



# Honeywell Arts in Education Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)



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Honeywell Arts in Education Report to Board

May 12, 2025

## **Honeywell Arts in Education Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)**

- **Kristi Unger, Director of Education**
- **Members of this non-profit travel to Ft Wayne from Wabash.**
- **Their instructors partner with our teachers.**
- **Supports literacy, one of the district's three goals.**
- **Promotes critical thinking, communication, and creativity (3DE competencies).**
- **Number of elementary classrooms served has grown 7x in the past 3 years.**
- **No cost to the district. VTS data shows positive growth.**



# VIDEO

Thanks to Austin Russell



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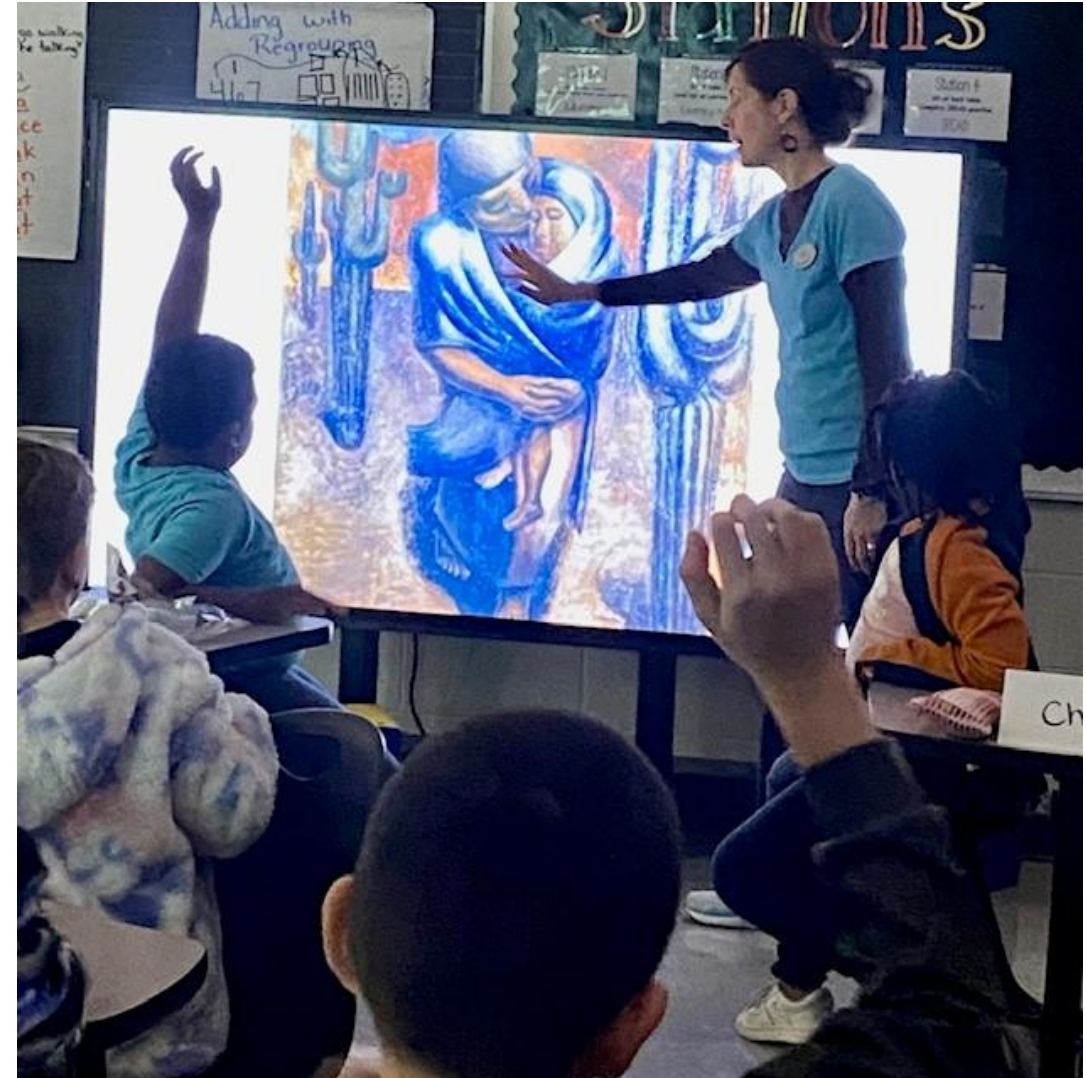
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## Honeywell History with VTS

