

# IMPACT STORY

## Southwest Plains Consortium

### Ulysses Pre-K and Elementary USD 214



## TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

### Fall 2019

Review data to determine needs among student populations.

### 2020-21

With support of training and resources, engage community with literacy.

### 2019-20

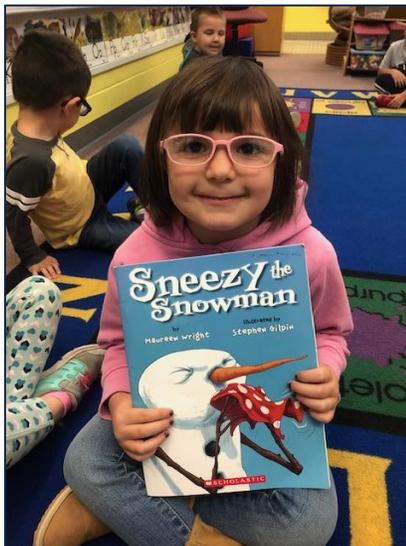
Teachers receive professional development and literacy resources.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Twenty-eight Grant County early childhood locations received books, literacy activities and fun experiences with the LiNK project. Local children and their families attended Popsicles in the Park with a special guest reader from the Grant County Library.

What a great way to get friends and families together to enjoy literacy and make new connections!

Families also can access the new Little Library at Hickok Elementary for children of all ages.

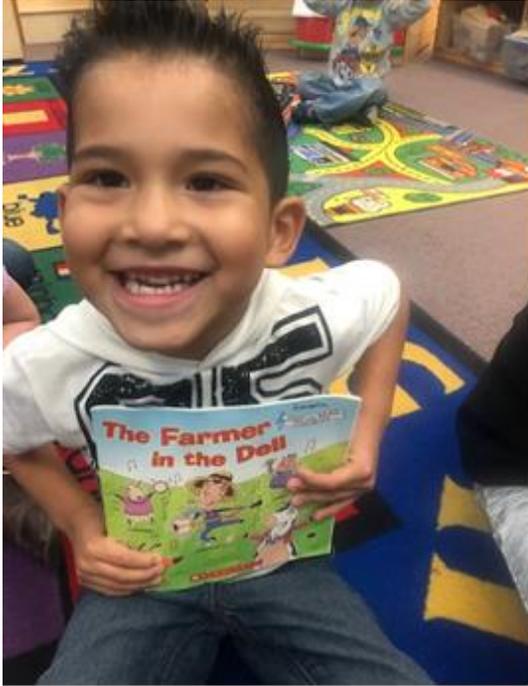


*Early learners in Ulysses USD 214 and community preschools have new books and activities with LiNK funding.*

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Teachers at Hickok and Sullivan Elementary schools know that increasing vocabulary is an important facet of literacy for their student population with nearly half of all students as English Learners.

With LiNK, teachers receive training and literacy resources to strengthen the understanding of foundational skills, such as vocabulary, phonemic awareness, phonics, syllables, semantics and morphology. New decodable and bilingual books encourage independent reading in school and at home. New classroom book sets provide students with opportunities to enhance their background knowledge of relevant social sciences topics.



The LiNK grant provided children with books and activities throughout the community, as well as professional development for educators to enhance their foundational reading teaching skills.