

Welcome Back!!!

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great summer vacation. The staff is rested and ready to go!

Again this school year, the Winnisquam Regional School District had our Title I grant approved. The grant provides for Title I services at the Union Sanborn School, in reading for first and second graders, the Southwick School for all grade levels in reading and math, and at the Middle School, grade 6, in reading and math. We are very pleased to have primarily returning tutors, with a new addition of Mrs. Debra Smith at the Middle School. Please make sure to read the information for each of the tutors in their school section of the newsletter.

During the summer, teachers from all schools worked on developing standards from the national common core standards in reading and math. The district had a Curriculum Audit completed in the spring of 2011, which indicated that we need to have a more streamlined curriculum from kindergarten to grade 12. (The Curriculum Audit is on the WRSD website: <http://www.wrsdsau59.org/departments.html> Go under Departments to Curriculum and the audit is first on the left.) As a result of the audit, the district has a 5 year curriculum plan, which can be found at http://www.wrsdsau59.org/Curriculum/AuditReport/5-Year_Curriculum_Plan.pdf

This school year, the Title I tutors, will be working with the classroom teachers implementing the new standards, in reading and math, with the pacing guides so all teachers will be teaching the same standards at the same time. This is a work in progress, and we are excited about the work that has been completed during the summer!!!

News from Kindergarten Plus

We are off to a great start in Kindergarten Plus!! Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom! Will there be enough room? Here comes K+ up the coconut tree!

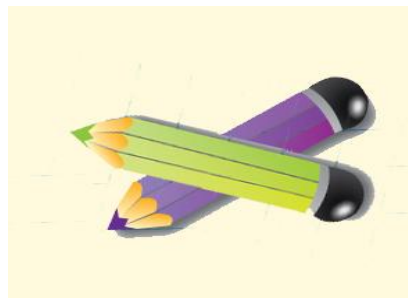
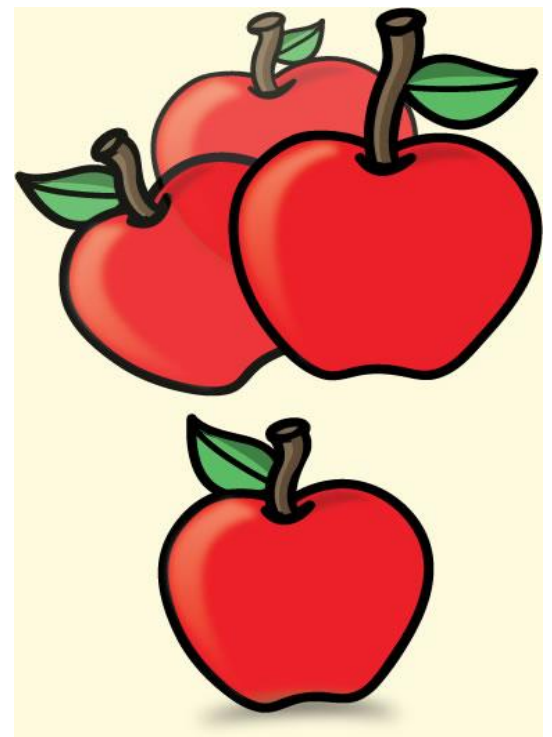
We have been doing a lot of interactive modeling which is a Responsive Classroom approach. It has allowed us to be successful when using our tools in the classroom. We are adjusting to a long day at Union Sanborn, starting with AM Kindergarten, transitioning to lunch and recess and spending the afternoon in the K+ room with Miss Blais!

We will spend the remainder of September becoming adjusted to an all day program and developing a positive learning community.

Come October, we will really dive into our academics. We will be following the same letter introduction as Storytown, our school wide reading curriculum.

Don't forget to send your child in with an extra snack for the afternoon. There is not one provided by the school.

We look forward to a very excited school year full of fun and oodles of academics!!! Stay tuned for our Fall Kindergarten Plus night!



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Have a great beginning to fall!!!

AUTUMN IS COMING!

Introducing our Title I Reading Tutor at Union Sanborn School

Kim Constant is returning for her seventh year to USS. She will be providing reading support to first and second grade students. As always, she hopes to have a fun and exciting school year. Kim has a BS degree from Northeastern University. She loves to go kayaking with her husband and daughter and loves to READ! To show you how much, she read 10 books this summer!

Please stop in and say, "Hi!" to Mrs. Constant!



