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To: Ardmore Public Schools

From: Bill Austin, Superintendent
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Re: *A Matter of Facts & Kid's College*

We first piloted *A Matter of Facts* in our summer program. The students were actively engaged and on task while working with the program. *A Matter of Facts* was designed to teach the mastery of math facts to the automatic level through a series of tasks and corresponding rewards. We currently use this program three days a week in our first through sixth grades. We know students are engaged because they ask for more practice time. Because the program is providing a new source for students to obtain fact mastery, teachers like to use it.

We have only recently purchased *Kid's College*. We are excited about this program because it focuses on Reading/Language Arts and Math. We have high expectations for the program's success. We plan to use it in our after-school instructional time and with struggling students during our individualized tutoring programs. It is our hope that the students will benefit from the individualized practice and will love the games as a reward.

We believe that both of these programs are well grounded in child/student development based on available research. We also feel they are in alignment with Oklahoma PASS and will provide students with the skills necessary to perform successfully on state-mandated tests.