

Mountain View-Gotebo Public School

On April 27, 2011, the Leadership Team at Mountain View-Gotebo Public School, were pleased to share the importance of Literacy First in their school system. Superintendent, Andy Evans, along with Brad Logan, High School Principal, and Karen Mason, PreK-8 Principal, note that the professional development taught by Literacy First changed life at their schools for the better. “This, by far, has been the best professional development that we have participated in and can only be continued by the financial support from our Legislature. This training is ongoing and needed to continue supporting our schools that have trained and will be trained in the future.”

They further note, “We wouldn’t be where we are today without the Literacy First Process. We use it in every subject area.” The following data provides evidence to their success.

MOUNTAIN VIEW-GOTEBO PRE-K – 8TH GRADES

Began *Literacy First* training spring of 2004

Free/reduced lunch-73%, Caucasian-75%, Native American-25%, Special Ed.- 10%

*******Academic Achievement Award 2009 2nd place High API***

*******2010 National Blue Ribbon High Performance School***

Award based on 5 years of test scores for grades 3rd thru 8th

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX –READING SCORES

Year Grades Regular All

2003 5 & 8 1153 1081

2004 5 & 8 991 798

2005 3,4,5,8 1415 1170**

2006 3,4,5,6,7,8 1358 1235

2007 3,4,5,6,7,8 1492 1387

2008 3,4,5,6,7,8 1485 1480

2009 3,4,5,6,7,8 1528 1503

2010 3,4,5,6,7,8 1435 1394 New Standards

****Literacy First implemented April 2004**

Karen Mason, a 33 year veteran in education and the Elementary Principal, highlighted that her “school utilizes data to drive the instruction of individual students. Literacy First validated our desire to incorporate a two-hour uninterrupted reading block and provided the tools that took the guesswork away and incorporated data-driven instruction.”

Mason also notes “Academic learning time is evident in our school. Phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension are the focus at our school. All have to be incorporated for success.” And she emphasizes, “A school does have to remember that the teachers make the difference.”

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