- Piloted in 2011-12 in 2 classrooms in Wabash County
- Program has continued to grow with demand every year
- Currently provide VTS in 136 classrooms in 21 schools in 5 counties monthly
- Includes yearly in-depth assessment data



## 2022-23

- Harrison Hill Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4 classrooms
- Fairfield Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 3 classrooms

## 2023-24

- Harrison Hill Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade; 8 classrooms
- Fairfield Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade; 7 classrooms
- Brentwood Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 3 classrooms
- Haley Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 3 classrooms
- Glenwood Park Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4 classrooms

## 2024-25

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Harrison Hill and Fairfield Elementary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Brentwood, Glenwood Park, and Haley Elementary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Indian Village, Abbett, Lincoln and Washington Center Elementary
- 9 FWCS schools
- 57 total FWCS classrooms





## Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)

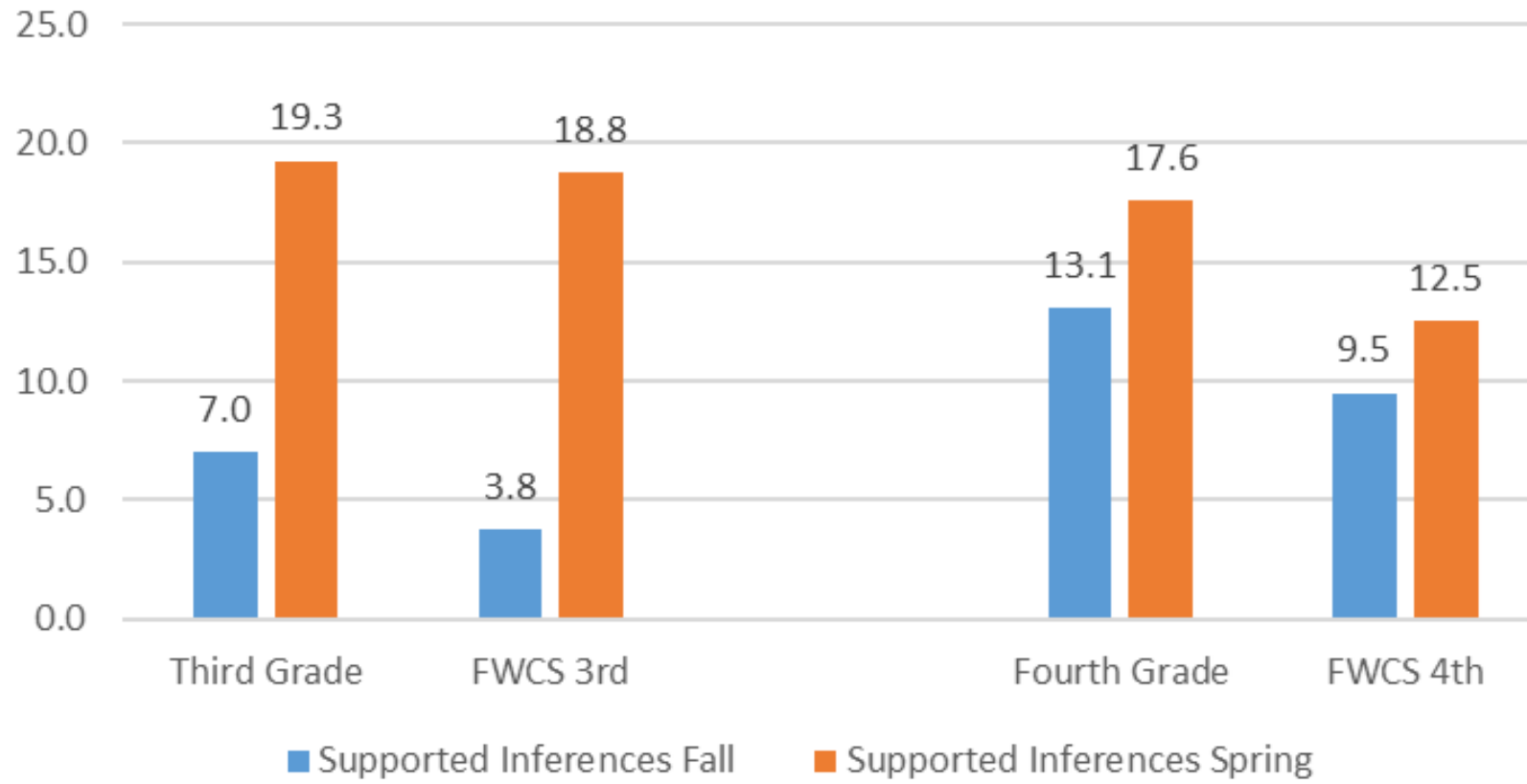
- 30 Minute Student Centered Conversation Each Month
  - Look carefully at works of art
  - Talk about what they observe
  - Back up their ideas with evidence
  - Listen to and consider views of others
  - Discuss and hold as possible a variety of interpretations
- 15 Minute Monthly Writing Prompt

