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Differentiated Instruction Workshop

# Curriculum UPDATE 2005-06

## Professional Development Days

March 17<sup>th</sup> is the statewide teacher inservice day—this is one of our required 182 contract days. More details about the day will follow within the next week. The next early release day is this Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Chautauqua and Vashon Island High School staff members will be working on report cards. McMurray staff members will focus on technology. Your building principal will provide an agenda for the early release day.

## Writing

The VISD Writing Guide is posted on the curriculum Web site. Building principals will work with departments and/or grade level teams to continue curriculum work in writing.

## Mathematics

Steve recently completed lesson correlations for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Everyday Mathematics with grades 1 and 3-5—this document was sent via e-mail to all CES teachers. The plan is to create a similar document for each grade level. Over time, we will work to fill in gaps to better address the needs of all learners. The pacing guides for Growing with Mathematics and Everyday Mathematics are on the curriculum Web site. The VISD Mathematics Guide is currently 180 pages long and includes the scope and sequence Pre-kindergarten through grade 13 (AP Calculus—first year college) as well as the OSPI mathematics glossary. Due to the file size, I have been unable to post it on the Web site. I am creating smaller files which should be posted within the next few weeks.

## Art

Welcome to Stephen Floyd our new Teacher Leader in the Arts. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

## Reading

More information will be forthcoming shortly.

## Professional Development Opportunities In-district

- Professional Book Club, Mondays 3:30 to 4:30 at Chautauqua
- Ongoing Web site support, contact Stephanie or Peter for assistance
- Walking Group, Wednesdays, 2:45 pm, meet at VHS
- Autism Workshop, Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, McMurray
- Brain Research Elementary, Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:30 pm at CES

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