

Exceptional Programs for Exceptional Learners Monthly Newsletter



It's Just Around the Corner

Teacher goal for this month:

Problem solve to come up with innovative ideas to achieve student success

Best Practice

The Coffeyville Elementary Special education team of teachers work as a cohesive group. Not only do they meet monthly, but they are all on the same page when it comes to keeping similar data from grade to grade so that there is a continuity of services; they teach one another based on interest of the group; they listen to one another when problem solving behavior issues, parental issues, and system issues; and they are always willing to learn from others. Way to go Coffeyville team!

The State Assessment window opens in January for the Alternate Assessment. Soon after, the KAMM and general assessments will be starting as well. If you have any questions about appropriateness of an assessment, accommodations, manipulatives, administration guidelines, etc, then please do not hesitate to ask your building/district level testing coordinator, or me at 331-0101.

As we have discussed, there are a few procedural steps you want to go through to confirm the appropriate assessment and accommodations for a student:

1. Look at the KS Assessment Eligibility Flowchart to help determine the appropriate

assessment.

2. Review and update the Assessment Rubric provided by Tri-County (place updated rubric in student's file)
3. Review accommodations that the student gets on a daily/weekly basis.
4. Make sure the appropriate assessments and accommodations are listed on the IEP and agreed on by the IEP team.
5. Inform the building testing coordinator of state assessment choices and accommodations if they are different than the general assessment on the computer.

Again. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions!

Christmas is Here

A good time is coming,
I wish it were here,
The very best time in the
whole of the year;
I'm counting each day on my
fingers and thumbs —
The weeks that must pass
before Santa Claus comes.

Then when the first snow-
flakes begin to come down,
and the wind whistles sharp
and the branches are brown,
I'll not mind the cold, though
my fingers are numb,
For it brings the time nearer
when Santa Claus comes.

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Have a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year (and try
to avoid gaining 15 pounds!)

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The Recession and How Teachers Are Coping

As Educators, we know how much money is spent out of pocket for our students. You add that up with your annual classroom budget and the average person would assume that's enough. But what if teachers don't have

that extra out-of-pocket money due to the recession and increased cost of food and other items.

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