

## **Project Narrative**

To achieve this objective one, we will utilize Dr. Cheryl from Hamilton County Schools. Her insight and experience will be an asset to our team because she knows the gaps that are present in the school system and at Orchard Knob Elementary specifically. There are specific strategies outlined by Waterford.com for implementing gamification. Those include implementing games/team building activities such as Jeopardy. Another strategy is to have a point system that can motivate students. Another resource is UC Berkeley, where students are able to “fail safely” meaning that peer activities are implemented, students are able to resubmit assignments, and multiple attempts to tests. Core Knowledge is another resource that has been implemented in schools. These schools have seen an increase in knowledge-based learning which builds strong foundations of understanding the broad society. This also relates to scaffolding, which requires students to use prior knowledge, as well as studying vocabulary and discussing what was read.

An implementation committee will be needed. This committee will be responsible for finding research informed games that enhance learning and engagement. We will need a committee that specifically works with Core Knowledge. This committee will be in charge of working with the program and ensuring that it is being implemented in the classroom. Another committee can be one that works with the LEAD Tool with staff and faculty at the school.

To establish objective two we will help to fund the previously established PTA/PTO at Orchard Knob Elementary - The school has an organized PTO that meets monthly. Parents are encouraged to attend board meetings and participate in Parent Conference Days. Parents receive a weekly phone message and newsletter with information about opportunities to become involved with the school.