



On-Target Rates Skyrocket in October and November!!!!

Congratulations to the Top 3 Schools in KidPace!!

October 31:

Sharp 69%
Wiggins 61%
Davis 61%



Bonsall middle schoolers

November 30:

Sharp 82%
Bonsall 82%
Wiggins 82%

The Race is On! Reaching for the Playground



Head Coach Ms. Woodridge and members of the Davis K team

On November 13, 2009, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Kirwin announced that the school with the highest percentage of students On-Target for Steps by March 15th 2010 at midnight will win a \$90,000 playground. The school will work with KaBOOM to design the playground of their dreams. All over Camden, children and families are reading and working for that playground!!!



Mrs. Kirwin and Dr. Rock at the Head Coach's meeting at Cream.

Ideas for Reading Over the Holiday Break

- Send home a special holiday log sheet with directions for recording steps
- Send home lots and lots of extra books, especially for levels YY-RR
- Make home calls or have visits and ask about steps--get approval first!
- Set a goal in writing
- Prizes for classrooms who read the most over the break
- Prizes for teachers whose classrooms read the most over the break
- Schoolwide catch-up days before and after break
- Have an awards ceremony right before and after break
- Send home a letter to each family explaining reading goals and how to help
- Assign families to each staff member and have them call every or every-other day over break
- Allow families to borrow from your lending library
- Read alouds count for Kindergarten - let parents know!



Boxes of free books for parents to take in the front hallway of Sharp

Steps Targets:
308 Steps by December 18
356 Steps by January 4

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP BY ACTION 100 HEAD COACHES

- Leadership Team meetings are becoming regular parts of weekly schedules all over Camden!
- Principals are coaching students, coaching teachers, and coaching parents.
- Principals are beginning to use the IRLA and learn the intricacies of each reading level.
- Head Coach Woodridge credits improvements in school environment, attitudes, customs, discipline, and special education referrals to Action 100 implementation.
- Head Coach Ruiz calls each

student without log signatures to her office--they receive credit for reading only when parents verify the steps.

- Head Coach Medley is coaching a student one-one-one.



Head Coaches examine kid writing from Zoology One

- Head Coach Shanklin conducts fishbowls on ARC PD days.
- Head Coach Sapowsky hold "Days at the Data Wall" where she listens to teachers discuss individual student progress.
- Head Coaches Morgan and McCombs hold catch-up hours to help students get on-target.



Head Coach Ms. Murray giving out medals

DATA WALLS INFORM INTERVENTION AND INSTRUCTION



LC Ms. Maggi and Head Coach Donahue at the Molina Data Wall

The schoolwide chart at Davis--with a photo of each teacher and a photo of the whole class on top



A teacher moves student Action Plans along the Data Wall at Catto

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN CLASSROOMS

The three first grade classes at Cramer made the most progress in the entire district in September and October!!



One of the first grade classes at Cramer, with Head Coach Surratt and Ms. Evans, their teacher



1st grade Wiggins teacher, Ms. Vosseller, conferences using the IRLA



Teacher Ms. Perry, LC Ms. Brownlee and 4th grade readers at Powell

The MOST IMPROVED school on Steps is.....

CATTO

1% to 49% between 9/30/09 and 11/30/09

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

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