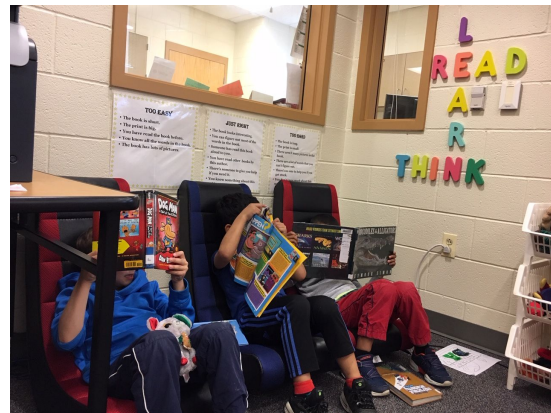


I would like to begin by saying thank you to the wonderful Foundation members. The opportunity to apply for mini grants within the school is something I am new to and happy to have as a blessing at Seven Locks. I new coming to a new school and position would be a lot to take on, but the staff, PTA and Foundation have helped make the transition easier.

In terms of the Media Center I came in loving the amount of natural light and space it had but observed over the first few weeks that there was no space for students to read comfortable. As such I decided that would be a wonderful thing to attempt to rectify. Through research and your support I was able to purchase three smaller “gaming” chairs and two active chairs for students to read in. I added these flexible seats to the two bean bags that I used library funds to refurbish and created a reading corner. This space is used by students daily as they browse a book, to see if it is ‘just right’ as well as silent reading after they have check out or finished other work. As you can see in the pictures below, students of all ages enjoy the space.



While I was unsure of what to expect of the extent of Funds available being new to a school with a Foundation, I decided I would not only apply for one mini grant but two! It was brought to my attention, early in the year that many classrooms were at the maximum capacity of the chromebook to student ratio. This got me to thinking we should have some backups in the media center for when Chromebooks are being services, for testing and for use in the media center. I applied for a grat to get 6 Chromebooks through MCPS with all requirements and have since put them for safe storage in one of our older empty laptop carts. The chromebooks are available for checkout by teachers when needed, have been used daily during our PARCC testing and have been used in the Media Center, most recently by students voting for the Black Eyed Susan book nominees. Thank you so much for all your have done and will continue to do to support the students and school community.

