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Background

The literacy program at the Mamawe Awasis Elementary School assists in benchmarking student reading levels and improving them through various literacy programs/activities. The program works with the teachers and students from Kindergarten through Grade 6. It promotes oral language as the foundation for reading and writing and helps in the development of phonemic awareness with the students.

Benchmarking Reading Levels

Benchmarking is an assessment tool that is designed to help identify educational levels of students in literacy and numeracy. Teachers and I have tested all students and benchmarked their reading levels using the Engaged Literacy Benchmark Kit. Kindergarten to Grade 3 also, tested the letter sounds of the students using the Jolly Phonics program. The benchmarking has helped to see where students are at with their reading levels and to find ways in improving them. Each teacher has a record sheet of the assessments that will help to monitor the progress of the students.

Daily 5 & Guided Reading

Daily 5 is a literacy program that consists of 5 stations with a rotation schedule. The stations include *Read to Self*, *Listen to Reading*, *Work on Writing*, *Work with Words*, and *Meet with Teacher*. The students are grouped based on their reading levels. *Meet with Teacher* station is where the teacher's have an opportunity to meet with the students in their small groups and do Guided Reading. Guided Reading is essential in improving the reading levels as it provides the teacher with small-group instruction with the reading levelled text. Students work on reading

skills such: fluency, comprehension, accuracy, vocabulary, etc.... Teachers have began implementing the Daily 5 in their classrooms.

Reading Group Pull- Outs

As the literacy catalyst, I will be doing Reading Group Pull-Outs with students to help assist with the improvement of the reading levels. The program I will be using is the *Literacy Levelled Intervention program*. The pull-outs will be twice a week and will be with students who are a few levels below their grade level.

Literacy Nights

The literacy program offers Literacy Nights to promote community involvement in the school. We have a literacy committee that consists of 4 staff members that organize these events. The Literacy Nights are hosted with holiday themes such as: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter where parents/guardians are welcome to bring their child(ren) and do literacy activities with them. This month we have decided to have an *in-school* Literacy Week with a *Daily Literacy Hour*.