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# American Samoa Department of Education K-3 Early Literacy Initiative Newsletter

## Quote



### \*School Support (made possible under the Comprehensive Literacy State Development-CLSD Grant)

a. Storage Cabinets: 2per school for office& mentor teachers distributed November & December.

b. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers: received book bins, rolling caddy and other supplies.



\*Utilizing book bins-organized!!!

#### \*CLSD Topical & Project Director

Meetings: December 5-7, Phoenix, Arizona; DOE REPS: DCI(Magdalene, Sala, Faleula & Lomialagi) & OASIS (Christine); provided a clearer picture on re grant's objectives; dialogue, sharing and school visits were inspiring and engaging. Overall takeaway-EARLY LITERACY IS CRITICAL!!!



## "To learn to read is to light a fire" – Victor Hugo, Les Miserables

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!** Reading Rocks!!!! The K-3 activities have been non-stop to ensure our kiddos & teachers are provided the necessary supports and all that needs to be done to make this happen is on track! Here is a rundown of the latest happenings to support early literacy. **OCTOBER:** 

*Acadience Assessment;* Initial data collection for Y3 implementation at all 23 schools for 143 K-3 classrooms. Teams (ELA, Administrators, OASIS, Elementary PDs) administered at our large & mid-size schools, while Administrators for all other schools teamed up to assess their students. Malo lava! #TEAMWORK

*Professional Development:* 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of program workshops for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers who missed the June training and all who still need to firm up some teaching components. Kudos to the ELA & OASIS trainers, all administrators and teachers for keeping our students at heart! Learning never ends!!!

#### **NOVEMBER:**

Acadience Assessment: data entry into data management system by OASIS

*Side-By-Side(SBS)Monitoring:* 3-week support by ELA & OASIS for teachers to ensure implementation of programs are instructed with fidelity and consistency-teaching to mastery! Students should only move forward if they have mastered the required unit skills. The pathway to reading takes time and patience-students need time to process and learn! Practice makes perfect! Observations entered into Excel for trainer reference regarding, red-flag teachers, requested materials, monitor pacing, and identify areas to conduct workshops.

*SBS Debrief:* Administrators are the instructional leaders of the school and dialogue provides a clearer picture on teacher performance. Recommendations provided to assist with their observations and support for staff, plus opportunity for questions and clarification.

Showcasing RW student work-Z is for ZEBRA!



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cLASSROOMS: Conducive to learning & organized! Student Materials all set!







## Read for knowledge. Read for joy.

#### **\*DECEMBER:**

*Program Monitoring:* To ensure teachers are on track, all schools required to submit program status-what lesson/unit students on. School administrators & Elementary Division notified how critical this data is as we continue to engage, inspire and empower schools to do their best for our students!

\*SIDE-BY-SIDE VISITS: READ WELL AND LANGUAGE FOR LEARNING IN ACTION !!! FROM WHOLE

CLASS TO SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION! STUDENTS RECEIVING DIRECT INSTRUCTION!

