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# WES TIGER NEWSLETTER



MOVING FORWARD WITH LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES...



## What can teacher assistants do?

### Run Small Groups

Supporting the instruction, providing prerequisite skills, or supporting a specific group of students

### One:One Support

Support a student with their academic or behavioral struggles or needs

### Data Collection

Collect individual student data through assessments, observations or RTIs

### Review + Remediate

Review and remediate skills and deficits from data, assessments, and daily observations

### Circulate + Feedback

Support students while they are working on assignments and provide immediate feedback to correct any misunderstandings

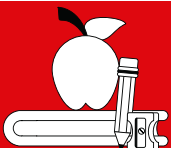
### Monitor + Redirect

Support the teacher by monitoring and redirecting behavior ensuring everyone is participating in the lesson

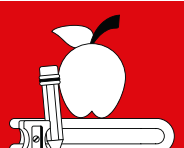
... just to name a few!



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# 2023

# WHARTON TIGER

## Spirit Themes

9/1

IT'S A TIGER FIESTA! ADIOS COLTS!

FIESTA



# HOMECOMING WEEK



9/5

CELEB DAY @ WHS

CAREER DAY @ SIVELLS, WES , WJHS

9/6

BBQ DADS VS. SOCCER MOMS @ WHS

SUPERSTAR ATHLETE @ SIVELLS, WES, WJHS

9/7

IT'S A GREEEEAAT DAY TO BE A TIGER!

SCHOOL SPIRIT

9/14

RICEBIRD HUNTING SEASON...NOW OPEN

CAMO

9/22

SHINE BRIGHT IN SWEENEY!

NEON

9/28

CLOWN OUT THE COUGARS

CIRCUS

10/5

ROUGHNECK RODEO

WESTERN

10/13

PINK OUT ROYAL

PINK

10/19

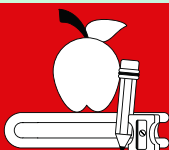
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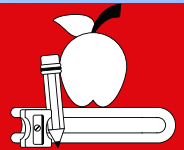
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BLUE OUT BELLVILE

BLUE



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# Fundamental 5 Spotlight

## Teacher of The Week

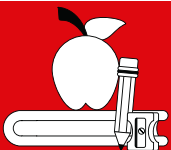
### Week Of Sept. 5-7, 2023



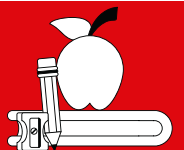
**Katie Garza**  
3rd Grade  
Math/Science  
Teacher

The Fundamental 5 Wharton Elementary School “Teacher of the Week” is Mrs. Katie Garza. Mrs. Garza is a 3rd grade math and science teacher and the 3rd grade level leader. She has been teaching at Wharton Elementary for 5 years. She has taught 5th grade reading, 2nd grade self contained and 3rd grade math. She is a graduate of Wharton ISD and she received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Houston- Victoria. She and her husband have three beautiful children; Roy who is 10, Brooklyn who is 1 and Jasper who is 8 months old. Mrs. Garza loves spending quality time with her family.

Mrs. Garza has done an exceptional job progressing her students. She does a great job of pulling small groups daily in her math classes. The highlight this week was her effectiveness of “Framing the Lesson” and “Exit Tickets” Mrs. Garza “frames her lessons” by posting the learning objectives in student friendly language on the board for students to reference during the lesson. She also restates the lesson objective throughout her lessons. She ends her lessons with students doing an exit ticket activity that allows students to show their knowledge of the lesson’s objective. She incorporates SGPTs in her lessons which provides students the opportunity to talk and discuss their learning. Mrs. Garza really enjoys creating relationships with her students. She loves the look on her students' faces when they have that “Ha Ha” moment. Wharton Elementary is very fortunate to have Mrs. Garza.



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# Instructional Strategies of the Week

Our campus will begin a new **Fundamental 5 Instructional Strategy** of "**Framing the Lesson**" and the **Playbook Focus** will be the "**Small Group Purposeful Talks (SGPT)**". Students learn the instructional content better if they find material more relevant. Use and post the "**We will**" and "**I will**" statements and refer to the "We will" statement throughout the lesson. **SGPTs** are after 10-15 minutes of teacher talk and followed by 3-5 minutes of student talk that is planned and posted for students.

