

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

college *of* Education
Gladly We Learn and Teach

Thomas Metcalf School
2010-2011
Developing the Learner
in Me!

STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR

- New Artwork in the building entry from Montage
 - Alternative resources: PTO raised around 57,000 this year – 44,000 in teacher grants awarded
- Smartboard
 - Rolling out 4 more smartboards - offered as a choice/application based
- Laptops
 - New Netbooklab in the library
 - 2 new laptop carts for 5-8 grade
- iPads
 - 4 new in preschool
- iTouch
 - Class set for checkout
- Curriculum
 - Middle School Tech program has legomindstorm – robotics
 - Everyday Math pre-k through 5
 - Prentice Hall Science in 6-8
 - Scheduled 30 min. block of RtI time in K-4 grade.



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○ Building

- New tile on hallway on first floor
- Upgraded work areas in the teachers' commons
- New chairs will be ordered for classrooms – parent donations into the foundation account

○ Professional Development offered this summer

- Digital Resources, ilife, Lucy Calkins writing, Assessment, Fountas and Pinnell Smartboard and Listening and Spoken Language.
- Our teachers came voluntarily to these sessions



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○ College of Ed Connections

- Total: **33,401** clocked clinical hours = Approx. 835 hours of involvement per teacher
 - Observation hours: 6990
Clinical Hours/Participation: 20,657
Volunteer: 5754
America Reads/Counts Student hours: 3124.25
- Moving to online scheduling for all ISU students and instructor requests.
 - Videos and visual electronic training created this summer and located on our website.



ISAT SCORES

- Overall School Scores of Meeting or Exceeding State Standards
 - 96% Reading
 - 98% Math
 - 96% Science
 - 88% Writing
- This is the first year we had more students in the exceed category in Math and Reading than we had in the meets category.



ISAT CONTINUED...

○ Reading by Grade Level

- 3rd - 98%
- 4th - 92%
- 5th - 98%
- 6th - 96%
- 7th - 98%
- 8th - 98%

○ Math by Grade Level

- 3rd - 100%
- 4th - 94%
- 5th - 98%
- 6th - 98%
- 7th - 100%
- 8th - 98%



ISAT CONTINUED...

○ Writing by Grade Level

- 3rd - 91%
- 5th - 76%
- 6th - 90%
- 8th - 98%

○ Science

- 4th - 92%
- 7th - 100%



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- Based on Plan Do Study Act Model – Data Driven and written and assessed each school year by our FAC (Faculty Advisory Committee)
- Faculty Personal Goals are aligned to our school improvement goals and connected to the COE 5 yr plan
- We take into account our many partnerships
 - Mandates from ISBE (RTI) and ISAT test scores
 - Needs of the College of Ed and ISU community
 - Research projects
 - Psychology department gave data from two projects that directed our RtI goal this year.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- RtI – Response to Intervention – Goal 1
- Federal mandate where schools provide structured interventions to struggling students.
 - Assessments are given and struggling students are targeted for extra help with the end goal of getting them caught up to the regular curriculum.
 - Goal based on input from research projects, scheduling structural needs of students to get interventions.
 - New part of the plan this year is to provide a 30 min. block time for K-4 called PAWS (Providing All With Success)
 - We will continue with reading and will standardize our math RtI



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONTINUED

○ Writing- Goal 2

- Goal includes our teachers involved in professional learning communities (PLC)
- Work in clusters of 4 to plan mini lessons aligned to the writing workshop. One teacher will teach and the others will watch. Each teacher will take a turn teaching in front of their colleagues and assessing the lesson as a group. (Developing the Learner in Me!)
- Due to funding, the state will NOT be testing writing this year.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONTINUED

○ Curriculum Goal

- Curriculum Mapping Goal From last year is standardized for this year.
 - Master maps available to parents and ISU students and faculty
- Curriculum Goal 3 – Math and Science
 - Training, implementing and mapping new curriculum



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONTINUED

○ Technology Plan – Goal 4

- Year 2 of a 3 year goal submitted to the state
- Teachers write a personal goal based on the district tech plan.
 - We aligned our training this summer so teachers could implement their own goals in their classrooms
- New COE connection goal
 - Online ISU student scheduling, volunteer video, and online step-by-step training sessions for ISU students to schedule themselves.
 - Online instructor requests

