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## "Touching Lives with an iPod Touch"

### My Students Need...

an iPod Touch for increasing fluency and literacy skills in literacy work stations.

### Opening:

When my 3rd graders graduate from high school, we cannot even imagine what amazing technological advances they will face. I want to prepare my students to be citizens of this exciting digital age, as well as help them to master the concepts and skills that are so important for a fluent reader.

### About My Students:

I teach incredible 3rd graders in the heart of Kansas. We are a school of about 300 students, with 67% low SES. Many of my students have never traveled outside of Kansas, or even outside of our city. Technology can open up the entire world for my students, and give them opportunities to learn in ways they cannot even imagine.

Every student brings something unique and special to our classroom. We have artists, actors and actresses, musicians, storytellers, and more. Using technology, specifically an iPod Touch, I can teach each student in the way that they learn best, and give them the creative space to grow in their own way.

### Overview of Resources:

Third grade is such an important age for solidifying literacy skills and becoming a fluent reader. Having the use of an iPod Touch in our

classroom would be an amazing advantage, particularly when students are participating in literacy work stations. Here are some ways that we would use the iPod Touch in our classroom:

- \*Record Reader's Theater plays for fluency practice
- \*Download and read a wide variety of eBooks (increasing cultural awareness)
- \*Use FaceTime to connect with students in other states or countries
- \*Use a Phonics App for students who are emerging readers
- \*Create graphic organizers during novel studies, and post to class blog

While we will use the iPod Touch to enhance the language arts program, it is also a tool that can be used all across the curriculum. Creating graphs in math, recording observations in science, or going on a virtual field trip we will use the iPod Touch in all of these ways and more!

### Conclusion:

Thank you so much for considering a donation to our project. Technology IS the future, and it is so important to start creating digital learners now. Having an iPod Touch in our classroom will give my students an opportunity to learn with the exciting technology tools available. With your help, these rd graders can explore a world that might otherwise be unavailable to them!