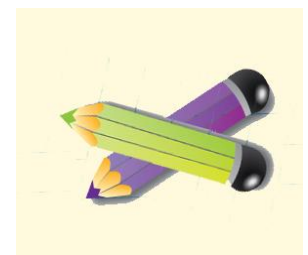
Mr. James Frase-White At Southwick School Again This School Year
This year reunites James Frase-White with the class that he worked with at Union-Sanborn in 1st grade. It is exciting to see them again, and see how much they have learned. They are eager to discover the new skills they will acquire in grade 3. The third grade team has worked on making this a great year of discovery, revitalizing our curriculum. We are especially excited about our restructured Math program. It is modeled to fit the National Common Core standards, but also build in a way as to make the study of math facts exciting and fun.

Mr. Frase-White has been a Title 1 Tutor since 1999 in the WRSD. He earned a MA in Psychology from Duquesne University, and a BA in Philosophy and Art from Boston State College, and supplementary work from PSU, Mass. College of Art, Franklin Peirce U and Asbury College.

Mrs. Westerling Returns to Grade 4 – Ms. Daly Returns to Grade 5

This is Mrs. Colleen Westerling's fifth year in the school district, and her third full year at Southwick School. She graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. Her family consists of her two children and her husband. Autumn, is in 8th grade this year and, Victor, is in 5th grade. She lives with her family in Belmont. She enjoys both reading and math, and she looks forward to working with her students each year.

Ms. Mary Daly was born and raised in New Jersey and she moved to Sanbornton, New Hampshire 12 years ago. She has an AA degree, and a Special Education certification from Lakes Region Community College. She has been working for the



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There is no telling how many miles

You'll have to run

Chasing a dream.

Author Unknown --(Source on the Internet)

Ms. Daly at Southwick (Continued from page 2)

district for nine years as a paraprofessional, and this is her second year as the Title I tutor. In her spare time, she likes to read, continue her education, and garden. Mary states, "I am very happy to be working at Southwick School this year in fifth grade. I look forward to a great year teaching your children."



Winnisquam Regional Middle School Reading and Math Tutors

Welcome to another great year at the Middle School!

My name is Deb Martinson, and I am the Title 1 Math Tutor for the 6th grade. This is my fourth year at WRMS. I've been here long enough to notice many of this year's 6th graders are younger siblings of previous WRMS students! It is nice when we get to see familiar faces and families again in our hallways.

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We also have many students and families for whom the Middle School is a whole new experience and may not know our staff. I have lived locally for the last 18 years with my husband - he has lived here his whole life! Our family has grown to include two children who attend WRSD and our beloved feline friend, Zorro. In addition to tutoring math, I enjoy reading, cooking, crafting and gardening. My favorite activity is spending time with my family.

This year I will be working with Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Beliveau to help students succeed in math. I will be in the classrooms daily assisting students and after school offering additional support. I look forward to getting to know my students, encouraging them to do their best and providing tutoring services as an aid for obtaining success with mathematics.

New Reading Tutor at the Middle School for Title I

Winnisquam Middle School has a new Title I Reading program this year. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Deb Smith, and I live in Gilmanton with my husband and two dogs. I have two children, a daughter and a son, who are grown and live in the Lakes Region as well. I graduated with AA in Early Childhood Education and NH Special Education Paraprofessional Certification. My former school that I worked at is Gilmanton School working with middle school students in Special Education.

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Title I Tutors Setting up Parent/Child Events Again This School Year

In the October issue of our newsletter, we will be publishing our yearly events for families with the dates so you can mark them on your calendar. Please look for them!!!

New Reading Tutor (Continued)

In my spare time, I enjoy camping, hiking, scrapbooking, and spending time with my family. I have enjoyed getting to know the fabulous sixth grade team at Winnisquam Middle School. I am looking forward to assisting the E/LA team with my Title I Tutor Reading position to help with your child's reading skills and have a successful year of reading. Feel free to contact me at the middle school with any questions or concern.



Request of Parents in Title I Program from Title I Assistant Project Manager

My name is Sandie Sterling, and I am the Title I Assistant Project Manager in the district. The Title I tutors, and I, have been talking about what we can do to help parents with educating their children, who are in our program. We would love to know what your thoughts are to help us provide for you great programs that you'd like to attend.

I would like to have a breakfast where the parents meet with me so we can talk about what some of your ideas are. The difficulty is that parents are very busy, and it is difficult to find a time. If you are interested in attending a breakfast, informally, where we sit and talk about what kinds of things you'd like to see the Title I program do, then please send me an email at ssterling@wrsdsau59.org I would also like to know if you'd like to attend, but the timing is off.

We discuss what we think parents would like, but we would LOVE your input! Thanks☺



Have a great week with your child(ren)!!!