



Mrs. Ross'
Enlightening ESOL Exposé
Thomas County Schools



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Teachers, I have truly loved meeting all your sweet English Learner (EL) students this week! They are really an amazing group of kids. Please note my schedule below. If I have a meeting that just happens to "pop up". I will always send you an e-mail.

9/4	9/5	9/6	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/16	9/17	9/18
Miss 7 th Grade	No HNH	Testing All Day		Training in Atlanta			No HNH	Meeting ALL Day		

Useful Information

Reminders

- Please remember that I am here to help you with making **accommodations and modifications** to your assessments. We will meet as a group in late October to discuss what your ELs need to be successful!
- Make sure your **CAN DO Descriptors** are somewhere that you see them often. **PUSH** the students to their next level on the chart. Assess on their level, but teach +1.
- Make every lesson a **conscious language experience!** Students need to work in groups so they are encouraged to increase academic vocabulary and work on the WIDA speaking standard.
- **Word Walls** are essential for EL. Please make sure you have a Word Wall full of academic vocabulary in clear sight of your student(s).

What is WIDA?

WIDA stands for World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment.

Their mission: to advances academic language development and academic achievement for linguistically diverse students through high quality standards, assessments, research, and professional development for educators.

Their Vision: To be the most trusted resource in the education of Kindergarten through Grade 12 language learners.

Website Spotlight

- www.flascardstash.com

Use this site to help with centers, or students can use it to study at home. Great for EL!!! Just input your vocabulary words OR download pre-made lists!



Upcoming!

I will be attending training in Atlanta on ELLis Academics and ELLis Essentials on September 10th. These are great computer software programs for our students. I look forward to sharing what I will learn with you.

For resources and helpful tips visit my website: www.RossESOL.weebly.com!