



Driftwood School

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"We are here to help our Students.....

Navigate Challenges with Grace, Prepare For Their Futures and Anchor Themselves In Our Community."

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Happy End of Summer!!

I am hopeful our students enjoyed their time with staff in July and benefitted from the literacy support and fun activities. Again, many thanks to Brittany Pogwizd for making this possible!

Professional Development

Planning for next year :

- Step Up to Writing - August 24th and October 9th. This curriculum will help to bridge the writing deficits we have identified in the OSAS testing that our current curriculum is not focusing on.
- Collaborative Problem Solving for DW 10/2/26
- Continue with the Children's Institute for PD around literacy, Instructional Rounds and community engagement - 4 sessions are scheduled. The focus remains on the science of reading and how we utilize our ELA Wonders curriculum to ensure calibrated practices.
- We will continue to partner with Kindred Curry/Head Start/POLSD Kindergarten in the Tools of the Mind curriculum. SCREL Hub has provided the grant dollars to ensure we continue this important work during the 2026-2027 school year. I am very appreciative of this collaboration to ensure our students are prepared for their experience as successful elementary school learners!
- Trauma informed Practices (Mr. Miller is working on this PD) I strongly believe this topic needs to be revisited for all of our staff.
- Restorative Justice (if time permits - I do have a presentation available).
- Classroom management strategies (if time permits, however, I can use Staff meetings to help align), and I am hoping to begin Instructional Rounds which will identify best practices and can offer bites of PD around observations.

Staffing

- Driftwood is all set for 2026-2027 school year

In Progress

- Schedule - changes/revisions - Always tweaking to ensure a smooth start of the year
- Staff schedules - This continues to be a work in progress that I will focus on in the next two weeks to have available when staff arrive on the 24th.