



Culture Matters

(Britney Shooter: BNAS/Immersion)

The Star Children class has been working on colors, the month, season, and the weather. During the month of November we will be focusing on our Indian Names and learning all about them.

Kindergarten: The BNAS Student of the month for October is Ms. Hartley Sinclair. Hartley has been increasing her Blackfeet language and has been using the language more throughout the month of October.

1st grade: The BNAS Student of the month for October is Ms. TyAna Potts. Ms. TyAna has increased her language usage and shows respect in the classroom when working with her peers.



BNAS specialist: This month we have learned how to introduce ourselves, worked on learning more animals, worked on Words we use daily such as door, bathroom, chair, table, line up, and places on the reservation. We also told ghost stories to end this month, and will be learning about powwow as we get ready for our Mini powwow coming up in November.

Students are very engaged in all the new words and phrases we learn. I have been encouraging them to use the words we learn at school when they are at home, and also to teach a family member new Blackfeet words.

Attendance Matters

(Bill Huebsch - Assistant Principal)

Enrollment as of 10-24-2022

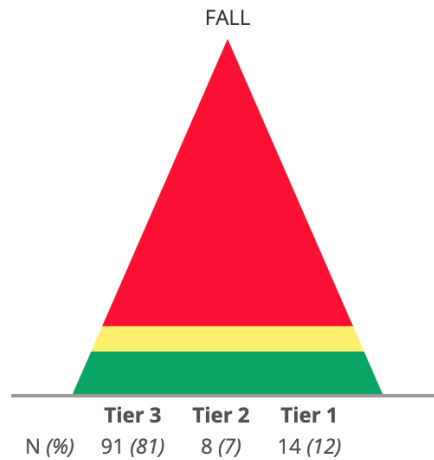
EK = 51 K = 109 1st = 129 Total = 289

Average weekly attendance October 3rd - October 24th = 79.65%

Graduation Matters

(Brandy Bremner: Instructional Coaches)

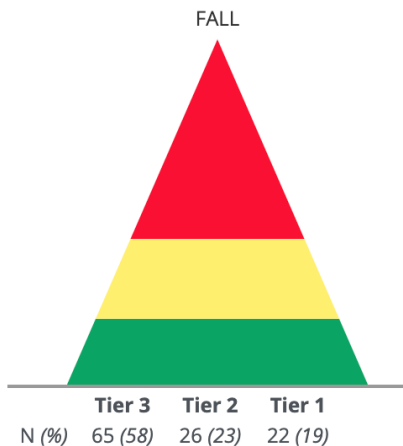
Kindergarten 22-23 Fall Aimsweb Literacy Data



Kindergarten completes Fall benchmarking as students enroll in school throughout September and October. Currently, 111 students are assessed out of 113. Our Fall data looks fairly typical for what we see with incoming Kindergarten students. Our Tier 1 is slightly higher than last year, which might be attributed to Early Kindergarten being “in person” last year. Our Tier 3 is also slightly higher than last year, which could be because we have more students than we did in the previous year. Due to Covid, this is the first year of schooling for the majority of our students.

We held our first MTSS meeting on October 25th. During this meeting we analyzed Aimsweb data, Phonics Survey data, PAST data, as well as observations of student classroom performance. Using this data, students were placed in instructional groups for our intervention block. Interventions begin November 2nd. Students will be monitored every 10 days, based on their group placement, on either Letter Knowledge or Nonsense Word Fluency.

Kindergarten Fall Aimsweb Numeracy Data





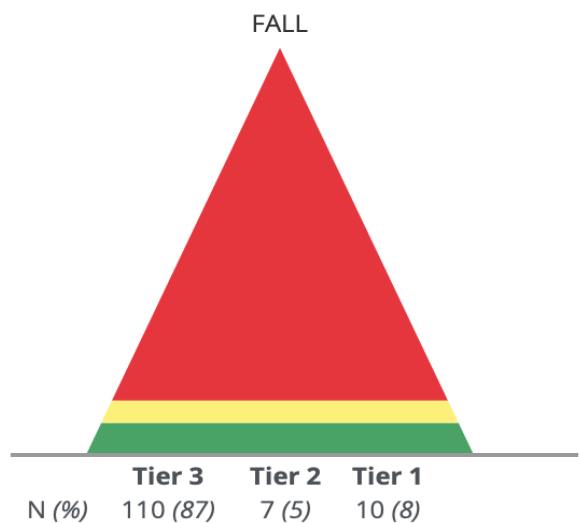
Although our Fall Aimsweb Numeracy data is slightly below that of last year, we're confident we'll meet our improvement goals that we set in September. In a typical year, we benchmark assess 3 times and complete 4 quarterly math assessments. This year we've added regular progress monitoring that starts at number naming and eventually includes addition and subtraction within 5 by Spring. Along with this progress monitoring, we've built in an extra 20 minutes of math instruction which we plan to incorporate targeted math fluency groups.

(Andrea Evans: Instructional Coaches)

For the month of October, first-grade teachers and specialists will be completing the first PDSA cycle of small-group intervention in literacy. Teachers will progress monitor their students in their small groups depending on the group they are working with; assessments include core phonics survey, nonsense word fluency, or oral reading fluency.

