

PLANNED IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT

Renfro School provides a safe, positive learning environment that develops self-directed, life-long learners. The entire Renfro staff is constantly striving to ensure that our students obtain the goals in the above vision statement of our school.

We feel that as academic success improves so does the child as a whole; therefore, we look seriously at the ISAT scores. Our ISAT scores show that in third grade, less than 10% of our students are on academic warning according to the state standards in math, and reading. In third grade math we had a higher per cent of students meet the state standards than both the district and the state. Fourth grade scores have shown that our students scored significantly higher than both the district and state in science. Our lowest area in third grade reading was in writing extended responses from text in third grade reading. Reading is one of the greatest academic skills individuals can possess so this is a subject we put tremendous emphasis on. Therefore, we will once again continue to focus on reading this year as a school as a whole.

Reading across the curriculum will be emphasized this year. The Reading Buddy program will continue with shared reading at various grade levels followed by reading comprehension and writing activities. The STAR reading inventory-computerized test is administered in grades two through four. This test is administered in the beginning weeks of school to all students in these grades. Their teachers are then able to develop reading programs and strategies to meet the individual needs of the students. The students will also be using the Scholastic Reading Counts program to improve and motivate students to read on their own level. There will be incentives both by grade levels and school wide. Our school library has been totally redone and we continue to add new scholastic reading counts' book. We have added color codes to all our books so the students know which books are on their reading level. The books and Reading Counts quizzes are also on a computer in the library so the students know if a book and or quiz is available.

Fostering good behavior, teaching every student on their academic level, and improving writing and reading scores at all grade levels are the goals of our school. Teachers continue to become trained in best practices for teaching all academic areas especially reading. We meet together frequently on grade level committees to discuss ideas and strategies.

There are several programs that the Renfro staff has put into place to help our children continue to grow and succeed. There are three programs: Principal's Award, Good Choice/Deeds, School Wide Discipline Character Education Classroom Presentation. All staff members fill out Good Choice Certificates to any students they observe doing the right thing by making good choices. A student may earn a Principal's Award by obeying all the school rules, doing their work and being respectful to others. This award is given out every nine weeks. We are continuing our school wide discipline program this year so the students will have a consistent set of rules, consequences and rewards the entire time they attend Renfro. Hopefully, these programs will foster good behavior and manners thus allowing more time to be spent on academics. All these programs are used school wide, thus allowing all students to receive the same message and expectations.
