

Mrs. Ross'

Enlightening ESOL Exposé

Thomas County Schools

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Teachers, ONLY 7 days to go before the Christmas Break! Wahoo!! Thank you for all your hard work with our ESOL sweeties so far this year. I think each of them has already come so far. I also appreciate you completing the ESOL Needs Assessment. This helps guide me in my next steps for EL professional development. Have a great Christmas!!!

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 learning their alphabet and phonics sounds. We've been singing *The Phonics Song* daily while working on PALS. We worked specifically on (a, f, i & t) and the sight words **the**, **on** and **at**. We've also focused on opposites, sequencing, and writing our names, and writing numbers 1-10.
- **Garrison**- Each student is in a sight words race! You may have seen a plastic baggie go home with sight words in it; these are the words they are to practice in order to earn a sticker for their racing chart. 1st grade has been focusing on story elements, vowels, nouns, and parts of a plant. ☺ 2nd grade has been working on addition fluency and doubles facts. We also started subtraction with regrouping and have talked more about place value. Science has been fun as we have discussed all the parts of a plant and what the parts do.
- **Cross Creek**-Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Aracri have been providing powerful interventions for our ELs in the subject they are weakest in. Check with them for exact CCGPS instruction.
- **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 math, science, and reading. We've also worked on particular CCGPS skills that will be on 2nd 9-week's benchmark using [BrainPopSpanish](#). 8th graders will really start focusing on writing in preparation for the writing test in January.
- **TCCHS**-Academic vocabulary has been the key! We have created a huge project which incorporates: quizlet, Prezi, websites, our Classroom wiki, and VoiceThreads.

December Schedule

- 19th- I will not see your students (K-8) due to Christmas holiday activities in the classrooms.

WIDA

WIDA developed ELD (English Language Development) Standards which I teach my ESOL students by. They align to the CCGPS. Visit [their site](#) to learn more!

Awesome Website

- [USALearns.org](#)- This is such a wonderful site to help students who are learning English or need to work on their comprehension skills! It's FREE and students can access from home.

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