



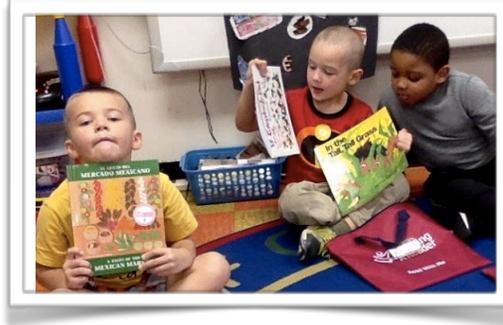
Striving Readers

Kent County Public Schools

Raising A Reader

The Raising a Reader program for children birth through age 5 is well underway. Teachers and community members received

training in August and the program was implemented in September. The program helps put books in the hands of children and supports families in developing and maintaining literacy at home. Teachers make sure that the children receive bags with four high quality, age appropriate books, and rotate through different books every week. Kent County Public School teachers in the three-year old and pre-kindergarten programs, as well as the Judy Center periodically share and model fun and engaging strategies for families to use with the books at home. The children and their families love the program. One pre-k parent wrote, "Absolutely love the reading program! What a wonderful idea! Thanks for putting it all together."



Notice and Note— Beers and Probst

Teachers in grades five through twelve participated in a professional development on January 2nd where all of the teachers received the books written by Kylene Beers and Bob Probst: Notice and Note and Reading Nonfiction. The books provide structure and guidance for how to make reading meaningful, engaging, and rigorous. They give teachers strategies



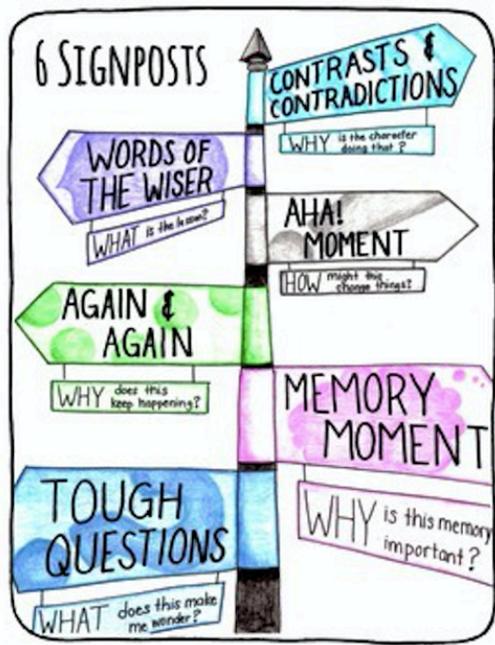
Wil Haygood Visits Kent County

Kent County High School students grades 9 through 12 have just begun reading their very own copy of the novel Tigerland by Wil Haygood in their English classes, with connections to their history classes. To kick off the reading of his novel, Mr. Haygood visited students, teachers, and community members in January. He met with small groups of students, signed books, discussed lessons with teachers, ate lunch with student athletes with food provided from the KCHS culinary arts students, and met with community members as well. Mr. Haygood will return to Kent County later in March. This time, over the course of two days, he will meet with all high school students, student athletes, teachers, and 8th grade students. Mr. Haygood will also be at Kent County Middle School at 5:30 for a community spaghetti dinner, book signing, and talk.

All are welcomed!

Notice and Note—Beers and Probst, cont.

for teaching students to think independently about what they read and make deeper connections. Kylene Beers and Bob Probst visited Kent County on January 31st. Although it was a cold day, the two authors warmed our hearts with their witty banter and inspiring stories. Our own Kent County teachers were joined by community members, Radcliffe Creek School, and Washington College.



Kathy Bumgardner

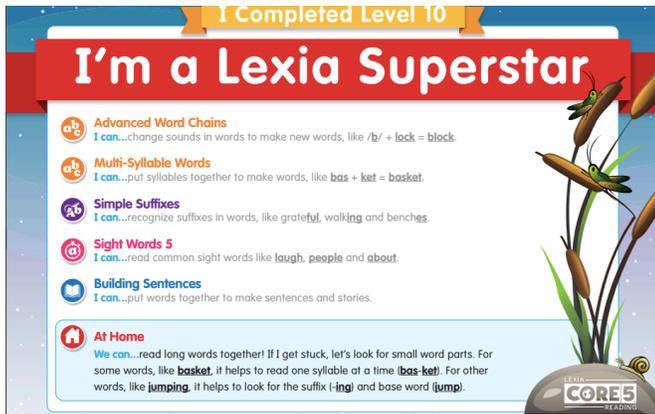


If Kathy doesn't capture your attention with her charming Southern accent, she definitely will with her fun-loving, engaging, and purposeful approach for teaching elementary school students to get the most meaning out of what they read. Kathy visited elementary teachers from across the county and shared her strategies. Kathy even went into the KCPS elementary classrooms to teach and model her techniques for the teachers. The students love how dynamic and animated "Mrs. B" is, and so do the teachers. We can't wait for her to return in March.

SIX CRATE TRAITS

Consultant Libby Jackels visited Kent County Public School teachers in September to introduce a creative and fun writing kit that teaches the traits of writing: writing-ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions. Libby returned again in January and modeled even more ways to use the Six Crate Traits. It's such a fun, engaging, dynamic way to teach writing and our teachers are excited to use the program.





In September and October the middle school and high school teachers participated in training webinars for Lexia Core 5 and Lexia Power Up. The teachers began using the programs with their students right away and immediately saw results. The students love the interactive and rewarding way the program is structured and the teachers love the detailed reports that can be generated for each student.



REVISION ASSISTANT

Revision Assistant is a computer based writing program that is designed to motivate students to improve their writing with immediate feedback based on rubrics. The program comes complete with various writing prompts for all genres and is aligned to the Common Core standards. The program scores the students' writing, gives them feedback for ways to improve, allows them to make changes, and repeats this process as many times as needed. Teachers are able to monitor real time data on student growth at the individual, classroom, and school level. Kent County Public School teachers participated in webinar workshops and professional development at the beginning of the school year and students grades 6 through 12 have been using this program since September 2018. As of February 2019, the students at Kent County Middle School showed a 61% increase in scores using Revision Assistant and Kent County High School students showed a 37% increase in scores.