## **Fundamental 5**

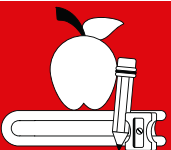
### **Framing the Lesson:**

- Students learn the instructional content better if they find material more relevant.
- Use and post the "We will" and "I will" statements.
- Refer to the "We will" statement throughout the lesson.

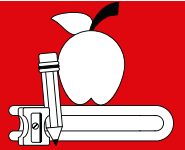
## **Playbook Focus**

### **Small Group Purposeful Talks:**

- Is the practice of having planned, content based discussion between 2-4 students following every 10-15 minutes of teacher-driven discussion.
- Helps students process the information from the lesson.
- Allows students to discover and engage with a range of perspectives, ideas and backgrounds



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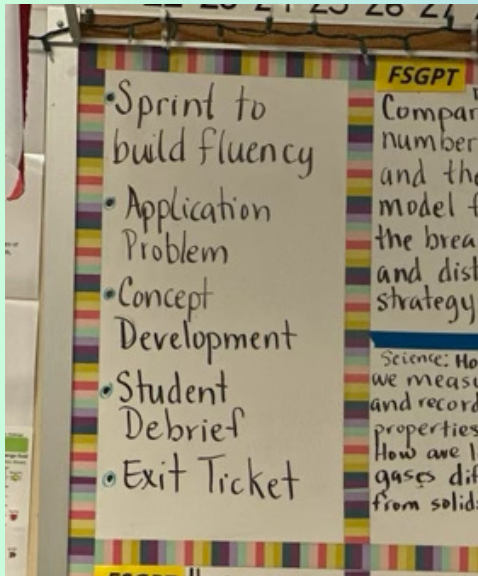




# Fundamental 5

# Classroom Spotlights

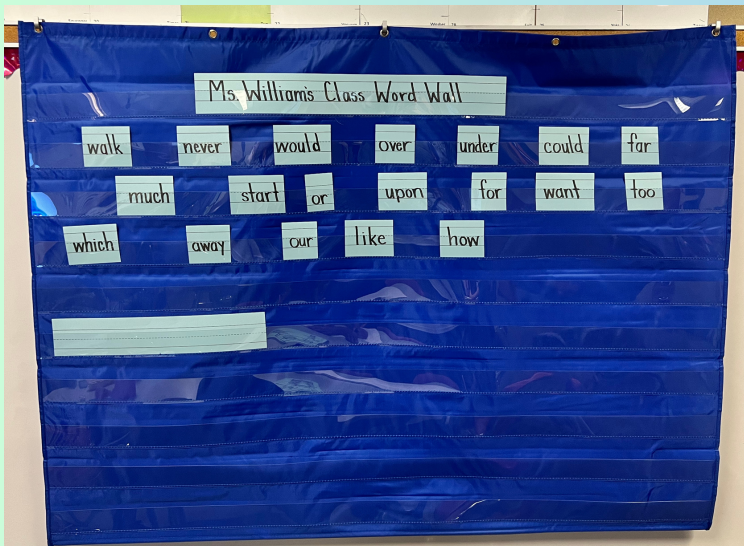
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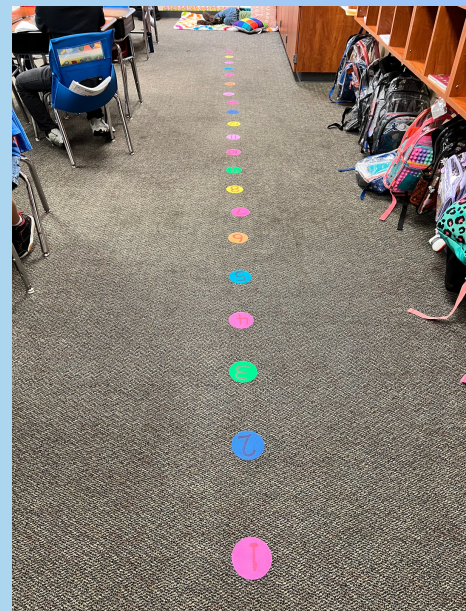
# Mrs. Jackson's "Math (Eureka) Lesson Progression"



