundation will offer a second round of “Support our Students” grants in the spring. Educators must submit an application detailing how their proposal will enhance educational opportunities by providing new, creative teaching programs and methods, or updating classroom technology that will inspire students to become enthusiastic and engaged learners.

Donate today at [www.NEW200.org](http://www.NEW200.org) so more of the 1,000+ teachers in District 200 can enhance the learning experiences of their students. As an all-volunteer organization with very low overhead, 94% of your donation goes directly to the students. The Network for Educational Excellence in Wheaton-Warrenville in District 200 (NEW 200) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (EIN # 36-3786044) and all donations are tax deductible.

**About the NEW 200 Foundation**

NEW 200 is an independent foundation that works directly with District 200 to bridge the gap between budget limitations and the desire to expand educational opportunities for our students. NEW 200 provides the necessary funding that will help enhance the learning experiences of District 200 students and inspire them to become enthusiastic and engaged learners.

**Photo Captions**

3Doodler Pens – 3D geometric shapes created with a 3Doodler pen.

Whittier 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Graders at Whittier Elementary show off their 5 new iPads they received from a “Support our Students” grant request.