

Williwaw Elementary 2007-2008

Creating a Culture of Connectedness



Williwaw Elementary is a learning community which values diversity, family involvement, and social emotional growth. By providing a safe learning environment, having the highest expectations for all students, and maintaining cohesive teaching practices, we will promote life long learners and responsible, respectful world citizens.

Williwaw Focus

During the 2007-2008 school year, Williwaw's focus has been to promote our vision of life long learners through the following:

1. Data gathering, analysis, and instructional decision making
2. Cultural Responsiveness- Eric Jensen Class-Enriching the Brains of Children of Poverty Connected and Respected/RCCP Language Learning Liaison
3. Building cohesive grade level collaborative monthly team meetings

Process and Strategies

1. Collaborative Team Meetings
2. CORE Consultation
3. Professional Learning Opportunities
4. Data Team infused into Collaborative Team Meetings

The Power of Change

There has been a paradigm shift from generalized conversation in content areas to skill specific dialogue. The tone in monthly collaborative team meetings has become more student focused. Our staff is realizing that instruction **must** be individualized. Students, parents, and staff are changing by reflecting on assessment data.

"The brain is designed to change and adapt to experience. Change the experience and you'll change the brain." Eric Jensen

Resources

Our progress is made possible due to the collaborative efforts of the entire Williwaw staff and our CORE consultant.

We are relying on the data gained by using the following reading resources: ASD's Assessment Reporting System, Houghton Mifflin Reading Assessments, DIBELS, and The Six-Minute Solution.



Questions to Ponder

How can we strengthen our professional learning communities?

How will we incorporate Eric Jensen's SHARE Model?

How will we infuse self-assessment for staff and students?

What can we do to help our families feel more connected to Williwaw?

