

**Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Kindergarten Classrooms
Awarded School Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop**



L to R: Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Kindergarten Instructors Amber Gullickson, Renae Melby, and Linda Hieserich

Monday, January 18, 2010– Elrosa, Minn. – The Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Kindergarten students will be able to experience new literacy materials thanks to the recent \$250 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Grant Program.

Prairie Lakes Coop Community Funds Committee selected Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Kindergarten Classrooms to receive \$250 grant towards the objective of purchasing literacy materials for all three of their Kindergarten Classrooms. The instructors will be purchasing several leveled reading collections for their students to use.

The Kindergarten Instructors state in their application, “Our students will become more confident readers and perform to their maximum potential with these additional

literacy materials. Our students will develop a greater joy for reading. In turn, this will create a more positive learning environment.”

Applying schools and their organizations have to indicate their plans for the grant money, supply general information about the schools/organizations, project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes. Applications can be found online at www.prairielakescoop.com.

“Literacy is a tool that students will be able to use their entire lifetime. Helping students achieve literacy through various leveled materials and providing the means that makes learning successful is investing in the future of our communities,” says Brian Jergenson, Prairie Lakes Coop Board Member.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded this \$250 grant to the Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Kindergarten Classrooms on behalf of its local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop (prairielakescoop.com), a CHS Service Center, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, propane, fuel, and grain marketing.