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Advancement
Program

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November's TAP Thoughts

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Wilburn Shines Again!

As you probably have heard, EOG scores are in for Wake County from last year's test. The information below (in quotation marks) comes from Wake County Public School's website. "In the spring of 2013, students took new tests based on the new, more rigorous standard under the Common Core State Standards and N.C. Essential Standards. Parents will receive a report with their child's scores in several weeks.

The new tests tell us how well students are learning under the new standards. With the new standards, students are being asked to learn more, and at earlier ages. Typically, when new tests are introduced and standards for learning are raised, a change in scores is expected.

It is important to note that a change in scores does not necessarily reflect a change in students' academic progress. Students continued to grow academically

in 2012-13. These new scores simply mean that we are expecting students to reach higher levels of learning than ever before. "

Let us connect this to TAP, since our school is the only school in NC implementing the program.

Our teachers receive a bonus at the end of the year through TAP. Keep reading to see how this bonus is determined for our teachers.

Pre-K, to 3rd Grade, Specialists, CCR and Intervention Teachers

- 4 Observation Scores
- Skills/Knowledge/Responsibilities Survey
- Overall School Score

4th and 5th Grade Teachers

- 4 Observation Scores
- Skills/Knowledge/Responsibilities Survey
- Reading and Math EOG

Growth Scores for Individual Classroom

- Overall School Score

When talking about testing, growth is measured based upon what a student is expected to learn in one school year. The TAP model pushes our students and teachers to exceed the expected growth.

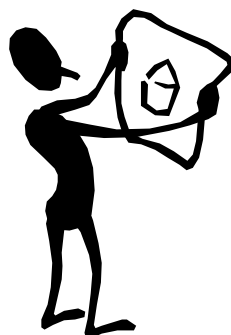
Our school achieved a Level 4, which means, on average our students made over a year's worth of growth. We were 1/10 of a point away from achieving a level 5, which is the highest growth achievement a school can receive. (2 or more years worth of growth)

This is a fantastic achievement!! You can feel proud to send your child to Wilburn with the best teachers



November Spotlight: Super S Strategy

Your child has seen a new strategy introduced at Wilburn. All teachers Pre-K through 5th are using the strategy to help teach students how to infer the meaning of unknown words.



This strategy can be used with more than just vocabulary. Inferring is an everyday skill, in and out of school.

Check out the TAP Website to see more information about how the strategy works and ideas for you to use it at home!