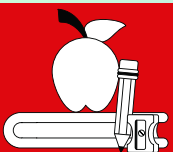
# Mrs. Garza's "Math Word Wall"



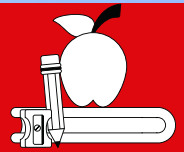
## Ms. Ball-William's "RLA Word Wall"



# Ms. Rockwell's "Line-up Dots"



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# UPCOMING

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- [Monday, September 11th](#)
  - Rath off Campus
- [Tuesday, September 12th](#)
  - Rath off Campus
  - Region 3 Eureka Math Consultant
- [Wednesday, September 13th](#)
  - Assistant Principal ILT
  - Region 3 Consultant w/Life Skills Class
  - Dream Team Meeting @ 4:00
  - New Teacher Social @ 6:00

- [Thursday, September 14th](#)
  - Monthly Mentor/Mentee Meeting @ 4:00
  - Progress Report Cut Off (6 Weeks)
- [Friday, September 15th](#)
  - Staff Development



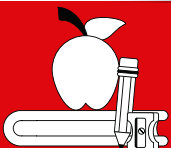
## My Professional Learning

### Instructional Planning PLC Times

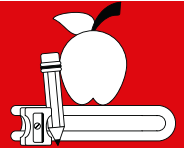
- **4th Grade** - 7:35-8:20
- **2nd Grade** - 8:25-9:10
- **3rd Grade** - 9:15-10:00
- **5th Grade** - 10:05-10:50



- [Monday, September 11th](#)
  - Instructional Planning PLCs
- [Tuesday, September 12th](#)
  - All Math Teachers - Eureka Math 2-5 PD w/Reg. 3 Consultant (Lisa Weinheimer)
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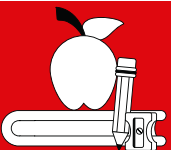
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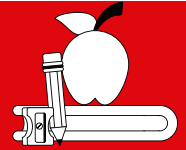


# REMINDERS

- **3RD GRADE'S TURN TO TAKE PICTURES** - Take pictures of the wonderful things happening in your classrooms for the week of **September 11th through 14th**. Remember to send the pictures to **socialmedia@whartonisd.net** and Mrs. Rath!
- 😊 Please keep those **SMILING** Faces and a **POSITIVE** attitudes. Everyone has been doing this so well, let's continue this amazing attitude throughout the school year. Let's make it **AWESOME!!!!**
- **GRADE LEVEL NEWSLETTER** - Remember to post your weekly Grade Level Newsletter to Class Dojo each Monday. Grade level leaders will need to send their grade level newsletters to Mrs. Rath.
- When **needing assistance with a student**, please remember we don't send students to the office. The procedure is to use your classroom phone to call the front office (Mrs. Horelica) and let her know you are needing an administrator. She will contact the administrator and the administrator will go to the classroom to get the student.
- **Ensure you are incorporating the Framing the Lesson and Small Group Purposeful Talk in all of your lessons.**
- **Morning Procedure**- Please make sure you are in the gym at **7:27** every morning to pick up your students and escort them to your classroom.
- **BE ON TIME** - Please make sure you are arriving to work on time (**7:15**).
- **WIN TIME** - be sure you are pulling small groups!
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Do not post on your personal social media accounts during school hours!
- **STAFF RESTROOMS** - Make sure you are keeping the staff restrooms locked at all times. You will need to use your key to open the door.
- **WORD WALLS** - Make sure to put up your word walls and utilize them during your classroom instruction. Words walls support a language-rich learning environment and fosters word-consciousness and provides access to essential vocabulary , concepts and skills. Word walls reinforce sight-word acquisition with younger readers and builds content literacy across grades and content areas.



