

Mrs. Ross'

Enlightening ESOL Exposé

Thomas County Schools

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Teachers, Welcome back! I hope you all had a very relaxing and refreshing Fall Break! This newsletter will cover the remainder of October. ENJOY! Also, please take a few minutes to take the Needs Assessment survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GYZ5BXNESOL2013>

Useful Information

What's Happening?

I wanted to give you some ideas of what instruction has been going on at each school with your ESOL students.

- **Hand In Hand**-Students have been working hard on learning their alphabet and phonics sounds. We've been listening to *The Phonics Song* and signing along while working on PALS. We worked specifically on (a, m, & t) and the sight words **the** and **at**. We've also focused on names of foods and opposites. We've used OWLS to build vocabulary while reading several books about babies.
- **Garrison**-1st grade has been focusing on short and long vowel sounds and PrePrimer Dolch Sight words. Almost all students have mastered them! We've also talked about story elements and been reading nonfiction animal books through guided reading to build fluency. 2nd grade has been working on math (place value, addition, and subtraction) and science (water cycle, weather, & space) academic vocabulary by using hands on manipulatives and great educational songs.
- **Cross Creek**-Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Aracri have been providing powerful interventions for our ELs in the subject they are weakest in.
- **TCMS**- Students have been working hard during homeroom with me on a wide variety of academic content to support their classes. We have focused mainly on the subject they are currently weakest in and on building good study habits.
- **TCCHS**-We have worked on a variety of skills focusing on academic vocabulary. We even created a class wiki page to collect all our resources in one place. Check it out at <https://rossesol.wikispaces.com/>. Students also created vocabulary Powerpoints directly related to a certain CCGPS.

October Schedule

- 24th & 25th- I will not pull any students either day

ITBS is Coming!

The first two weeks of November are ITBS for 1st, 3rd & 6th grade. I will be testing students at several schools and will not be pulling regularly. I will let you know all the info as soon as possible.

Awesome Apps

- ABC Monkey
- Endless ABC
- Mash Puns

