

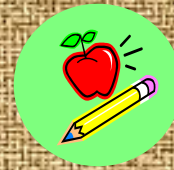


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COACH TALK

District 1 ... where students come first!



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CELEBRATE! END OF YEAR KINDERGARTEN SCORES ARE SOARING!

Once again a record number of kindergarten students in District 1 met or exceeded benchmark performance levels on the End-of-Year Open Court Assessments.

Three years ago, only 76% of our kindergarten students were able to read 8 out of 10 high frequency words. This year, 85% met benchmark!

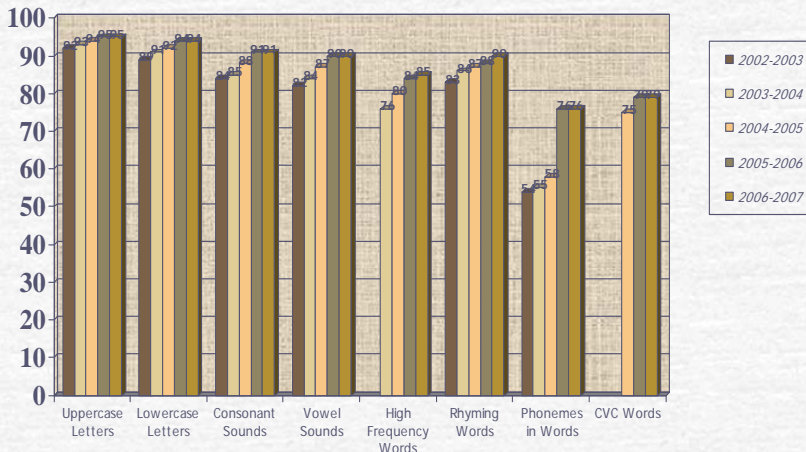
Two years ago, only 58% of our kindergarten students scored 6 out of 8 on the phonemes in words section of the assessment. This year 76% met benchmark!

Research shows that students who are early independent readers learn better throughout their school years, become motivated readers who typically read more than children who learn to read later, and develop increased vocabulary, appreciation of literature and general knowledge.

All of us at District 1 are encouraged by the progress our Kindergarten students are making toward becoming fluent, comprehending readers by the end of the first grade. Such gains would not be possible without the focused efforts, dedication and hard work of the Literacy Coaches, teachers, and administrators in our District 1 Schools.

KUDOS TO YOU ALL!

District 1
Kindergarten End of Year SOAR Data
Five Year Comparison



Percentage of students at or above benchmark

Comings and Goings

Once again this year, several of our colleagues moved on to new positions over the summer. We will miss the following coaches at our meetings:



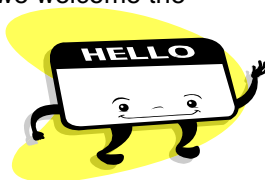
1. Jerry Song – moved to the coordinator position at Vanalden EL;
2. Karen Menzie – promoted to School Psychologist at Castlebay Lane and Sharp EL;
3. Carlu Hermann – moved to the coordinator position at Parthenia EL

Other coaches accepted new challenges, moving to other schools within District 1 to get a different flavor of the OCR climate. With the exception of Tobie, our local district staff remains the same for the upcoming year.

To complete our coaching roster for 2007-2008, we welcome the following new coaches:



1. Rachelle Hubert, *Liggett*
2. Lena Anthony-Johnson, *Lassen*
3. Carly Brydon, *Emelita*
4. You-k Hoang, *Vintage Magnet*
5. Holly Norton, *Cohasset*
6. Kim Rose, *Calvert*
7. Jaqueline Kampschroer-Shehab, *Topeka and Castlebay*



End-of-Year Kindergarten SOAR scores (as well as Unit 5 and End-of-Year Fluency for all grades) are available at http://www.lausd.net/District_1/eliteracy.htm

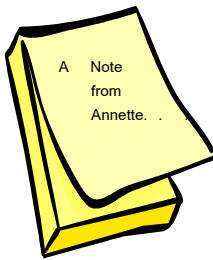
**Start Date for Traditional
Calendar Coaches:
August 17, 2007**

Happy Birthday

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| 8/5 | Joanne Duehren |
| 8/5 | Sima Navid |
| 8/12 | Liane Sternlieb |
| 8/22 | Chana Nutkiewicz |
| 8/25 | Kady Plowman |
| 8/27 | Cecilia Martinez |

We're looking forward to another great year at the District 1 Reading Program!





As we start a new school year and anticipate the challenges that lie ahead, here's something to ponder: **How can we build on the early gains made by our Kindergarten students as they move through the grades? How can we continue to see our students make the same gains in first through fifth grades?**

With the new, more rigorous benchmarks instituted this past year, many students who previously have been included in the benchmark band are now in the strategic band. While this reduces the numbers of students at benchmark, it makes it easier for teachers to identify those students needing increased instructional time and support to become proficient readers and writers.

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Is IWT/Workshop in place in every classroom in District 1 providing that timely, explicit, and systematic support needed by our most at-risk students? Are teacher/coach conversations focusing on specific students and how we can support them?

If we are ever going to close the achievement gap, we need to continue to focus on "good first teaching" and well-planned differentiated instruction during IWT/Workshop to meet the needs of all our diverse learners. In order to close the achievement gap and provide opportunities for all students to achieve state standards, it is essential that all educators have a deep and clear understanding of the District's core materials and that they know how to address the needs of diverse learners. All of our professional development and coaching conversations need to address the specific needs of Standard English Learners, English Learners, students with special needs and gifted and talented students.

Our charge this year remains the same -- *to fundamentally improve the interaction between the teacher and the student to create critical thinkers prepared to participate in a diverse and complex society.*

Our goals are to:

- Ensure that the District Reading/Language Arts Programs are fully implemented through a rigorous academic curriculum; and*
- Improve classroom pedagogy and refine teacher practice in order to ensure student learning.*

Together, let's make this the best year yet for coaching and improved student achievement.

-- Annette Star
Literacy Coordinator

Dates to Remember

Coach Meeting

Thursday, September 20

8:00 – 3:30

New Coach Academy

(for 1st year coaches only)

Friday, September 14

Friday, September 28

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Content-Focused Coaching

(for 2nd year coaches only)

Wednesday, September 19

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Reading First Coach Institute

(for Reading First Coaches Only)

Monday, September 24

Downtown Marriott

8:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

District Reading Action Seminar (DRAS)

(for Reading First Principals/Assistant Principals Only)

Thursday, September 27

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dates and locations are still tentative.

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