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SPOTLIGHT: R.T.I. Teachers

R.T.I. Response To Intervention

INTERVENTION

Direct instruction on targeted skills identified through multiple assessments & screeners.

LLI SUCCESSES

- * .08 IRL growth over 15 wks.
- * 87% of students meeting growth expectations
- * 89 % of students moved up from Intensive Support to Strategic
- * 76% of students moved up from Strategic to Benchmark

*averages from 3 NMUSD Schools

At NHES, our 2 RTI Teachers - Janet and Heather, work with small groups of students to become more proficient in reading by providing targeted and direct instruction on specific skills such as: decoding, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary development, language conventions, and writing fluency. They collect data from a variety of measures and individualize their instruction based upon the individual child. They also use this data to design interventions and lesson plans to target student's current needs and deficits.

JANET MONTGOMERY: RTI Teacher (Part-time Certificated Teacher)

Janet grew up in Phoenix, AZ and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Family and Consumer Resources from the University of Arizona. She continued her education at Grand Canyon University, where she earned a Masters of Education in Elementary and Special Education. In Phoenix, Janet taught Kindergarten and also Special Education for grades 1st-4th, and then moved to Huntington Beach where she taught children with special needs in grades 1st-3rd. Janet then went on to be an Autism Coordinator for HBCSD working with children from pre-school - 8th grades. Janet has spent many years tutoring children and being involved in her children's schools. She currently resides in Newport Beach with her husband, Matt, and her 3 children: Whitney (13), Nicolas (11) and James (8).



HEATHER GIORDANI: RTI Teacher (Part-time Certificated Teacher)

Heather grew up in Newport Beach and graduated from Newport Harbor HS in 2000. Heather attended CSU-Fullerton where she earned a Bachelor Degree in Child and Adolescent Studies. After graduating from CSUF, Heather traveled to China where she taught Conversational English for the summer. After returning home from China, she earned a Multiple Teaching Credential from her alma mater, CSUF. Heather relocated to San Francisco and commuted to East Oakland where she taught 1st grade for the majority of her career. Heather has also taught kindergarten, 4th grade and has spent numerous years tutoring students across multiple grade levels. Heather believes that teaching provides an opportunity for continual learning and growth. Her hope as an educator is to instill a love of learning in her student while sharing her own passion of learning. Heather currently resides in Costa Mesa with her husband and 2 children: Piercen (6) and Haven (4).



MEET THE FOUNDATION CFO – Adam Miller

Adam Miller has served as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Board for the last 5 years. He has a 5th grade son, Jack, in Ms. Franko's class and a 3rd grade daughter, Madison, in Mrs. Middleton's class. His wife, Stephanie, has also been very active in the school including being a room-mom countless years and coordinator of the talent show in the spring. Adam runs a local software development company and has the privilege of being married to a world-class private chef (yes, dinners are 5 star every night at his house!). Adam grew up in Michigan, but after visiting Newport Beach 25 years ago, he declared California "home" (much to his mom's dismay). He enjoys new up-and-coming wineries in Napa with Steph and relishes inquisitive questions from his kids ("If Adam and Eve made babies, and they made babies-then aren't we all brothers and sisters?")



DID YOU KNOW?.....

67 NHES Students in grades 2nd- 6th are being taught by the RTI Teachers for 30/45 minutes a day, 4 days/wk.

Next Week News!

**Five Year Donation
and Funding Review**