To: Parents

For: An Explanation About LLI/Guided Reading for Conferences

Dear Parents,

Leveled Literacy (LLI) is a reading program that provides daily instruction in a small group setting (Maximum of four students in each group.) It is a program designed for children who find reading and writing difficult. During a 30-minute time period, students are working on improving their reading skills, writing skills, phonics, word study, comprehension, and fluency. The lessons are fast-paced and are designed to move quickly so that the children are highly engaged.

This year, the Leveled Literacy lessons are done through a guided reading format. This means the focus is for the students to gain a deep comprehension of texts. Children read several books in every lesson, as well as, discuss the key understandings of each book. In terms of phonics, the following are focused: phonological awareness, letter knowledge, letter-sound relationships, letter formation, word structure, spelling patterns, and high-frequency words. The target skill of the week, which is focused in the classroom, is used as the lens when teaching the different strategies mentioned above. The goal of this program is to provide a positive learning environment while also meeting the needs of the child to help them become lifelong learners and readers.

The program is a 14-18 week course, which can be lengthened or shortened depending on the need of the child. There is also progress monitoring and record-keeping assessments which started October 3rd. If you have any questions about: leveled literacy, guided reading, reading interventions that can be done at home, or the progress you child is making please feel free to stop by my office (in the third grade camp) after your child’s conference. You can also e-mail me at: aanderson@bemidji.k12.mn.us. Thank you for your time!

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