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FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES LOWE'S GRANT FOR JUST READ PROGRAM

\$5,000 will provide new library books and shelving supplies to support daily reading program

Newton County School System is pleased to announce that Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 Toolbox for Education grant to Fairview Elementary School to purchase library books and needed supplies to enrich their school-wide "Just READ" program.

"Our JUST READ program will provide an organized reading support system for our students while also promoting mentoring that will naturally occur between the volunteers and the students," said LaMoyné Brunson, Assistant Principal at Fairview Elementary. "We're very excited to have this program in our school, and we're equally proud of the work our media specialist, Mrs. Rebecca Bennett, has done to support our students with fostering their love of reading. Receiving this grant is a great recognition for her diligence and effort."



(L-R) Fairview Elementary School students, Elisha Shepphard, Cameron McMillian, Jenny Cruz, Jas Parks, and Makenzie McMillian are thoroughly enjoying some of the new Just Read books in the school media center.

This grant will provide much needed library books for students to read with parent and community volunteers during daily school-wide reading time, called "Just READ." Shelving supplies will also be purchased to help display the new books. The Just READ program is designed to encourage students in grades K-5 to become lifelong readers by giving them opportunities to select their own high interest books to read each day just for fun. Parent and community volunteers are paired with struggling or reluctant readers to encourage and support them as they read. Volunteers and students read together at the beginning of each school day in the school's media center. Students may then check the books out to read at home. The project is designed to be ongoing and continue into the next school year.

"Lowe's is committed to recognizing and supporting efforts that enrich the lives of our neighbors and customers," said Marshall Croom, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "By supporting schools like Fairview Elementary, we know we are contributing to a cause that's important to our customers and employees and helping build stronger communities."
