

Washington Oak receives grant

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. — Thanks to reading specialist Erin Wright, Washington Oak Elementary School in Coventry has been awarded the Sylvan Dell Publishing Resource Grant, the company has announced.

This one-year site license provides unlimited access to all 35 Sylvan Dell eBooks, featuring flipviewer technology with selectable English and Spanish text and audio. The license can be used on all school computers and may be placed on secure school Web sites (if available), enabling students and their families to log in and have access from their homes, according to Sylvan Dell.

Teachers throughout the school are able to project the books in the classroom for easy reading to supplement or to introduce science and math through literature in the classroom, Sylvan Dell said. Sylvan Dell picture books with science, math and nature themes excite children's imaginations through fun stories, vibrant artwork, and a 3-

5 page "For Creative Minds" educational section in the back of each book, the company said. But that is just the start ... what really makes the books unique, is their tremendous amount of free, online educational material available for cross-curricular learning, including: 30-80 page Teaching Activities, Interactive Reading and Math Quizzes, and much more, according to Sylvan Dell.

"The Sylvan Dell e-books will provide an exciting opportunity for our Reading Team to expose kids to books in another way," Wright said in her grant application. "They will be able to see books come alive before their eyes and see that reading can take many forms and be a dynamic part of learning."

In June of 2008, Sylvan Dell Publishing said, it announced this educational resource grant, hoping to further pursue its mission of "bringing science and math to children through literature."