

La Costa Meadows Elementary School
ELAC Meeting
10/7/19

Attendance:

LCM Staff:

Julie Stephens, Assistant Principal
Stacy Pollard, Community Liaison
Brigit Blomgren, Teacher

Parents:

Stephanie Mann, ELAC Chair
Susie Martinez, DELAC Representative
Li Cuifang
Norma Luna
Alicia del Val
Mariana Bernal

Discussion

Ms. Stephens explained the purpose of the school Safety Plan and passed it around for committee review.

- Motion to approve the School Safety Plan. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Stephens explained the purpose of the Single Plan for Student Achievement and passed it around for committee review.

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Introduction of Mrs. Blomgren, 5th grade teacher, who shared a few words of welcome and talked more about the Lexia program, available to LCM students.

Lexia review, some notes:

- How important this is to do a little bit but consistently | 30 min each weekend day = good goal | give kids a treat after reaching goals ex: Susie and son go on fun outing every time he passes a level
- Lexia is like having a private tutor -- lots of student growth potential here
- Ms. Stephens distributed and reviewed chart of Lexia levels

Question regarding Lexia and home computers if needed for families:

- We can reach out to district regarding getting a home computer if needed (rather than ipad, as Lexia usage on iPad can be problematic
- LCM to check with Edina Sullivan re: used chromebooks; find out how accurate the time recording is on Lexia -- sometimes it looks like they've been on it, then report back to families regarding Lexia findings ****Stacy****

STAR Testing

Mrs. Blomgren talked about STAR testing, the district assessment used to designate a student's lexile level (ability to understand text); STAR scores illustrate how well a child prepared for new vocab and more complex sentences.

STAR tests are administered at the beginning of the year, and ideally lexile levels should be gaining every year | Susie noted that families can get their child's level from their teachers | It was also noted that STAR tests are not taken in Kindergarten or first grades.

Lexile Level ranges by grade level:

420-650 2nd grade

520-820 3rd grade

740-940 4th grade

830-1010 5th grade

It was further noted that independent reading at home is very important, and that this reading should be within their lexia zone for target vocab and sentence structure | Parents should double check their student's lexile zone

Discussion on reading instruction and regrouping (Mrs. Blomgren)

- Each class has focus groups by level/like students / also doing LLI group within regroup time (with the assistance of classroom instructional aides during this time providing extra support)
- This model allows students who need more support to get more support, and there is a benefit of not being "pulled out" of class to go to a separate classroom across campus for instruction
- Regrouping takes place Mondays through Thursdays

Discussion on any questions regarding upcoming parent/teacher goal conferences

Question fielded regarding AR -- what if you get 70%? Suggestion: Perhaps keep book with them (while testing?) | Also, student/parent can ask Mrs. Schneider to reset (allowing child to retake that test?), but don't do that habitually.

Possible topics for next meeting January 27:

- Google classroom instruction review for families (Blomgren)
- Discuss Dream Box program (Ramos?)
- Update on regrouping instruction

Submitted by Stacy Pollard
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