



Evergreen Elementary School

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Board Report for Evergreen Elementary School – Trimester #2 09/10

The second trimester of this school year has been going quite well for us at Evergreen Elementary School. Returning from winter break brings many activities, programs and special events, but it also brings us several weeks of instruction with minimal interruptions. This is the time of year when we really focus on our state testing, given that our calendar is more consistent in January and February. The staff at Evergreen remains very strong as well as dedicated to the task of educating the young people of the Illinois Valley.

January marks the second round of after school programs being offered under our 21st century grant. We currently have 15 after school classes serving 150 students. Our community partnerships are thriving and this round brings us classes from the Illinois Valley Arts Council, College Dreams, Boys & Girls Club and Siskiyou Field Institute. Students are able to take classes that range from low level reading skill building to Mandarin Chinese. Jannie Heller, our Title 1 coordinator, has been coordinating our after school program and doing an incredible job. I have been consistently pleased with the scope and quality of the program. We are looking forward to more rounds of after school classes as the year progresses.

Evergreen has had its share of visitors! Recently we had a visit from Representative Ron Maurer. Ron came out to the school as a “Principal for the day” and we all had a great experience. Ron visited our students in free-time situations, arriving at breakfast and talking with students during their morning recess. We also visited 14 of our 16 regular education classrooms, 7 of which were able to sit through a brief social studies lesson from Ron. He spoke to our 4th and 5th grade classes about his role as a state representative and how a bill becomes law. My staff and I appreciated Representative Maurer’s visit and our students learned a lot. We are also expecting a visit from Trish Evans, director of elementary education from District 7 on February 1st. Mrs. Evans is interested to see how we use technology in our K-5 grade classrooms. We have slowly built up our technology teaching tools to offer a school wide approach to authentic technology enhanced instruction to our students. The use of various technology tools to provide instruction is not simply a flashy thing to get students attention; it is embedded into daily instruction. This close relationship between instruction and technology affords my teachers the ability to teach to a wider range of learning styles in a more efficient manner. Technology enhanced instruction also provides a vehicle for highly engaging lessons.

Testing takes a front seat during winter months. We have a solid testing schedule at Evergreen, delicately balancing the 254 students in the 3rd – 5th grades. Our initial rounds of testing have been encouraging and we have solid strategies for students participating in round 2. We are optimistic about this year's test results, but remain attentive to the task at hand.

NEW STAFF:

- ✓ Ryan Bruner -Split shift custodian with Illinois Valley High School
- ✓ Christina Paul – Classroom educational assistant - sw
- ✓ Lindsay Hollingsworth – Classroom educational assistant - sw

Respectfully Submitted,

David Valenzuela

