

Richfield Jt. School District No. 1

Open House



Welcome Back- Time to Celebrate

- Closing achievement gap in literacy and math
- Developing a structured time to support all student's needs (intervention or enrichment)
- Training for all teachers in research-based interventions
- Balanced Literacy Assessment

Time to Celebrate, Time to Grow

- Need a consistent approach to writing and reading instruction across the district

What's Our Focus This Year?

- Writer's Workshop
Units of Study - Lucy Calkins'
- Developmental spelling, phonics, and vocabulary program
Words Their Way- Invernizzi, Johnston, Bear, and Templeton

Why Writers Workshop?

“Researchers have realized that when writing is not just assigned and corrected but it is also explicitly taught, then all kids can learn to write well.”

Writers Workshop At A Glance

- Assessment based
- Includes 3 genres: narrative, expository and persuasive
- Daily lessons include:
 - Minilesson
 - Independent writing:
 - Students - draft, revise, edit and publish
 - Teacher - meets with students individually/small groups
 - Share - time to reflect on learning

Support At Home

- Promote a writerly life at home through storytelling
- Newsletters for each unit contain additional activities
- Focus on what your child is doing well, and pick one area of focus

Why Word Study?

“ Research tells us there are 5 developmental stages of spelling development.”

“Students learn to spell when teachers assess the stage of spelling and use it to guide their instruction.”

Word Study at a Glance

- Improves student's ability to notice spelling patterns
- Challenges students to think **why** words are spelled a certain way
- Allows students to learn words at their **individual** level of instruction

Word Study in the Classroom

- Weekly word study will focus on a spelling pattern, oddballs, and High Frequency words
- Students will practice words through a variety of sorts
- Assessments based on observation of sorts, spelling words in writing, and weekly assessment checks

Support at Home

- Weekly sorts will go home along with opportunities for practicing sorts
- If your child asks you to spell a word, encourage a strategy **before** giving the word

Next Steps

- Burning questions?
- Newsletters and Parent Guide will provide answers to common questions
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