# JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, October 4, 2024 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

#### **Local Assessments**

The Winooski School District has three local assessment windows - Fall, Winter, and Spring. The fall assessment window is from September 26th to October 7th. As a school, we analyze the data collected and and use the information to plan for for best first instruction for all students.

### High Leverage Math Assessments:

Grades K-5

Given Fall, Winter, and Spring

This formative assessment shows how a student is progressing on essential mathematical skills and understanding at each grade level.

# STAR Math

Grades 1-5

Given Fall, Winter, and Spring

This computer based math assessment gives us a second data point for students math skill acquisition. This assessment looks at the main mathematical areas: Counting and Cardinality, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Geometry, Expressions and Equations, Fractions, Functions, Ratios and Proportional Relationships, The Number System, Measurement and Data, Number and Operations in Base Ten, and Statistics and Probability.

#### **DIBELS**

Grades K-5

Given Fall, Winter, and Spring

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assess the acquisition of literacy skills. This assessment is an universal screening tool that allows us to see where student fall in their literacy skill acquisition. This local assessment enables us to focus on improving literacy skills for all students.

#### STAR Reading

Grades 3-5

Given Fall, Winter, and Spring

This computer based assessment gives us a second data point to assess student's literacy acquisition in four major skill areas: Foundational Literacy Skills, Reading Informational Text, Reading Literature, and Language Acquisition.

Spelling Inventory

Grades 3-5

Given Fall, Winter, and Spring

The Words Their Way Spelling Inventory is used to assess student's ability to write letters that represent the sounds they hear. Each student's assessment is analyzed and students' developmental spelling level is identified.

#### **DESSA Mini**

Grades K-5

Given Fall and Winter

The DESSA Mini is our Social Emotional Universal Screener. This strengths based assessment proactively identifies students social emotional needs, allowing us to address these needs before they may interfere with a student's ability to access their learning.

# **JFK Calendar**

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

11:00 AM Early Dismissal

Thursday October 10, 2024

No School

Friday October 11, 2024

No School

Yom Kippur and Dashain

Thursday October 17, 2024

All School Morning Meeting

Friday, October 1, 2024

No School

Tihar and Diwali

November 21, 2024

11:00 AM Early Dismissal

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 am - 8:00 PM

November 25 - 29, 2024

No School

Fall Break



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