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IMI Newsletter



Grades 3 and 4 Teachers Attend First of Three Two-Day In-Services

Grades three and four teachers from the nine IMI districts participated in the first round of two-day follow-up in-services at Merrillville and Indianapolis.

The following teachers were asked to comment regarding this question.

How is your math instruction different this year compared to last year?

Here are the responses from district teachers.

-Kathy Gordon-

Grade 3 Fort Wayne

"The spiral approach of the program is great. Using manipulatives has enhanced my teaching."

-Shawna Sideris-

Grade 3 East Chicago

"Students are learning through many games. More hands-on instruction, more student movement. Last year was boring compared to this."

-Mary Sue Holt-

Grade 3 Columbus

"A lot more exciting and more challenging."

-Teresa Jamison-

Grade 3 Elkhart

"Students are working more at their own pace. This is not boring like last year. More students are being challenged. Students are more focused."

-Nichole Perez-

Grade 4 East Chicago

"There are a lot more materials to choose from. This makes instruction better. The first unit was a great beginning for the rest of the year."

-Nancy Hardy-

Grade 4 Elkhart

"More manipulatives are used on a daily basis. The games are enrichment activities for instruction."



-Kim Minderman-

Grade 4 Vigo

"My interest level is much higher this year."

-Jennifer Randolph-

Grade 4 Hammond

"Math is my easiest subject to teach. A lot of preparation but easy to prepare for."

-Kathy Jacobs-

Grade 3 Vigo

"I use a greater variety of approaches. I know the strengths and weaknesses of my students."

-John Garrett-

Grade 3 Pike

"I love teaching math this year. It is more interesting for me. I teach a variety of strategies."

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Upcoming Events & Dates

Grade 3 Follow-Up #2 Sessions

Dec. 2-3 (Indianapolis)

Dec. 9-10 (Merrillville)

Grade 4 Follow-Up #2 Sessions

Dec. 3-4 (Indianapolis)

Dec. 10-11 (Merrillville)

Grade 2 and 5 Selected Cadre Teacher Leaders 2nd Visit

Follow-up visit to Oakland County, Michigan schools November 16-18. Details will be sent to you in the near future.

Administrator Awareness Workshop Session #2

Dec. 3 (Indianapolis)

Dec. 10 (Merrillville)

Sessions will be scheduled for 4-8 pm with dinner provided.

Secondary Grades Follow-up Workshop Session #2

Dec. 5-6 (Bloomington)

Note:

The Indianapolis sessions will be located at the **Sheraton Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing.**

The Merrillville sessions will be conducted at the **Radisson Star Plaza Hotel.**

Grade 2 and Grade 5 Teacher Leaders Visit Michigan

Eighteen selected grade 2 and grade 5 teacher leaders visited Michigan schools where the Everyday Math Program has been implemented for several years. These schools provided a learning base model for our visiting teachers. Our teachers had the opportunity to visit EM classrooms and observe the implementation of the EM curriculum.

Our teacher leaders also had the opportunity to meet and discuss teaching strategies with the Michigan teachers. Our grade 2 and 5 teachers were impressed with the learning environment present in the classrooms.

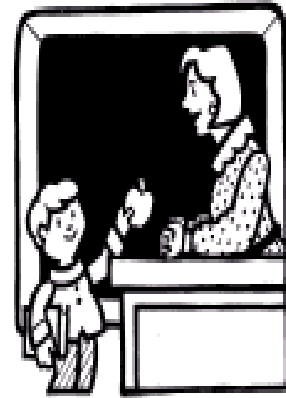
The teachers had a first-hand look at a fully implemented standards-based program for grades K-5.

The teacher leaders will bring ideas and concepts back to each of their districts and present them at "transfer workshops" for other grade 2 and grade 5 teachers.

The goal of the transfer workshops is to sustain the curriculum and to help teachers grow professionally through sharing of knowledge and methodologies.

Team teaching strategies were observed in some of the Michigan classrooms. Two teachers shared teach-

ing responsibilities for approximately 55 students. This is an example of a concept that will be shared at the transfer workshops.



IMI Teachers Find Help Through Technology

The IMI Web Site (www.indiana.edu/~iucme) is a busy place.

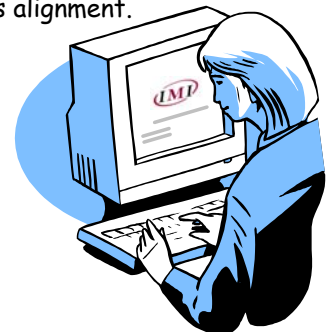
Grade 3 and 4 teachers piloting Everyday Math use the Site weekly to submit a learning log. EM resource teachers for Grade 3 (Pat Nawrocki and Jean Willis) and Grade 4 (Mary Freytag and Suzanne DeVries) reply to the teachers with advice and encouragement.

Last year's Grade 2 and 5 teachers

who continue to pilot EM may also submit logs after each textbook unit to reflect on assessment. Mary Catoe (Grade 2) and Jennifer Senkmajer (Grade 5) respond to these logs.

In addition, the Site hosts a forum to make public to all teachers the best practices and ideas shared in the logs. All participants are welcome to post questions to the forum, reply with answers, or seek support from their col-

leagues. Online resources are also available, including help with standards alignment.



School Administrators Attend In-Services Too

School administrators attended in-service sessions offered in Merrillville on Wednesday, October 1 or Indianapolis on Thursday, October 9.

The in-services were well attended and the participants were very pleased with the information provided at each session.

Sally Steele, Coordinator of Mathematics K-6, Doylestown PA, presented in Merrillville focusing on im-

plementation of a standards-based curriculum. The primary theme, that basic skills are really important and must be a concentration point for all districts, was presented. However, we must recognize that basic skills have changed from the past. We must concentrate on preparing our students for the present and future, not the past.

The administrators really enjoyed

participating in the math games. Most were pleasantly surprised with the mathematical concepts and skills involved in the games. Michele Madden, curriculum coordinator, Ann Arbor, Michigan presented a similar program for administrators in Indianapolis on Thursday, October 9. This workshop was also well attended and received by those who were in attendance. They shared many positive comments with us after the session.