



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Medford School Board Meeting
December 21, 2015
Medford Elementary School – Mr. Ristau

OLPA TESTING

Grades 3-6 recently completed the Reading OLPA's on their I pads. This is the first and only Reading OLPA that can be taken by students during the course of the year compared to Math where two OLPA's can be taken. There are no OLPA's for Science at this time. Special recognition to Patrick Shipway our Assessment Coordinator for making the experience pleasant.

S.M.A.R.T - Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training

Mr. Yule has become a leader in our building when it comes to S.M.A.R.T. The primary staff has been trained by Mr. Yule and their rooms have been set up.

Kids come to school more school ready than learning ready. SMART activities stimulate these senses to assure learning readiness which in turn will accelerate school or content readiness.

- Learning Readiness
- Eye Movements, Balance and Coordination, Auditory Discrimination
- School Readiness
- Letters, printing, counting rhyming, following directions

Examples Include:

- Student may have 20/20 vision, but cannot move eyes smoothly across a line. This makes reading extremely difficult. A student may be able to pronounce or sound out each letter or word but it's very choppy because their eyes jump from letter to letter or word to word. One activity to help this is our Site Trackers, the students use their finger to trace and follow a line on a paper.
- Students may be able to recognize letter or numbers, but their hands are not able to cross the midline of their body fluidly. It's not second nature – they have to think about crossing their midline. This makes writing very difficult. Some exercises are the alligator crawl and cross walking. These make the hands cross the midline in many different ways.

MATH CURRICULUM SEARCH

Math committee met with Kathy Hartman on December 16th to continue researching math curriculums. The primary focus is compare/contrast current curriculum with potential curriculum and how they meet the MN Math Standards



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CELEBRATION

Celebration on December 18th. The letter M (Motivated) was introduced.

GIVING TREE

5th grade donated approximately \$600.00

STUDENT COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Medford Elementary Student Council sang Christmas songs at the Medford manor on December 10th as a community service project.

BEFORE SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Review of survey results as well as overall experiences by staff. Discuss open house possibilities.

WINTER BOOKLET

Booklet will go out to the community over Christmas break.