

OVERBROOK

ATTENDANCE CENTER

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To: Dr. Steve Pegram and BOE
From: David Fernkopf, OAC Principal
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Subject: October Building Report

Everything at Overbrook has been going well so far. We really enjoyed going to the homecoming parade in Carbondale this year, and the students had a lot of fun at the pep rally.

School Improvement

DRA: The DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment, 2nd edition) assessment is required by the state at second grade. The DRA addresses the five “essential” reading components (concepts 1-5 below) plus three other important components of reading (concepts 6-8 below):

1. Phonemic and Phonological Awareness
2. Phonics
3. Comprehension
4. Vocabulary
5. Fluency
6. Language Development
7. Concepts of Print
8. Oral Reading Rate

The table below gives a breakdown of reading levels by each second grade teacher. Note that level 17 is typically the beginning of 2nd grade reading level so we assessed up to that score. According to this assessment, we currently have 32% of our second graders reading below grade level, which is not quite as good as last year.

To address this issue we have started to supplement our phonic lesson with an additional phonic series titled the Phonic Dance.

Fall 2013 DRA Grade 2	Giebler	Heffner	Lattimer	Makowski	Portlock	Total in Level
Level A-3	0	0	2	2	2	6
Level 4-8	4	3	3	1	4	15
Level 10-16	3	3	7	5	7	25
Level 18	8	11	5	9	5	38
Total Students in Class/Grade	15	17	17	17	18	84

(2 Special Education students not tested)

Character Education Program:

Our character education program will be kicking off at the end of October. October 21-27 will be our Character Count week. Every Friday we will concentrate on a particular trait. We will use short video clips, skits and puppet shows to help teach kids what these traits are about. The students receive award certificates if they are caught following the traits. In addition to this, Mr. Payne is teaching about the traits in his counseling lessons.

We also have started the Bucket Filler program. Every classroom has a bucket that the students are filling with cotton balls, every time good behavior is being seen. When the class bucket is full the class earns a prize, and when the big OAC bucket is full the whole school will earn a prize. We started last week and so far it has been going great!

Family Title Night:

On September 26st we had a family title night. The title teachers used this opportunity to hold their required title meeting. The parents were also able to play reading games with their children. We also held our book fair during the family night and had great success.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences at OAC are scheduled for October 22 and 24 from 4:00-7:00. Teachers will send home notes to parents on October 2nd to begin the scheduling process. We look forward to visiting with parents about their student's progress.

Art

The aluminum pour went great, the students love the opportunity to watch the pour. A big thank you to Mrs. Kitten! Stop by OAC in a couple of weeks to see the lightning bolt that was poured, it will be mounted on the wall where everyone can see.

Upcoming Events:

October 7th we will be having a presentation on Fire Safety for all the students.

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 31st @ 2:00 p.m. We will finish the day by going back to the school for parties.