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and answer the posted question!
About Us

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Padlet Review

• Please share your responses with your neighbor to the Padlet question of:
  – If you could send a message to students, what would you say in 30 seconds?
Objective and Topic

• Topic: “Promoting College-Ready Writers Through AVID’s WICOR Strategies”

• Objective: To demonstrate the AVID strategies that promote college readiness through rigorous WICOR activities.
What is AVID?

AVID is an elective class offered to students who would like to prepare for four-year colleges and universities. Students must have satisfactory citizenship, good attendance, and a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher. Applicants must be motivated to work toward college eligibility.

AVID’s mission is to, “Close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society”.
AVID at CLMS

“Corner Lake Middle School is a student-centered professional learning community that utilizes a digital curriculum through AVID practices to promote college and career readiness.”

- Digital Planner
- Digital Binder
- WICOR Activities
- Philosophical Chairs
- Socratic Seminars
Why the AVID system works:

- Teaches academic skills not targeted in other classes
- Provides intensive support with in-class tutorials and a strong student/teacher relationship
- Accelerates under-achieving students into more rigorous courses
  - Creates a positive peer group for students
  - Develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination
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AVID requires every lesson to be inclusive of WICOR strategies, however, at Corner Lake, we also designate the first 20 minutes of 1st period to WICOR activities.

- Monday students focus on Writing
- Tuesday students focus on Inquiry
- Wednesday students focus on Collaboration
- Thursday students focus on Organization
- Friday students focus on Reading
WICOR

• Through this designated time, every student is exposed to AVID strategies and methodologies.
• Our WICOR activities are concentrated in one topic weekly.
• Examples include: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, SGA, AVID Commit to Student Success Week, Red Ribbon Week, Hispanic Heritage Month, African American History Month, along with a number of other weekly concentrations!
Examples of WICOR

• **WRITING:**

• October is Bully Prevention Month. On Mondays, students will respond to prompts dealing with the issue of bullying. Please have your students respond to the following prompts.
  
  – What can you do to put a stop to the culture of bullying?
  – How can you support your peers who have been bullied in the past?
  – Students can write four or five sentences for each.
Examples of WICOR

- **INQUIRY:**

- **CHRISTMAS THURSDAY!** Organize your ideal Christmas Day! Students will create a list of their ideal foods, participants, traditions, and activities that would be done on Christmas. Have students be specific with their responses, and share if time!
Examples of WICOR

• **COLLABORATION:**

• Many times students and adults when frustrated or angry, say inappropriate words. With your group, collaborate and create a list of healthier, more appropriate alternatives you can use when emotional.

• For example: Could you ask to step out of the classroom? Could you avoid the person altogether? Could you talk to your teacher? Please have a candid, but appropriate discussion with students about how their choice of language can represent them well, or misrepresent them all together.
Examples of WICOR

• **ORGANIZATION:**

  “The National Family Partnership is the national sponsor of the Red Ribbon Campaign®. We are helping citizens across the country come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training, networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign®.”

• Students will organize with a small group to create a short advertisement to help sponsor the National Family Partnership and Red Ribbon Campaign. Students will share advertisements on Friday if they run out of time.
Examples of WICOR

- **READING:**

- Reading Day!

  “There's so much more to a book than just the reading.” -Maurice Sendak
THINK, PAIR, SHARE

Why do you feel the WICOR strategies promote college-ready writers?
WICOR Video

• Teaching Channel Link:
  – https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/wicr
How does WICOR promote College-Ready Writers?

- WICOR provides a learning model that faculty can use to guide students to comprehend materials and concepts, and articulate ideas, at increasingly complex levels (scaffolding) within developmental, general education and discipline-based curriculum.

- The WICOR model reflects and promotes the expertise and attitudes that will serve students well in life beyond college graduation.
Creating College Ready Writers

- AVID’s scaffold of social and academic structures instills these qualities, while at the same time improving outcomes in:
  - academic performance
  - building critical reading and thinking skills for rigorous fields of study
  - using writing as a powerful thinking and communication tool
  - fostering collaboration among students, teachers, and other professionals within higher education and the “real” world of working and living
Question and Answer Panel

RIGOR + Support = ACADEMIC Success!
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