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# Attendance & Discipline Data

## Discipline

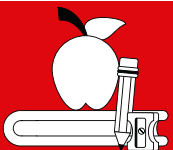
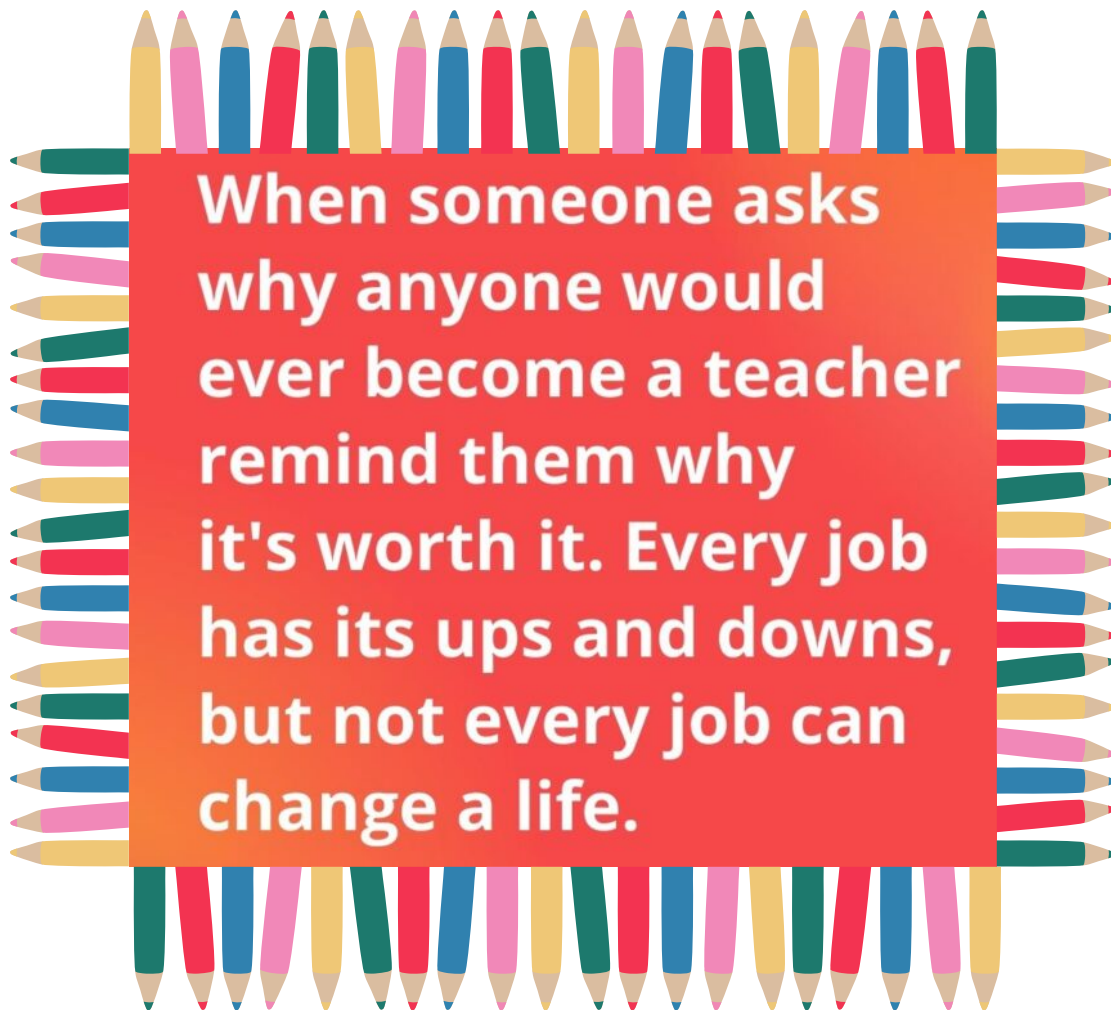
- 2nd Grade - 1(1)
- 3rd Grade - 0(1)
- 4th Grade - 2(13)
- 5th Grade - 2(13)

\*Numbers in () are campus totals for the year.

## Attendance (District Goal **97.5%**)

- 2nd Grade - 94.57%
- 3rd Grade - 98.21%
- 4th Grade - 96.52%
- 5th Grade - 95.19%
- **Campus - 96.12%**

## Inspirational Quote of the Week



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