



LRSP Status Report – June 2011

1.13 WH Technology Proficiency SR 2011

Strategic Objective (SO):

1.13 All students, by graduation, demonstrate proficiency in technology as measured by the District technology assessment or successful completion of IT Essentials.

Department/School: Whittier Elementary School

Leader: Jerry Bauer, Principal, Kim Quigley, Instructional Coach & Technology LRSP PLC

Team Members:

Whittier classroom teachers

In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:

By the end of fifth grade, 80% of fifth grade students will score P+ on the district technology assessment.

PROGRESS SUMMARY

The district technology assessment had complications and the fifth grade scores were not accessible. However, the Whittier Technology LRSP PLC made significant accomplishments with advancing technology use.

The new mobile lab is utilized daily, primarily, with students and staff in Grades 3, 4, & 5. Kindergarten uses the lab approximately once per week. The mobile lab is used weekly in the media center for the purpose of keyboarding and research skill practice.

An older G4 mobile lab was divided up among the four first and second grade classrooms for use as learning centers and individual differentiation.

Jenny Tetrault served as the Whittier Representative on the District Technology CLT.

Our instructional coach assisted with staff use of technology in the classrooms. In particular, she assisted with the acquisition and use of ELMO's and use of on-line instructional materials such as Safari Montage and I Tunes College.

Teachers in Grades 3, 4, & 5 accessed the MARS web site and examined the data to determine student needs. Interventions were determined for Novice and Nearing Proficient students.

Whittier's Technology Mentor provided staff development for the use of Safari Montage, as well as ongoing support for it in the classroom.

We piloted Odyssey Math and chose not to purchase the program. It proved to "labor intensive" and student interest wained.

We piloted Planet Turtle Math in grades Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade and found it to be very motivating for students and a good tool for reinforcing number sense and facts. We purchased the license for the 2011 - 2012 school year.

We are currently piloting the 4th & 5th grade version of Planet Turtle.

All students were given password information and a level to work on during the summer.

Whittier's media specialist facilitated keyboarding practice for all students in grades 3, 4, & 5.