

FRIDAY FOCUS

November 16, 2012

Treats...thank you Rosanne for the treats yesterday morning. It was especially nice to have treats after a long evening of conferences!

Room 4 & Room 7...thank you for the treats that you provided on November 1 and 8.

Jen, thank you for organizing the conference dinner!

Conferences...

Thank you again for the effort that you put into conferences. From a parents' perspective, 15 minutes with your child's teacher is priceless!

Please return conference forms to Jenny by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 20.

Costello should be at 100%!

Goal Setting...

I have some openings today if you have not already met with me regarding your goals. I will also have a sub on Tuesday that will float from room to room; you can sign up on the bulletin board in the office. Please have these completed by November 21. I have attached the finalized goal setting sheets for Visible Thinking/Questioning and the Writing goal. The VT/Q form is ready to be cut and pasted into your goal in STAGES. Remember, the Visible Thinking/Questioning goal is optional. Many of you were interested in this.

The writing goal points are different depending on the grade level.

Entering Goals...

On Monday, November 19, after school, I will be in the computer lab working with anyone interested in entering goals into STAGES.

Reminders...

- Visible Thinking meeting is on Monday, November 19 from 7:45-8:45. If you want bring reflections, ideas, or examples of what you may have tried.
- NCA Surveys – student surveys – turn in today. Staff survey deadline November 18.
- Tuesday, November 20th is a Switch day.

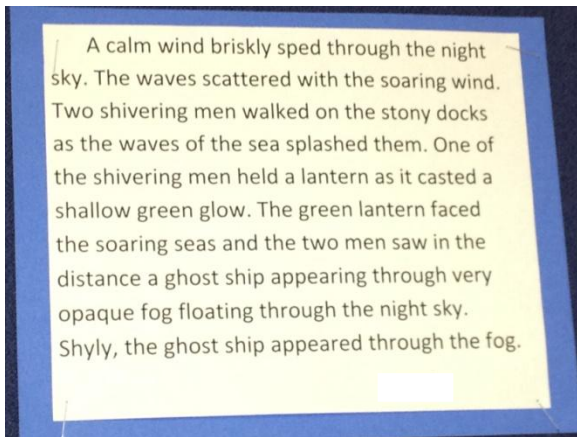
Ed Leadership...

This article matches nicely with the ideas that came out in our small group reading meetings.

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/nov12/vol70/num03/Taking-Peer-Feedback-to-Heart.aspx>



Mrs. Holzkecht's class used Sentence, Phrase, Word to reflect on their recent TFK.



Students used the strategy *Looking 10x2*. After observing the picture they listed things they notices, then looked a little further and tried to describe the picture using sensory detail. The final piece was a story constructed from their reflection.



Check out these terrific writers...first grade focused on writing about their families.

To improve the team
you don't study the
scoreboard, you go out
and practice.

This quote sums up the idea that a score is not nearly as important as what goes on inside of the classroom. The Costello learning community seems to value learning more than a numbers on a rubric. Real learning comes from meaningful discussions, feedback, and reflection...this applies to students as well as adults. Self-reflection question...How consistent and challenging are you in what you are providing for your students on a daily basis?

Enjoy your extra days next week!

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