Below is our baseline data from aimsweb for first grade in literacy. Teachers and specialists, as well as students, are doing an amazing job at transitioning to small group reading and spending that time targeting specific skills tailored to that group's needs. In addition, teachers are working on implementing 30 minutes of Time in Text literacy stations into their schedule. Students work with their teacher in a small group learning to read a book while the other students are at literacy stations, and they rotate. We are excited for this time as it will build reading confidence for our students.

First Grade 22-23 Fall Aimsweb Literacy Data

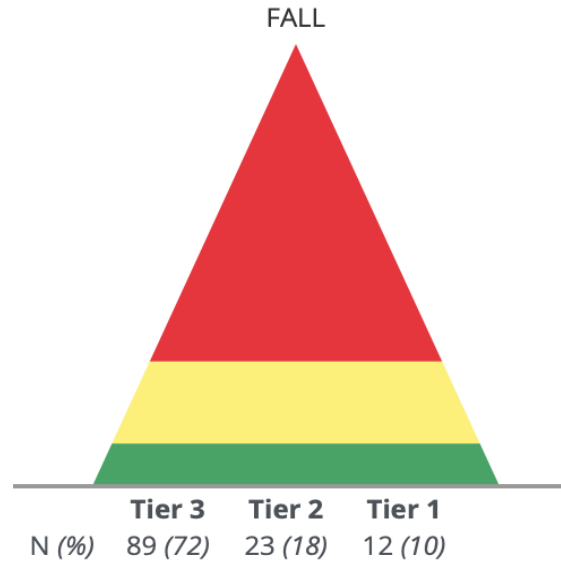


The second graph is our baseline data from aimsweb in math. We are working with our math consultant Mary Buck on best math practices and continuing to strengthen our math



implementation in the classroom. Students are doing an excellent job staying engaged, and our teachers are working tirelessly to ensure students progress in their learning.

First Grade Aimsweb Math Data



(Marci Burd: First Grade Team Leader)

This month our first grade students were able to take a trip and enjoy the Sweet Pickin's Pumpkin Patch. The students were excited and had a great time. We realize how important it is to give our students the opportunity to go places that some students are not fortunate enough to go to. The excitement and happiness to see from our students was priceless.

Our first graders also celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day on October 10th. We really focused on why this day was important and why we celebrate it. We as teachers planned this day because we wanted our students to have a connection with their identity and how this day is important to us as Blackfeet/Native Americans.

Our first graders also participated in Red Ribbon week having fun dressing up and celebrating being drug free.

We also went over patterns in the sky which gave the 1st graders the opportunity to incorporate our Blackfeet Star Stories. We really focused on the Bunched Stars Story which taught the lesson of being kind and respectful to all people/children. The 1st grade team has really been working on and sharing resources to incorporate more of our Culture/language throughout our curriculum. This month we were able to do so through our Thematic Teaching and season change.



We also are wrapping up our first round of our PDSA cycles which we are excited to see and share the growth of our sacred beings. We strategically picked these groups in hopes to support and see the growth our students need.



(Kelley Sharp: Kindergarten Team Leader)

October was an exciting month for Kindergarten. They got to go to the pumpkin patch. We got to play in the corn maze and pick out our pumpkins. Our students really enjoyed it. It was the first time there for a lot of our students. Students also really enjoyed red ribbon week.

In Reading we have been working hard on our phonological awareness. We are also starting our small groups this coming week. We had a visit from Mrs. Mary Buck this week. She said to keep up the good work. She did some observations and said we were doing well. We are excited for the coming week to have our Halloween celebrations. Here are some pictures of Mrs Sharp and Mrs Grant's class at the pumpkin patch. I also sent some pictures of pajama day.



(Susie Small: Early -K Team Leader)



October has been a fun month for Early K. We wrapped up our family unit and are moving into the community unit next. We will be starting our assessments and going into parent teacher conferences with this new data.

We had our first fundraising bake sale and it went great, we had a lot of spooky treats! Our grade level had pumpkins donated by Rockin Outlaw and Lube and Tube. In our classes we learned about the life cycle of pumpkins and cut a pumpkin open and examined the inside.

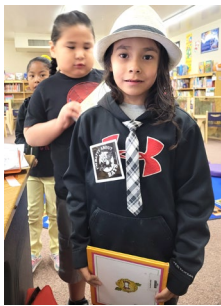
Next a little magic happened with our pumpkin seeds, the kids went and "planted" their magical pumpkin seeds. The day after they came back to a pumpkin patch! The students were so amazed, their eyes were filled with excitement and wonder. It was a good ending to our month as they have been working so hard in their classrooms!



(Anne Schuschke:Specialist Team Leader)



As we swoop into Halloween and wrap up October PE and the library combined forces for bat week. Students started in the gym, completing a bat obstacle course - dodging objects using radar, crawling through a cave, balancing along a tree branch, and finally swooping up insects! After gym, the students went to the library to learn and read about bats. All in all, it was a fantastic month at KWVC and we are looking forward to all that November has to offer.



Many B lessings from KW/Vina Elementary!
We wish you well ... 