

Exceptional Programs for Exceptional Learners Monthly Newsletter

“Good teaching *is* rocket science.”



Teacher goal for this month:

Teach according to individual student needs

Best Practice

Carrie Strycker is the Functional Resource Room teacher at Washington Elementary in Independence for 3-5th graders. Carrie is constantly reevaluating her program and making changes based on student need and the effectiveness of each students' program. Each student has their own individual program and no two students have the same program. As each student's program changes, so does Carrie's classroom. The last time I was there, her closet was turned into a sensory room for a student, which included a weighted blanket and a wall of lights. Nice job Carrie.

Paraprofessional Mid-Year Inservice Opportunity

This January 2, 2009, Tri-County paraprofessionals have an opportunity for 6 hours of inservice credit and a days pay. Remember that paras that are in their first, second or third year of providing para services for us must accumulate 20 hours of inservice per year. Any para that has been with us more than 3 years only has to earn 10 hours for the school year. For paras that do not have all their required hours in by this inservice date are required to attend this day long inservice.



Here are the agenda topics:

- IEP Training
- Spreadsheet Computer Training
- Sensory training
- MAGIC
- Bits and Pieces of Information
- Descriptions of Disabilities
- What Agency Does What

If paras do not have the total required hours completed, then this inservice is mandatory. Paras will be compensated for their attendance. Mileage will also be reimbursed. If paras are interested in attending and already have their inservice hours completed, they can still come. Again, this is a paid inservice opportunity.

Either way please call Sherri at (620) 331-0101 to register.

Paras may see some familiar faces with presentations from Kerri Stevens, Bev Mashburn, Sherri Pauzauskie, Megan Robins, Jo Lopez, Margo Buscher, and Emily Brumley.

Free Software-Descriptions on Infnitec

As teachers, we know where all the free web-sites and games are for our students... or so I thought. Infnitec offers web site addresses and a detailed description of Language Arts and Math sites that are educational and fun. To

access these reviews, log on to **Infnitec**, go to **Learning Exchange** (on the left hand side of the page), then choose **Freeware**, and you will see your options.

There are community signs, sentence builders, spelling helpers

and much more.

