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Prompting students to improve their writing

Over the summer, a group of teacher leaders met to set goals for this school year. One of the goals was to set a goal supporting our work in AVID and it is focused on improving student writing. As part of our goal, students will engage in four different school-writing prompts. One each quarter. And as a school, they will be graded by multiple staff members from different content areas and/or grade levels. The scores are being recorded and tracked over the course of the year.



Each writing sample is only one paragraph long, but we are encouraging to students to make sure it is well written.

The staff then uses a couple of different writing rubrics based on whether they are EL or not. Each writing prompt is meant to be something of interest to the students. The first writing prompt was to answer the question, "What is behind the small door on the stage?"

The prompt captured many students' imaginations as they approached Mr. Buckley and Mr. Torres about if they had

keys to unlock so they could solve the mystery.

Our school-wide focus on writing and these prompts keeps writing at the forefront of our planning and lessons. Our teachers will strive to include writing in all content areas so students can grow in this crucial component of literacy.



Fall 2024 v. Fall 2025 PSI Results

	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Growth
1st	1.87	3.06	+1.19
2nd	3.60	5.85	+2.25
3rd	5.95	7.54	+1.59

Reading work starts students stronger than previous year

As we kick off the school year we always assess students to gather important data on how they are starting the school year. Our reading team shared the results of the annual Acadience tests and we are excited about the results! Our introduction of 95% Core, strong ELA teaching, and our fluid reading groups based on progress monitoring are starting to show an authentic transfer of learning. This is important as students can lose skills over the summer, but our 1st - 3rd grade students are starting stronger, with each grade level starting at a higher level per the Phonics Screener for Intervention (PSI), which tops out at level 15.

Tunnel of Hope to inspire, set tone for the year

Carver is hosting our first Tunnel of Hope as part of our school's belief in the philosophy of Kids At Hope. The school invites families, community partners, and local leaders to come celebrate our students by showing them encouragement and support as each class goes on a small "parade" around the courtyard.

If you would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Sampson, or Mrs. Trujillo or show up for the event on **Thursday, September 25th, at 9:00am.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 1 - Labor Day - No School
Sept. 2 - 21st Century Programs Begin
Sept. 9 - Cibola Student Visit
Sept. 18 - Visit from Superintendent Ponder
Sept. 25 - Tunnel of Hope
Sept. 26 - COBRAS Awards

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