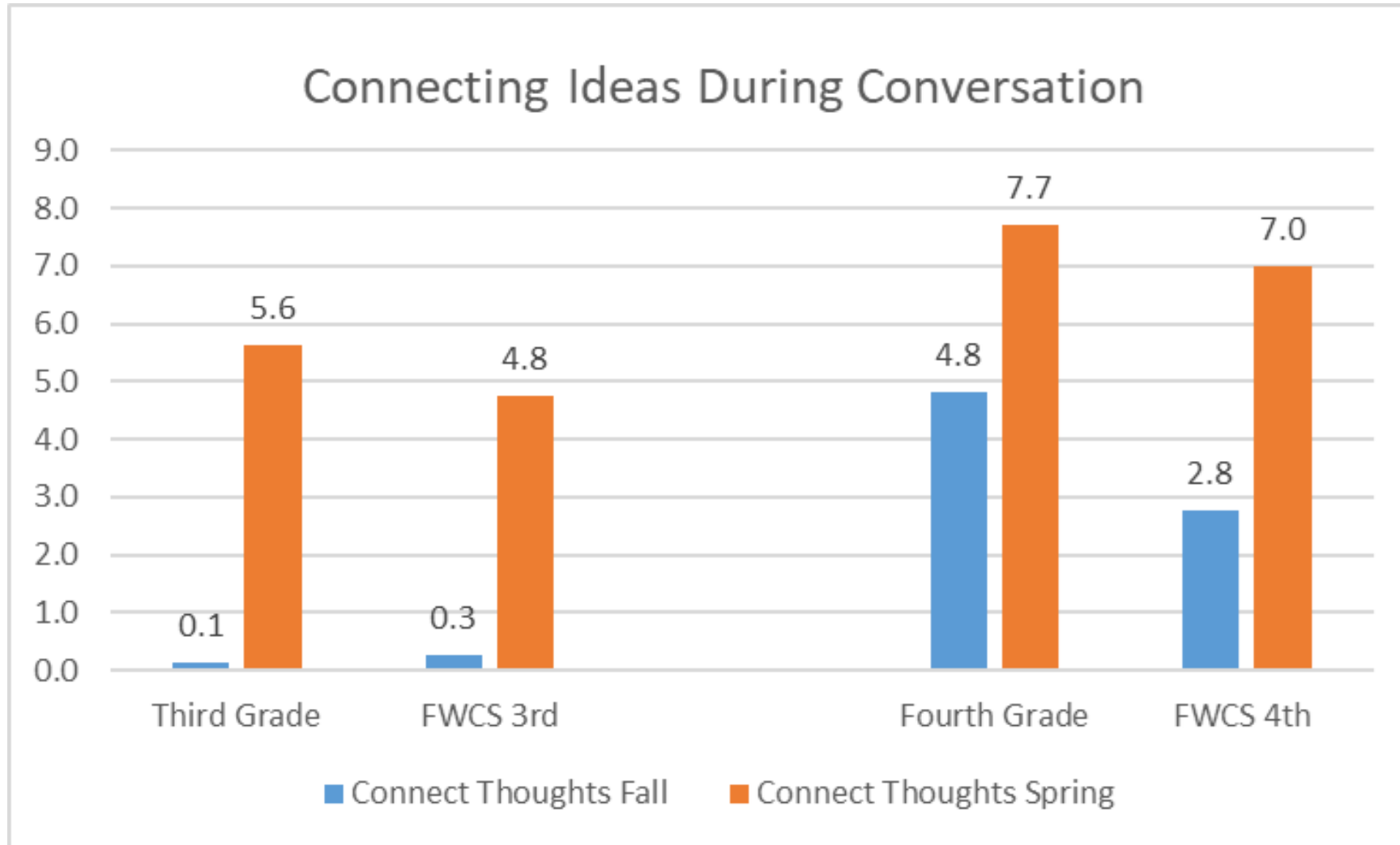


- What's going on in this picture?
- What do you see that makes you say that?
- What more can you find?

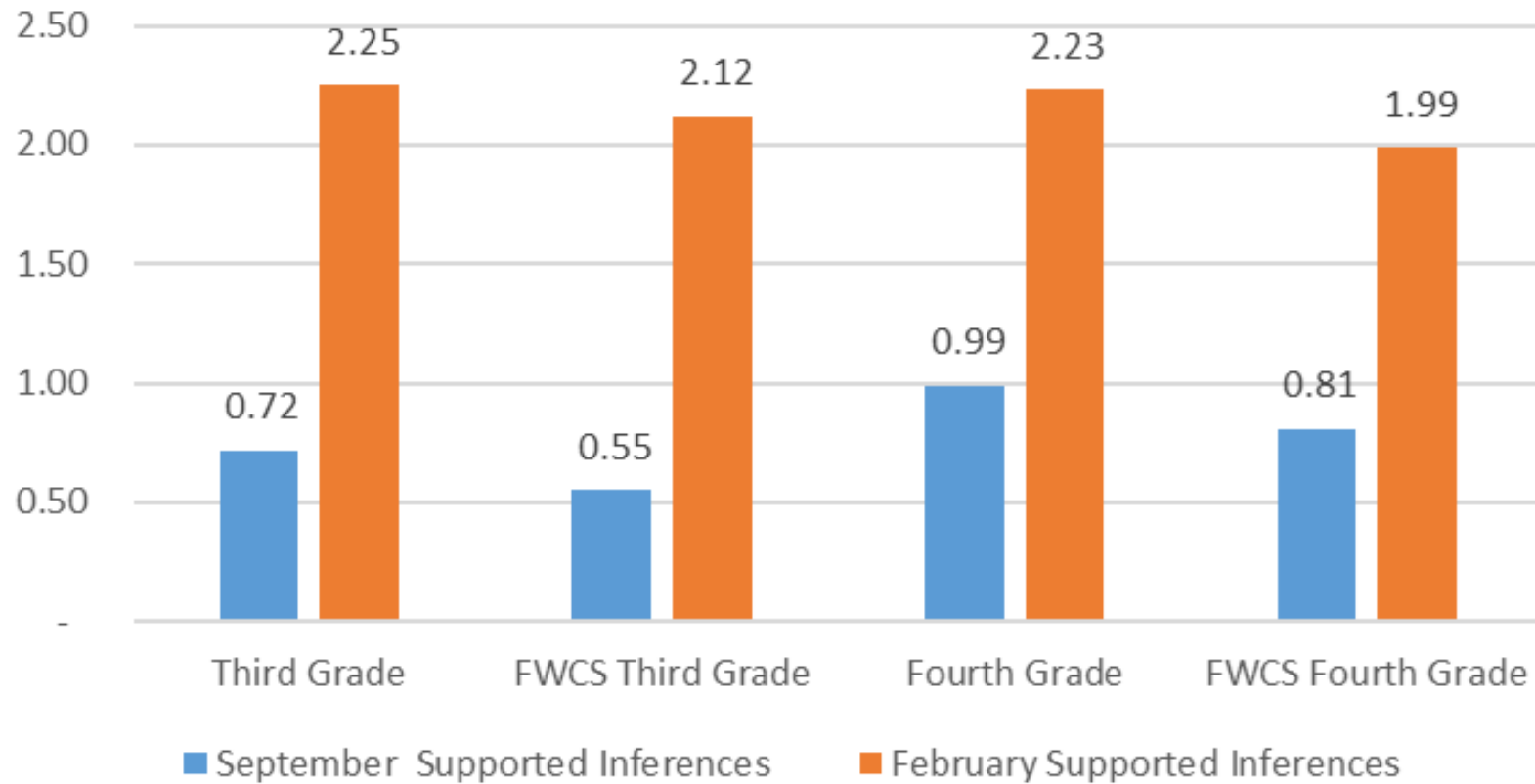


## Supported Inferences During Conversation





## Supported Written Inferences





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