

North Early Learning Center

2012 - 2013

Curriculum Plan

North Early Learning Center will continue to use the Texas OWL (Opening the World to Learning) curriculum for the 2012-2013 school year. It will serve as our primary curriculum resource for the 2012-2013 school year. A correlation of Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework and Texas Education Agency's Prekindergarten Guidelines with Texas OWL has been developed.

Texas OWL Program is a research-based comprehensive program that:

- ❖ Combines teacher-directed instruction with child-centered explorations
- ❖ Has a flexible, easy-to use curriculum that fosters children's cognitive development
- ❖ Has total equity in English and Spanish
- ❖ Has a strong Family Involvement component
- ❖ Addresses all domains of learning

Daily schedules will provide a balance of teacher/child-initiated activities as well as gross and fine motor activities. Texas OWL will be implemented following the monthly theme plan developed by the Curriculum Committee. The scope and sequence from Texas OWL will be followed. Themes will be taught using the Teacher's Guide with weekly instructions for morning meeting, literacy circle, center time, small groups, gross motor, science and social studies circle, math circle, story time, and wrap up your day. Teacher, teacher assistant, and families will be involved through the weekly activities.

Curriculum planning meetings and classroom parent meetings will be held each nine weeks. Monthly staff and parent campus activity calendars will be written and distributed.

Lesson plans will be written using the format developed by the Curriculum Committee. Classroom/Texas OWL family newsletters will be sent home each week. Individualization Plan 2012-2013 will be followed to ensure tracking of student progress. Assessments will be as described in the 2012-2013 Assessment Data Plan. Progress of child outcomes will be measured at the end of each nine weeks. Nine Weeks Child Outcome results and Program Improvement Plans will be developed by the Director and Education Manager.

Supplemental resources include two additional research-based programs, Waterford Early Reading Program and the Zoo-phonics Multisensory Language Arts Program.