Happy September

FYI:

In case you haven't heard, Carolyn Norris' mother passed away this morning. Please remember Carolyn and her family in your prayers. I will let you know about arrangements when I hear they have been made.

Social Studies

The Studies Weekly resources for your first and second graders should have already been delivered to your schools. Remind your teachers that the resources will need to be sorted before they begin using them. If they haven't already done so, please have the teachers make sure they have enough of the weekly newspapers for each student. Please let me know if you are short. However, please **DO NOT** ask me to send you extra to have on hand for new students that may or may not arrive later. I should have extras on hand in my office to get to you if you need them later. On that note, if you have extra newspapers in Grade 1 or Grade 2, please put them on the pony to me so I will have extras available for anyone needing them. I've already received requests asking more just to have enough for students who are already enrolled. If I don't receive your extras, I will not have enough to give out on an "as needed" bases now or later this year.

K-5 Ready Math

If you are a **READY Math** school, please know you should be administering **the iREADY Diagnostic** and hopefully many of your students have already taken it. We want ***ALL*** second through fifth grade students to take the **iREADY Diagnostic**. You have a choice as to whether or not you want to give the **iREADY Diagnostic** to your K and 1st grade students. If you don't use **iREADY Diagnostic** in Kindergarten and 1st grade, then you should administer the district benchmark test that was created a couple of years ago.

Also, please remind all your K-5 math teachers about the Lesson Tests that were created and have been made available for them to access. They can be found on our District Webpage under **Departments**-----**Curriculum**----then select the appropriate grade level. Your teachers will have to login in with a username and password to access the tests. If they don't remember their login information, please go to your school technologists first and if he/she can't help, then email Joy Powell and she can help with a login issue. We want to keep them locked so parents will not have access to the tests.

Guidebook Instruction grades 4 and 5

Do all of your Guidebook teachers (Reading Teachers) know that a Google Drive have been set up that will assist them with resources? If your 4th and 5th grade Reading Teachers have not

gained access to the Google Drive for the Guidebook Resources, have him/her to send his/her email address to Teresa vonDiezelski and she will send a link to the folder in Google Drive.

Science (Grades 3-5)

We are still working on acquiring materials for the Great Minds (PhD Science Curriculum). Jamie and I will update you on that process at the Administrators' Meeting later this week.

Librarians

Thank you for allowing your Librarian to attend the conference later this month in Shreveport. She should have her paperwork in by end of day today. (Tuesday, September 3, 2019) I think this will be a very beneficial time for them all. I appreciate Title II for providing the funds for them to attend.

Resource Teachers

If your Resource teachers do not have the materials they need to teach the Guidebooks (4th and 5th Grades) or **READY Math**, please let Gayle Autry know if you need Guidebook resources and Jamie Brooks know if you need assistance with **READY Math.**

Request by Google Forms

Teresa vonDiezelski has sent out two Google Form requests. One is asking for your Student of the Year Coordinator and the other is asking for your Spelling Bee Coordinator. Please respond to those surveys as soon as possible.

IAIP's

A you get your IAIP's completed on students who were in the fourth grade at the end of the 2018-19 school year, please send them to me. (Send me a copy, you can keep the original) Remember, we do not initiate the IAIP process until we have results from the 4th grade LEAP Tests. If you by chance have a 5th grader at your school who repeated 4th grade last year and didn't score a basic (2019 test) in the subject that required the IAIP to be written, you MUST complete another IAIP on that student as well for the 19-20 school year. You need to complete an IAIP for any new fourth grade student who enrolls at your school that doesn't already have one or who has one that doesn't include what you can offer the student.

Administrators' Meeting

See you at our next Administrators' Meeting, Thursday, September 5th at Student Support Building Room 11.