



Marshall Community  
Credit Union

## MCCU Donates to Hughes Elementary School through Mini-Grant Program

Marshall Community Credit Union recently donated over \$600.00 to Hughes School through their Mini-Grant program. Hughes School 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Emily Mead, submitted the application stating that the funds would be used to purchase materials for guided reading groups.

Guided Reading is a researched based practice that allows the teacher to focus attention on a small group of students and work at their level to help achieve better accuracy, fluency, comprehension and all-around reading. "If fifth grade, students are reading at very high levels, which usually means longer books for guided reading" said Mead. "The problem being, there isn't enough time in the day to meet with each student to read long books. The solution is Short Reads from Scholastic," she continued. Short Reads offer everything needed for guided reading groups but in a short and compact card rather than long chapter book. Allowing the classroom teacher time to meet with multiple groups of students, providing them with the tools they need to become even better readers.

MCCU's mini-grant program is available for teachers, administrators and school staff at any of their partner schools (those that participate in the credit union's CU In School program, an in-school, student run credit union branch). Participating schools include Mar Lee, Marshall Academy, Marshall High School, Marshall Middle School, Walters, Hughes and Gordon Elementary, as well as Wattles Park Elementary and Harper Creek Middle School. Mini-Grants can be used for items or services that participating schools do not normally purchase through funding resources. For more information regarding MCCU's Mini-Grant program, or to receive an application, contact Andrea Tucker at [andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com](mailto:andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com) or 269.781.9885 x3144.



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Students in Ms. Mead's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, using the new Short Reads from Scholastic. Purchased with funding from the MCCU Mini-Grant program.