

October Board Report 2019

Rocklin Academy

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Rocklin Academy continues to thrive in our classrooms! Our teachers provide top-notch instruction and our students are engaged in their learning. It is so great to visit classrooms and see the energy and depth of knowledge occurring across all subject areas! In addition, we are excited about all the programs and events that we have to offer to our students at the beginning of the school year. We appreciate our staff and families supporting such activities. In this month alone we have started clubs including Cross Country, Math Olympiad, and Choir. We hosted a Heritage Night and our first Family Dinner night. Lastly, our staff continues to grow through Professional Learning by working in their Professional Learning Teams to plan and set goals for students and to expand their knowledge of systems and instruction in their classrooms. We are proud of our school and look forward to future learning this upcoming month!

Professional Learning

September 10

To ensure our first round of Collaborative Inquiry (CI) began with a strong start, our Professional Learning for teachers on September 9th was dedicated to preparing differentiated learning materials and solidify plans to launch each grade level's first CI goal with success.

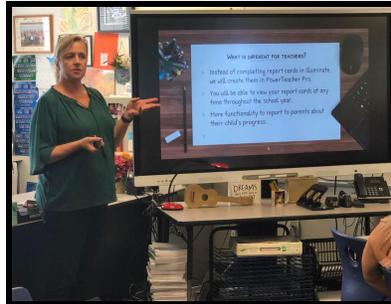
September 17

September 17th was spent curriculum planning by grade level teams. Teachers collaborated on current and upcoming Core Knowledge units of study. Collaboration centered on appropriate pacing of units, upcoming assessments, and planning for ways to enrich the Core Knowledge curriculum with hands-on experiences and aligned field trips.

September 24

Wendy Mitchell came to provide a training on how to use our newly adopted grading program, PowerTeacher Pro (PTP). WSCA has been using this grading program for some time, but it is new for our elementary staff. Part of this move to add on PTP to our previous grading system, Illuminate, is to simplify access to report cards and grades for families, students, and staff. Our goal is to move to a digital report card by Trimester 3 and Wendy was instrumental in setting

staff up for success. Any change can be challenging, but after Wendy presented her training session, there was a sigh of relief and a positive buzz about the simplicity of the new program and what it can offer.



October 1

As Trimester 1 report cards are approaching, teachers met in their Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) to evaluate their curriculum pacing and align their reporting on Essential Standards. This is an important day of planning because it focuses discussions on what standards have been covered, what common assessments will be given to determine student proficiency, and reflection on the current pacing of curriculum to ensure alignment and consistency among each grade level.

October 14

A Collaborative Inquiry (C.I.) goal is identified based on current student data and need. Once identified, teachers provide specific instruction that helps our students succeed through differentiated instruction. Please see the table below for all goals identified at each grade level. Congratulations to all students for their academic growth towards their goal!

September Collaborative Inquiry Goal Results

	C.I. Goal Start Date: 9/9/19 End Date: 10/14/19	Beginning Proficiency	Ending Proficiency	% Growth
Kindergarten	By October 14th, 100% of Kindergarten students will recognize and name all upper and lower case letters of the alphabet as measured by Core Phonics assessment.	23%	81%	+58
First	By October 14, 2019 100% of first grade students will read consonant digraphs with short vowel sounds as measured by Scholastic Core Phonics assessment section B.	36%	73%	+37
Second	By October 14, 2019 100% of 2nd grade students will be able to write a sentence with a subject and predicate measured by 3 telling sentences about a Core Knowledge topic and common rubric.	19%	88%	+69
Third	By October 14th, 100% of third grade students will begin to fluently multiply within 100 by mastering their 2s,5s, and 10s facts as measured by	15%	95%	+80

	multiplication timed tests.			
Fourth	By October 14, 2019, 100% of Rocklin Academy 4th grade students will be able to solve 50 out of 50 mixed multiplication facts up to 12 in 2 minutes, measured by a teacher created assessment.	18%	74%	+56
Fifth	By October 14, 100% of 5th graders will be able to show at least a 10% growth score on a 3 minute timed multiplication assessment of 100 multiplication facts.	29%	69%	+40
Sixth	By October 14th, 100% of students will be able to divide multi-digit decimals using the standard algorithm measured by a common Weekly Quiz and rubric.	21%	78%	+57

Core Knowledge Celebrations

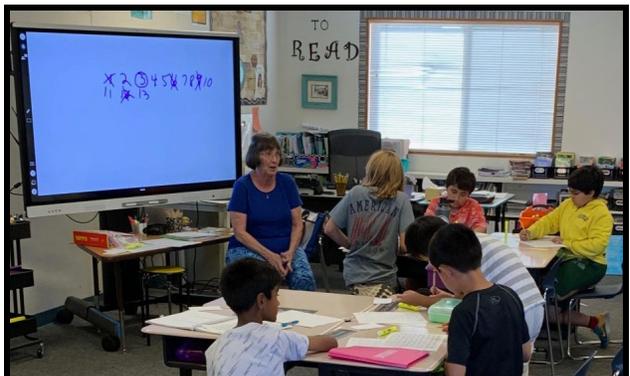
Second Grade Asian Civilizations

This month our 2nd grade classrooms celebrated Ancient Asian Civilizations. Over the course of the unit, students learned about the invention of paper and calligraphy, the Great Wall of China, Confucius, and heard the story, *The Magic Paintbrush*. They also learned about the history of silk and the Chinese New Year. Learning about other cultures and civilizations is a part of our Core Knowledge curriculum. Students enjoyed learning about these civilizations and being a part of the classroom activities that brought their learning to life!



Student Enrichment

At the end of last year, our PSP created a survey for parents to inquire about what they would like to see added to our schools to continue to develop and enrich our students. Administration, PSP, and parent attendees further discussed enrichment opportunities while at the PSP meeting. Many families were interested in increasing after school enrichment opportunities. In response to this feedback, we are now offering an “Intellibricks” coding class, and have brought back the Firefly Art class. There has been a very positive response and many students were eager to start! In addition to these, we are continuing to offer Choir to our 4th-6th grade students, Math Olympiad, and Cross-Country.





School Community

Heritage Night

On September 26th, our school community joined in celebration at our second annual Heritage Night! We were able to experience a variety of cultures through interactive booths representing various countries from around the world. We also enjoyed a taste of cultural foods and watched the most amazing and colorful traditional performances. These performances and activities were presented by our very own students, their families, and even Rocklin Academy staff! We had Western Sierra join in the festivities to make it a true Rocklin Academy Family of Schools event! It was a joyous night and we can't wait to do it again next year!



