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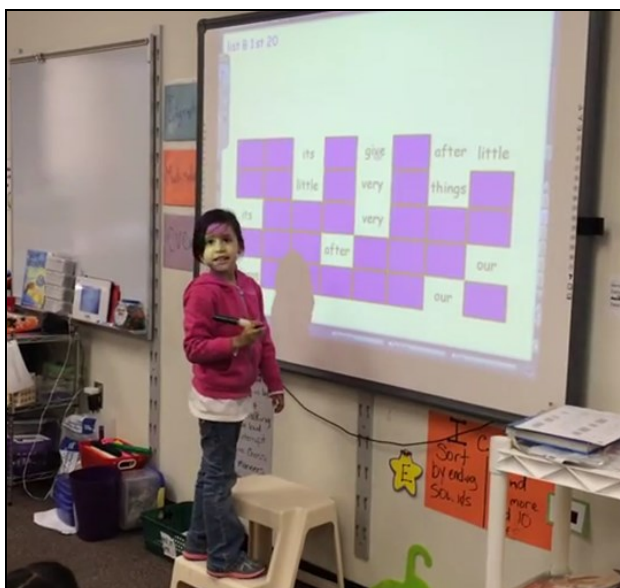
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Campus Spotlight: Southlawn Elementary

Southlawn Elementary is taking steps to increase the use of technology in classrooms throughout the campus. The teachers have been utilizing an interactive white board software called Easiteach that is available to teachers across the district. Easiteach combined with the interactive white board allows the students to manipulate projected words and/or images in order to practice what they have learned in virtually every content area.



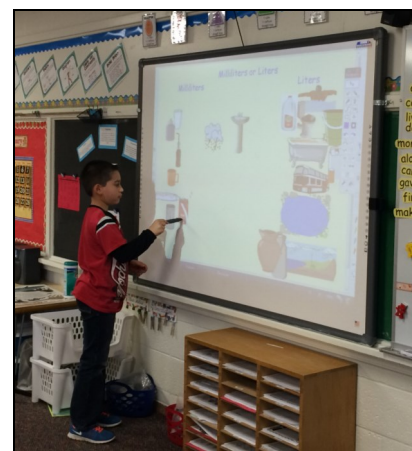
Click on the photo above to watch students in Ms. Brady's first grade class play a memory match game using the sight words they are learning in class.

"It took a little while to get used to using the program, but once I got the hang of it, creating a memory match game only takes a few minutes because I've already created the template," said Ms. Brady. The software can be used to create games, presentations, quizzes, and much more. The interactive feature makes the program better for students because they are able to get up and move when manipulating images on the board. Students are also more engaged in the lesson because they have the opportunity for getting out of their seat and showing what they know as opposed to just filling in blanks on work sheets or listening to teacher lecture. Many types of interactive software are available to USD 480 teachers. To learn more about Easiteach visit <http://easiteach.com/usa/index.htm>

The website provides information and free training resources. Lesson activity templates can also be found on a variety of internet sites.



Click the photo above to listen to a student explain why she enjoys playing Memory Match on the Interactive White Board in Ms. Brady's class.



A student drags the image of a container to indicate the measurement of milliliters vs. liters during a math lesson in Ms. Martin's class.

Campus Spotlight: McDermott Elementary

There are two things that are unique to McDermott Elementary. The dual language program and the Success For All curriculum. SFA is a school wide reform model. McDermott Elementary was selected as a research school in 2006-07. This was a national research project through Johns Hopkins University. The Dual Language Program began the same year. "Our first students are now in 9th grade. It's a track within our school. Between one-third to one-half of our students are in the dual program. They begin in kindergarten and transition to Sunflower for fourth through sixth grades. It's exciting to see students learning two languages," said Principal, Kathy Fitzgerald.



McDermott Elementary student Go Getters for the month of February were recognized for exhibiting the character trait of the month: caring.

For more information about the Success for All curriculum model, visit <http://www.successforall.org/>



Kathy Fitzgerald, Luann Nelson, and Cindi Lyddon recently attended the SFA Education conference.

Bond Project Progressing: View Live Streaming of the Eisenhower Middle School Construction Site



Points for Parents — Support your child's efforts to take responsibility for learning

Doing well in school can be a key to a student's enjoyment of life. In order to be a successful student, your child must take her school responsibilities seriously—and that requires your help. To inspire your child's dedication to education:

- **Make learning a priority.** Explore your surroundings with your child. Visit the library, try new foods and take nature walks. Use classic toys (such as puzzles or interlocking building blocks) and games (such as Simon Says) to build important thinking skills. Show your child that learning is fun, not a chore!
- **Encourage perseverance.** Kids need their parents' support to keep trying when homework and other tasks are tough. When your child is tempted to give up, guide her to a positive outlook. "Let's review the instructions. I know you can do this!" Compliment her progress, too.
- **Get organized.** Students need help creating and sticking with the routines that lead to success. Set the same times each day for waking up, reading, studying and going to bed. Also make sure your child has designated spots for school supplies.
- **Wonder together.** Instead of providing answers, let your child take charge sometimes. If she asks, "Who was the second president?" help her find the answer. Use her question as an opportunity to learn about other things, too. "I wonder who the second vice president was. Let's find out." Source: L. Markham, "How to Raise a Motivated Student," Aha! Parenting, nswc.com/wonder.



Student Showcase:

Garfield Elementary

West Middle School



"I've learned more in third grade than I have ever learned before. Mr. Duncan is my favorite teacher because he has taught me so much. I hope to get better at multiplication. It's fun!"



"My favorite class is Kansas history. I enjoy learning about the state where I live. I am also very involved in the 4-H organization. I participate in shooting sports and other activities."

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Online Learning Activities for Families

Click on the content areas below to visit <http://interactivesites.weebly.com/> pages full of links /activities in a wide variety of levels for students of all ages.



Choose from fun, educational, interactive games and simulations for math, English language arts, science, social studies, brainteasers, music, art, holidays and more!

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