



# Literacy Matters

## From Good to Great '07-'08!

The price of greatness is responsibility.

~Sir Winston Churchill, 1874-1965

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Welcome back for another successful school year in the Sherman ISD.

We have lots of exciting initiatives going on this year. Crutchfield, Jefferson, and Wakefield are participating in the 3 Tier Reading Project through Region 10. The 1st and 2nd grade teachers at these campuses received extensive training this summer in administering DIBELS benchmarking and progress monitoring assessments using the PDA.

All of us are receiving ongoing training in the area of Response to Intervention and are collaborating more

than ever with the Special Educators in our district as we further implement the inclusion of our SPED students.

As we work toward our goal of having 100% of our students pass TAKS at the Commended Level, remember that one of the ways to reach this goal is through targeted, small group instruction. While it used to be only Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms that structured learning this way, it should now be going on in ALL of our classrooms.

Let me know if you'd like more information or assis-

tance in this, or any other, area!

Thank you for all your hard work each and every day!

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### Upcoming Events:

- ☉ TPRI Training for those teachers new to grades K-2:
- ☉ Kinder: Monday, 9/24
- ☉ 1st grade: Thursday, 9/27
- ☉ 2nd grade: Monday, 10/1

All sessions will be held in the conference room at CO and will begin promptly at 3:30

You will need to bring your TPRI kit

Please plan to attend if you have never given TPRI or are new to the grade level

Be sure to sign up on Eduphoria

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, 9/12:** New Teacher Induction, 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, 9/17:** DIBELS data due (3 Tier Schools ONLY!)

**Monday, 9/24:** TPRI Training, K

**Thursday 9/27:** TPRI Training, 1st grade

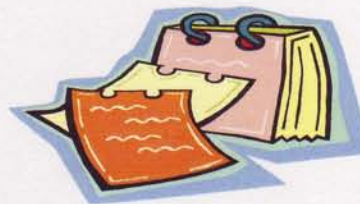
**Monday, 10/1:** TPRI Training, 2nd grade

**Friday, 10/5:** WFTB Writing Sample Rubric #1 Due (grades K-8)

**10/8-10/19:** BOY TPRI Testing Window

**Wednesday, 10/10:** New Teacher Induction, 3:30 p.m.

**10/19:** End of 1st 9 Weeks



Time is the most valuable thing we can spend.

-Theophrastus, 370-285 B.C.

### Region 10

There are some OUTSTANDING offerings through Region 10 this semester.

Check out their website at [www.region10.org](http://www.region10.org) and search "Reading/ Language Arts."

# Beginning of Year -TPRI/Tejas LEE October 8-19, Grades K-2

This year, we will be following all branching rules for TPRI and TejasLEE. For those assessing with the Palm, the branching will occur automatically. For the paper/pencil crowd, please be sure to check after each Task to determine proper branching.

Class Summary sheets will be filled out and a copy will be given to your campus counselor. Counselors will submit all data from their campus by Monday, October 22. Testing must be completed during the window.

Schools that are submitting data to the state electronically should print a copy of the Class Summary Sheet to be handed in.

Grade Level Chairs, I will be in touch with you, or you can contact me, to set up a time for us to review this data and determine next steps. I am looking forward to working with all of you in this endeavor.



I cannot live without books.  
-Thomas Jefferson  
1743-1826

## Write From the Beginning

I am sure by now that each campus has had the opportunity to revisit WFTB and continue moving forward with our district-wide writing program. We had great success at the K-5 level during our initial year and know that the students are ready to expand on the foundations that were built.

Your first scored writing sample will

be due on Friday, October 5. This simply means that by this time, you have used the appropriate rubric for your grade level to score one writing sample for each child. You DO NOT need to submit the writings, just the Writing Proficiency Class Report (in Resources.)

K- Personal Narrative Writing/Drawing; Use Rubric p.401 (resources)

1st- Observational/Comment Writing; Rubric p. 132

2nd- Personal Narrative; Rubric p.200

3rd- Personal Narrative; Rubric p.267

4th- Personal Narrative; Rubric p.361

5th- Personal Narrative; Rubric p.362

## Calling all great teachers!

### Eduphoria Forethought!

Remember to continue to submit your fabulous ideas into Forethought. We want to grow our activity bank so that all teachers have access to the wonderful ideas and activities that run rampant in our district. Your Campus Technologist can help if you need assistance with this.



We shouldn't teach great books, we should teach a love of reading.

~ B.F. Skinner  
1904-1990