



Ensuring Excellence in Service for English Language Learners

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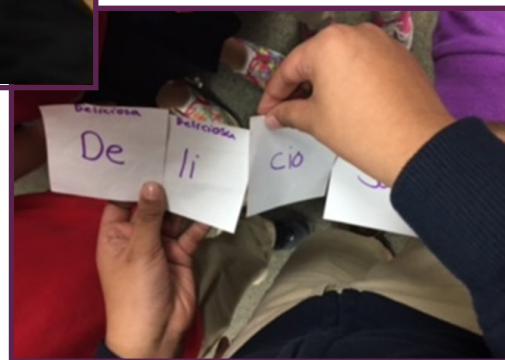
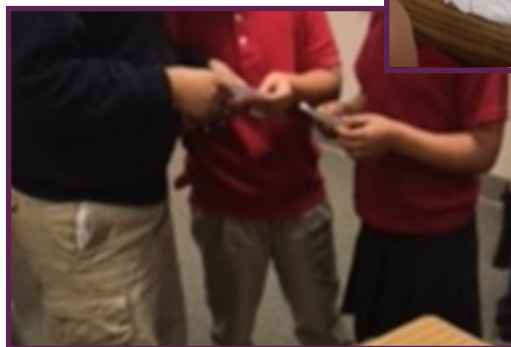
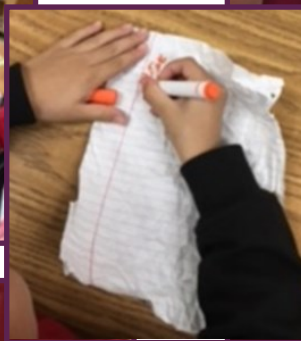
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Caught You Being Great!

In FBISD, many teachers of English language learners are being trained to use Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) strategies to give their students more opportunities to speak and write in English. Recently, at Goodman Elementary, we caught Mr. Edgar Errasquin's 1st grade bilingual class being great using SIOP Strategies. They were having conversations about syllables and using *Snowballs* and *Piece of Pizza* to write and share their ideas in creative ways. Learning English is a challenge, but by practicing English in structured ways with partners, it can be fun!



Department News



Summer offers families an opportunity to change their routines. This change can be especially refreshing for children. Children of all ages benefit from summer play, travel, and simply unwinding from the demands of the school year. However, children also need to continue learning during the summer although at a different pace and in a new environment. This is especially true for English language learners who want to continue to make progress learning English. Our newsletter this month focuses on summer programs offered by FBISD. Also included are suggestions for summer learning resources in our community. Whatever activities you choose for your children this summer, my staff and I wish you a safe, enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you when classes begin again on August 22nd.

Continue Learning This Summer!



Bilingual and ESL PreK and Pre1st Summer School

Bilingual and ESL PreK and Pre1st Summer School is for students who will be entering Kindergarten or First Grade in August 2017. Students must be registered in FBISD and must have qualified for the Bilingual or ESL program. More information is available at the home campuses.



Rising Stars for ESL or Bilingual Students

Bilingual or ESL students who are entering 2nd-6th grades in August 2017 may attend this summer English acceleration program based on the recommendation of their teacher. Classes are free and transportation is provided. Class size is limited.

Newcomers Summer School Program Elementary Grades 2nd-5th, Middle School and High School

ESL students who are new to the United States need to practice English during the summer. ESL students in the Newcomer Summer School Program will have fun listening, speaking, reading and writing in English. To qualify, students must be enrolled in a FBISD Bilingual or ESL Program for three years or less, be born outside of the U.S., and speak English at a beginner or intermediate level. Classes are free and transportation is provided. Students register with their campus bilingual or ESL teacher. Class size is limited.

STAAR

Summer School Intervention 5th, 8th and High School

Students who need to take STAAR during the summer, must attend this summer school program. There is no charge for these courses and transportation is provided. Contact the school counselor for details.

**More FBISD summer school
opportunities at
www.fortbendisd.com**



Middle School and High School Regular Summer School

Regular summer school offers opportunities for students to recover credits. Tuition fees must be paid. School counselor can provide assistance for choosing courses. A summer school brochure is available online and from the school counseling office.



Fort Bend County Libraries

www.fortbend.lib.tx.us

Beginning May 1st, check the Events Calendar at the Fort Bend County Library website to see different summer activities at a library near you. Fort Bend County libraries also offer computers for public use, free WiFi, technology classes and thousands of books!

Learning in the Home



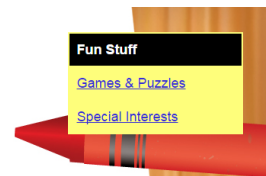
Fort Bend Libraries are a great resource for learning all through the year, but summer offers more time for families to take advantage of their many services and programs. When you visit the [Fort Bend County Libraries Website](#), click on the department tab to see what is available for Youth, Middle Grades, Young Adults and Adults. To get a free library card, simply go to your nearest Fort Bend library with a photo ID (Texas Driver's License or government-issued photo ID) and proof of Texas residence, such as your name and current street address on a utility bill, auto insurance, bank statement, etc. Helpful library staff will assist you to complete the application. Also, visit the Fort Bend County Libraries website to use many free educational resources!

[Fort Bend County Libraries Website](#)

Fun Stuff

Games & Puzzles

Cookie.com
Interactive online games that help build skills such as phonics, math and science.



The English Corner

Talking Counts! You can increase your childrens' vocabulary by having conversations with them. Talk about the things you see in your neighborhood, on trips around town, or on television. These conversations help build your children's understanding of their world. Tell your children stories from your own life, or about the day they were born. This helps develop their personal and cultural identity. It doesn't matter what language you use— a rich language environment creates better readers! For more ideas to help your kids build vocabulary, visit: www.ReadingRockets.org/article/5136

2017-2018 School Calendar



- Classes begin Tuesday, August 22
- Classes end May 31
- Week-long Thanksgiving break November 20-24
- Two-week Winter break December 22-January 5

For more calendar details: [2017-2018 School Calendar](#)



This Month's Community Resource

FBISD Extended Day Summer Camp

For general questions, email: extendedlearning@fortbendis.com or call (281) 634-4220

The Extended Day Summer Camp consists of 9 one-week sessions from Monday, June 5th through Friday, August 4th. The program is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at selected summer campuses (see below). The price for each weekly session is \$125. The Alley Theatre Summer Play Makers Camp is \$575 for a two week session. You must sign up for each session your child would like to attend. For more information and the registration link, go to the [FBISD Extended Day Website](#)

Campuses for K—5th: Baines Middle School, Jordon Elementary, Lexington Creek Elementary, Sugar Mill Elementary, Walker Station Elementary.

Campus for PreK—7th: Fort Settlement Middle School

Campus for Alley Theatre Summer Play Maker: Garcia Middle School