

Memo

To: Dr. Robey
CC: Board Of Education
Date: April, 2013 March~2013 Updates)
Re: Monthly Updates on Literacy Practices

Assessments: ISAT test were taken on March 6th thru March 15th. The ISAT tests were picked up by Pearson on Thursday, March 21, 2013. All IAA test were recorded and submitted by Friday, March 22, 2013.

Rising Star Update: Worked with District Leadership Team to work on indicators that needed to be monitored. The meeting was held with Mr. Zeller, from West 40 as well as the District Leadership Team and Ms. Urso (Board Member) at the District Office.

Literacy: Continue visiting schools to assist administrators in Literacy Best Practices.

~Coaches completed work with Ms. Sturgill and the Emerson K-2 staff on Best Practice in Literacy. They began working at Garfield School with Mr. Harries & the K-2 staff.

~Continue to meet with Literacy Coaches & Dave Ballard to work on the plans for professional development training for the 2013 Summer School (K-4). Also, continue working with the 6th -8th grade Reading staff on updating the curriculum map and finding resources that will supplement the common Core Standards.

~ Title I staff is **team -teaching** with classroom teachers modeling best practice. Also, they are providing support to K-2 staff with progress monitoring and implementing ISEL recommendations.

~ **Grants: Title I Grant-**Made adjustments to the amendments for the remaining time of the year. (Future plans to **Finish** all of the Title I and Title IIa reports: Summer School, Curriculum Mapping, adjustments for additional professional development, etc.) Completed the 'Children's Low-Cost Laptop Program' (carry-over funds for the 3 schools ~IRV, LEX &ST). The program will provide resources for these schools-(27 additional laptops).

~ **Common Core Committee:** Continue planning Common Core presentations for Jr. High Reading /LA Staff (2nd Tuesday of each month). We are utilizing the Standard Insight Tool to align the curriculum to Common Core Standards. Teachers are working together to fill in the gaps from our current curriculum map and the Common core standard.

Young Authors Celebration: Finalizing plans for the Young Authors Celebration: April 29th (K-3) & April 30th (4th - 8th) We have signed a Storyteller (Linda Gorham) for the young students and an author (Cynthia Liu) for the intermediate students