



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE EAGLES

To: Members of the School Committee

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We had a productive inservice day last month. We continued our work with the Assessment literacy, learning how to unpack a standard and write it into I Can statements (kid friendly language). Teachers spent time looking at their NWEA data, determining which kids will be receiving tier one and two interventions, along with taking some time to plan what those interventions will be. Teachers were given time to work on their professional goals and student learning objectives, then spent the afternoon with their grade level groups or content area groups and continued working with tasks specific to their grade level.

I am pleased with our NWEA data. Although I haven't taken the time to completely analyze the data on each individual student, the initial data looks as follows:

Grade level	# of students tested	% meeting and/or exceeding for Math	% meeting and/or exceeding for Reading
2	37	59%	70%
3	31	67%	74%
4	58	65%	77%
5	51	84%	88%
6	48	83%	77%
7	49	77%	87%
8	38	89%	94%

Last year we implemented having our first graders take the NWEA's as a practice, getting the feel of what a standardized computer test is like. I feel that the second grade results are more reflective of their abilities this year which allows us to target them with specific interventions.

Our grade 7 students will go on their Maine Studies trip to SERC (School Education and Research Center) at Schoodic Point, from November 2nd -4th in which they will participate in environmental studies and mapping techniques. Maine Studies is an important part of the curriculum and a long standing tradition at Center Drive. This experiential learning is something students remember for years to come.

We continue to work through our observation/evaluation system. We have 12 probationary teachers this year. All have been formally observed with pre and post conferences. I will soon begin the mini-observations with all staff, while continuing with mini observations for the probationary. Our four new teachers have acclimated with the climate here at CDS, all contributing to this climate in a positive way. It is exhilarating to watch them share their craft with the students and watch them grow as educators.