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Essential Outcome:

Increase 3rd grade students' critical thinking through the use of higher level questions.

SMART Goal:

The third grade team's SMART goal is that 90% of the students in our ELA classes will be able to respond to level IV and above (analysis, synthesis and evaluation) questions (Bloom's Taxonomy) with 92% accuracy (3 or 4 on the rubric) by April 2012.

Instructional Plan:

Baseline Data and Monitor of Student Progress:

Level of Performance	Benchmarks	Date
27% of the students are meeting the Smart Goal at this point in the school year.	End of Selection Test- Substitute original questions with 2 RARE response questions with higher-level thinking.	Sept. 2011
	Scott Foresman Test Questions for Extended	Every 6
	Response (higher level)	weeks

Activities Used to Help Achieve Goal:

Activities	Resources	Schedule
* Small Group and Whole	* Utilize Bloom's Taxonomy flip chart with	* Weekly
Group Instruction- verbal and	ready-made questions for each level.	
written assessment of	*Differentiated Instruction professional	
comprehension using	development	
questions from Bloom's		
Taxonomy.		
* Think and Respond	* Utilize Bloom's Taxonomy flip chart and book	* Weekly
Questions at end of story	questions.	
(change to include higher		
level thinking questions from		
Bloom's Taxonomy).		
* Read books on best	* Read QAR and Bloom's Taxonomy books to	* Ongoing

practices regarding Bloom's	increase comprehension through subject	
Taxonomy and QAR	matter.	
	*The Literacy Coach will come into the	
	classroom to give a lesson on QAR.	
* Instruction on short answer	* Utilize SF materials.	*Weekly in
responses using RARE to	* Literacy Coach will come into the classroom	small group.
answer questions regarding	to give a lesson on RARE.	
the SF stories and leveled		
books.		
* Instruction on Super QAR	* Read super QAR lessons and teacher guide	* February
lessons with 6 booster lessons	book to reinforce instructional practices.	* Booster
to reinforce concepts of QAR		lessons:
for higher level thinking		(Prior to
questions		DCAS).
* Students will use a 2 point	* 2 and 4 point rubrics hanging in the classroom	* Weekly
and a 4 point rubric to score	for reference.	
responses.		

Professional Development Need: QAR Model Lessons	Professional Development Source: School
Professional Development Need: RARE Model Lessons	Professional Development Source: School
Professional Development Need: Differentiated Instruction (small reading groups, tiered, centers)	Professional Development Source: District Office
Professional Development Need:	Professional Development Source:
Professional Development Need:	Professional Development Source: