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All Things EQ

We have implemented a philosophy called “All Things EQ.” IQ is your book smarts or school smarts. EQ is your emotional quotient or self-smarts. The EQ philosophy focuses on the following key questions: How can I be kind and helpful in this moment?

- How are you showing up at school today?
- Am I making an honest effort?
- Am I focusing on solutions instead of problems?

To reinforce the EQ philosophy our 5th and 6th graders are trained to be our EQ Ambassadors so they can be role models for the rest of the students. In addition, each teacher is holding class meetings every Friday, showing videos that focus on the four key questions and we have daily announcements focused on the core questions and weekly motto.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC's)

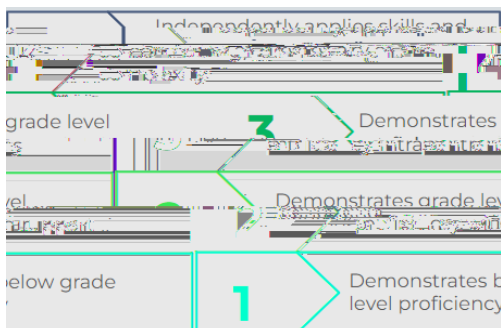
Most Fridays, students will be released early so that we are able to participate in PLC work. This work is directly related to the planning, instruction and interventions we implement in our classrooms to ensure that students master the standards.

A professional learning community is a group of educators that meet regularly and work Collaboratively to improve teaching practices and the achievement of students. The questions that drive the work of PLC's are:

- What do we want all students to know and be able to do?
- How will we know if they learn it?
- How will we respond if some students do not learn?
- How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?

Please be sure to read the weekly newsletter for ongoing information regarding the content of each early release day.

GRADING PRACTICES



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