



The State Department of Education's **Literacy and Numeracy Initiative** targets 4th grade mathematics teachers with a focus on LEAP. The SDE requires that all 4th grade teachers participate in this initiative by attending the redelivery of the professional development workshop. The workshop will be offered **during the week of Dec. 7th** (the presenter will confirm the exact date this week) at the District office on Poland Ave. from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All 4th grade math teachers are expected to attend. Subsequent workshops will follow; however, the workshops will not be repeated due to time constraints.

Carnegie follow-up workshops will be conducted for cohorts I and II. These have been tentatively scheduled for the week of December 14th. More information will be forwarded.

Teachers implementing **Carnegie** will receive a CD prepared by Dr. Blanco containing an electronic version of the textbook activities and other resources critical to the implementation of this intervention. Dr. Blanco has provided an abundance of data regarding student usage. Please access and review data files to aide in adjusting instruction.

Science Weekly magazines should be in schools and used to supplement science instruction. Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 should receive the same magazine. If you need additional copies, please contact Mary Thompson via email to request additional copies.

As Christmas approaches, there are great activities that may be used to enhance instruction. These include:

- Coordinate geometry to make Xmas drawings to use as cards
- Scale drawings to enlarge and shrink drawings for various purposes
- Building 3-dimensional shapes to make into decorative tree ornaments and/or boxes

Upcoming Professional Development Dates

30-Nov-09	TAP Training Day Two Central Office
30-Nov-09	Day3Dyslexia Screening Specialist and Relat RESC-I
1-Dec-09	TAP Training Day Three Central Office
1-Dec-09	SLC/RSD Assistant Principal Training
2-Dec-09	TAP and K-8 Principal's Meeting
2-Dec-09	Inclusion Conference LDOE
3-Dec-09	RSD/UTNO Teaching and Learning Task Fo
3-Dec-09	SLC/RSD Assistant Principal Training
4-Dec-09	PD 360 Training - School Improvement Netw
4-Dec-09	PD-RSD/UTNO Questioning and Feedback
5-Dec-09	RSD Principals' SLC-LI -2

Professional Development Updates

School Leadership Center (SLC)

Assistant Principal and SLC-LI 2

Professional Development Dates

1-Dec-09	Assistant Principal PD – SLC
3-Dec-09	Assistant Principal PD – SLC
5-Dec-09	SCL-LI 2

PD 360 Professional Development

Central Office Staff, Master Teacher

and/or Administrator

Friday, December 4th 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. School or staff member will attend **one** 3 hour session either am or pm. **You must forward the name of the staff member(s) who will be attending the PD 360 training to Tammy Robicheaux before Wed. Dec. 2nd as their account will need to be activated in the system in order to attend.**

Dynamic Literacy WordBuild[®] *Professional Development*

Date: December 11, 2009

Place: Poland Office, room 12E

Time: TBA

Target Audience: ELA Teachers

*Dynamic Literacy is committed to improving vocabulary, language and reading comprehension skills for students through **WordBuild[®]** A Better Way to Teach Vocabulary[™]. Based on frequently used Latin and Greek roots, the program is a series of educational materials designed to teach students how words are built by focusing on the meaning of prefixes, roots, and suffixes. Gaining the skills necessary to decipher unfamiliar words helps improve students' performance in the classroom and on high-stakes assessments. This professional development is designed to make teachers comfortable with the methodology, content, and delivery of WordBuild for their students.*

*The **WordBuild[®]** has been purchased for every ELA class 3-12 in the RSD. This training will help to improve instruction within each class that utilizes this educational program. Each school administrator may select two ELA teachers to participate in the PD. Your trained staff members will be able to turn key the information for the school. The training will only be two hours and a designated time will be announced in next weeks' newsletter.*

Please e-mail Merri Davis the names of your staff members that will be in attendance.