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WRITTEN ANSWERS (constructed responses) TARGETED!

Part of the professional development afternoon session on Friday, Sept. 26th was to come up with an action plan to improve the written answers provided by our students. As indicated by the most recent CRT results (May 2003) of students in grades four and seven, the direction taken will hopefully improve our achievement level in this area. The Tuesday, Oct. 21st newsletter will contain a guideline(rubric) for students and teachers when answering assigned questions.

Snapshot of **May 2003 CRT results** in this subtest (written responses)

Key: Level 5 (outstanding) Level 4 (strong) **[Above Grade Level]**
Level 3 (good) **[Grade Level]**
Level 2 (limited) Level 1 (very limited) **[Below Grade Level]**

Constructed Responses (written answers) for Reading Activity 2 : Grade 3 , Spring 2003

		SUBTESTS : Write answers on the following...				
		NARRATIVE (story)	INFORMATIONAL (information article)	POETIC (poetry)	VISUAL (picture)	LISTENING
SCHOOL	LEVEL 5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	LEVEL 4	1.7	1.6	3.2	3.1	0.0
	LEVEL 3	10.2	26.2	34.9	18.8	7.8
	LEVEL 2	47.5	45.9	49.2	50.0	59.4
	LEVEL 1	40.7	26.2	12.7	28.1	32.8
PROVINCE	LEVEL 5	0.4	1.1	1.7	0.5	0.5
	LEVEL 4	6.7	9.3	14.5	7.2	4.4
	LEVEL 3	41.0	39.1	48.3	41.3	33.8
	LEVEL 2	38.0	38.8	28.1	38.3	45.5
	LEVEL 1	14.0	11.7	7.5	12.7	15.8

For example, the percentage of students writing at levels 4 and 5 in each of the above subtests were considerably below the provincial results . Equally concerning, the number writing below level three (good) exceeded the provincial results as well.

Constructed Responses (written answers) for Reading Activity 2 : Grade 6 , Spring 2003

		SUBTESTS : Write answers on the following...				
		NARRATIVE	INFORMATIONAL	POETIC	VISUAL	LISTENING
SCHOOL	LEVEL 5	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	LEVEL 4	8.5	20.8	13.0	10.4	11.8
	LEVEL 3	29.8	35.4	30.4	64.6	21.6
	LEVEL 2	46.8	33.3	50.0	22.9	58.8
	LEVEL 1	14.9	4.2	6.5	2.1	7.8
PROVINCE	LEVEL 5	2.0	3.8	2.1	1.0	2.4
	LEVEL 4	11.7	17.0	14.2	11.1	13.8
	LEVEL 3	39.8	49.7	49.5	56.6	49.4
	LEVEL 2	32.8	23.6	28.2	28.2	30.1
	LEVEL 1	13.7	5.9	6.0	3.1	4.3

For example, the percentage of students writing at levels 4 and 5 in the **Narrative, Poetic, and Listening** subtests were slightly below the district and provincial results. Equally concerning, the number writing below level three (good) in all of the above subtests except **Visual**, exceeded the district and provincial results as well.

PARENT CRT MEETINGS

Grade 4 Parents: 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22nd in the Resource Centre.
Grade 7 Parents : 8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22nd in the Resource Centre.

Thanksgiving Day Assembly: Friday, Oct. 10th at 10:30 a.m.

No School Monday, Oct. 13th - - Thanksgiving Day Holiday

STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S" LAST WEEK

- ☻ **WAY To Go** : to Katie Walsh and Samantha Brushett who brought a ring they found to the office on Friday in order that the owner could be found! (Friday, Sept. 27th)

- ☻ **Way To Go** : to Jamie Sweetland and Stacey King who found a little coin purse containing meal tickets in the gym and looked for the owner. Super middle school behaviour. (Wed. Oct.1)

- ☻ **Way To Go:** to Hannah Myers (5Pye) for being so cooperative on the Tim Hortons bus on Wednesday(Oct. 3), by allowing someone to take her seat on the bus. A great, middle school behaviour! (Thursday, Oct. 2nd)

- ☻ **Way To Go**: to Ms. Waye for an ingenious homework process and time saver. In 8Waye, a box containing a file folder for every student is placed at the front of the class. Students absent, will have assigned work- sheets or returned work, placed in their folders. Any teacher will know promptly where to find such.(Friday, Oct. 3rd)

- ☻ **Way To Go:** to Melanie Burry (8Waye) for the wonderful assistance displayed in and out of class. (Monday, Oct. 6th)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS TIDBITS

- **CPR or First Aid Course?** A parent wondered if there would be enough student interest if the school arranged for such a course. Babysitting? Etc. Please inform your child's teacher.
- **Tim Horton's Tour Bus:** The grade 5 science trip to St. John's was due in part to the availability of this wonderful tour bus. Thank-you Tim Hortins for your wonderful partnership with our school. Also, huge thank-you to Ms. Mercer and Ms. Carmel Smith for transporting and chaperoning students!
- **Grade 9 and Under Boy's Volleyball Team** headed to Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia this weekend. Good Luck guys! Special pat on the back to Bradley Jolliffee, Brad Pitcher, Jonathan Pardy and Michael Walsh who are a valued part of this squad.
- Thank-you **Mr. Organ** , on behalf of the students, for setting up the sound system for the recent school dances.
- **Picture Taking**: Apologize for the confusion but we feel that parents and students will be pleased with the product they are presented with.
- **Hot meal suggestions ??** Looking for another meal for our program. Currently we have kraft dinner on Wednesday's (Ron Goobie; Debbie Parsons; and Doreen Oldford) and chicken nuggets/hot dogs on Friday's(Brian Ennis; Leanne Ennis; and Trudy Davis). Any parent with any menu suggestion for the preparation of a meal and can volunteer as a group to offer it, we would love to here from you? Looking at Monday's!!
- Huge thank-you to **Pizza Delight and Mary Brown's** for their valued partnership and monetary contribution, to our school. We sincerely thank-you for your generous contribution.
- Congratulations to **The Clarenville Middle School Choir** and their director, Ms. Drover who **AGAIN** placed in the top 5 school choirs in the province who auditioned for the 2003 Stars of Christmas CD. With the production of '**Silent Night**' , our prestigious group of performers placed 5th in our province and will be featured on the CD !! These Christmas CD's will be available from the school for the sum of $10.00 . All proceeds raised from this venture will go directly to the Middle School music program.. Christmas Cd's will be forwarded to the school on Monday, Nov. 24th, 2003.

- **School Council Members for the 2003-2004 school year:**

Parents : Lorna Giles ; Trudy Davis ;Shawn Best ; Ron Goobie ; Dan Mercer; Richard Power
Community Representative : Troy Mitchell ; Rupert Baker
Staff : Craig Pardy ; Janice Winsor ; Marilyn Waye **Next Meeting: Thursday , Nov. 6th 2003.**

NEXT NEWSLETTER: TUESDAY, OCT. 21ST
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