

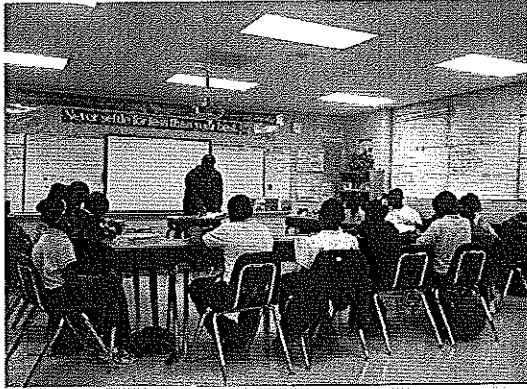
Teaching and Learning Updates

November 17, 2011



Elrica C. Glover, Teaching and Learning Coach

- Social Studies Update
- Fall Benchmark 2 Indicators -Reflected 1st nine weeks(Benchmark window opens Nov. 28-Dec. 9) Specific schedule will be followed.
- Fall Benchmark 3 Indicators will be sent to schools by Nov. 28th (Will reflect the 2nd nine weeks)
- Proposed changes to the OCSD5 Pacing Guides - Follow until further notice - Notification will come with the proposed changes
- Pre-K - Mrs. Jamison will be sending out a newsletter to answer many of your clarifying questions
- Kindergarten Benchmarks - One will be given during 2nd semester
- Kindergarten report card - continue to use the current format
- Use resources such as United Streaming, Study Island, Teacher toolbox, and others to supplement your daily instruction
 - **ELA PASS UPDATE:**
 - The following 3 subjects will be a focus of emphasis on PASS this year in ELA:
 - Citing Text/ Citing Sources
 - (5th) Persuasive Writing
 - Identifying theme and main idea
- **Common Core Standards - Current Kindergarten students will be the first students to take the test in 2014-2015 (Will be HUGE on information text and vocabulary in all content areas.**
- Coaching Schedule/Calendar
- Preconference - Support
- Enjoy your Holiday Break - Rest and Be Safe!!



Mrs. F. Williams 5th Grade Class
Mellichamp Elementary School

Williams Weekly

This Week's Objectives

The students will be able to:

- Interpret figurative language devices (including metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole) and sound devices (including onomatopoeia and alliteration)
- Explain how actual environment affected travel to the west.
- Use Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine the meaning of words



Weekly Vocabulary Words:

- Scalawags
- Carpetbaggers
- Relocation
- First person point-of-view
- Third person point-of-view
- Third person omniscient point-of-view
- Discrimination
- Impeachment
- Klu Klux Klan
- Black codes
- Thirteenth Amendment
- Fourteenth Amendment
- Fifteenth Amendment

**Gang
Prevention
Summit
Trip on
Friday,
September
23, 2011**

Students of the Week

This weeks Students of the Week is **MS. ALIESHA ARGROW** and **MS. OTISHA GREEN**. These two young ladies have been selected as this week's Students of the Week for their dedication to academic excellence. Congratulations Ms. Argrow and Ms. Green! Keep up the great work.



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Sincerely,

Libby J. Ortman
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