1st Graders' Wishes Came True—ELMO PROJECTOR AND DOCUMENT CAMERAS ARE HERE!!

Towards the end of last year, we started an effort to get state-of-the-art Elmo projector and document camera to be used in the classrooms. Many of the parents have offered their support and some have donated for the cause. Two families from Ms. Sittner's class generously provided us with two projectors to be used in the meantime. We greatly thank the Coleman Family and the Sharma Family for their kindness. The projectors have since been shared among Mrs. Sittner and Ms. O'Connor. They proved to be really effective in aiding the teachers to get the students to focus on the same materials and work on lessons together.

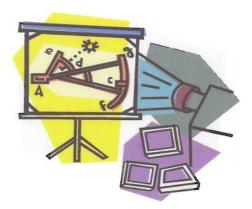
Then last month, we received very exciting news that three donors fully funded an ELMO document camera and projector through the online charity site: www.donorschoose.org for Mrs. Sittner's classroom. The three generous donors are Sabrina Gates from Illinois, and anonymous donor from California, and Xiao Wang from New York who attended Skinner Elementary for 5th and 6th grades and she states that "the teachers at the school helped (her) achieve academic success to get accepted at the city's premier magnet high school". Thank you so much to our donors. The students are very excited that they all can see the projected lessons and make the classroom an even more visually stimulating place to learn.

Ms. O'Connor's class also received a document camera, as a donation from the parents in room 123. A few parents donated even more than expected and were able to make this dream a reality. Again, thank you so much for your generosity and support. It is parents like this that help to make Skinner an amazing school.

We can't tell you how thrilled and appreciative we are to finally be able to get this much needed technology. These document cameras will be used for many lessons, educating and empowering the next generation for years to come.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Sittner & Ms. O'Connor



What are the ELMO Projector and Document Camera and why do 1st graders need them?

This document camera and projector will change the lives of the students in so many ways. It will help them to visualize lessons and demonstrations in all subject areas. It will help to create a dynamic and interactive classroom that is stimulating. This document camera and projector will also help to eliminate paper use and multiple copies.

A document camera goes far beyond the simple functions of an overhead by allowing the teacher and students to display not only transparencies, but documents, 3-D objects, moving objects, slides, and more. A document camera is able to display the presenter's thoughts, ideas, lessons, and examples on a large screen format, live in vivid color and detail.