



Oak Creek Elementary School

Jenna Berumen, Principal

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an incredible holiday season and a relaxing winter break. We're all getting back into the groove of our regular schedule and are so pleased to see the smiling faces of your children each day! Our staff has been diligently undergoing extensive teacher training during these past few months and have found that student needs are best met when we are able to instruct them at their particular learning level. We can accomplish this through what is called Response To Instruction (RTI). Response To Instruction is a process by which we assess our students and then place them in a classroom within their grade level in a specific subject area for a portion of the school day. Each child is then taught at their instructional level and advanced accordingly.

Through this process, students neither become bored nor overwhelmed. Their individual instructional needs are being met. As a student's level changes throughout the year their teachers will make the necessary Response To Instruction class changes to continue to meet the child's learning needs. Through Response To Instruction we can now help all students in meeting their full potential.

Each student will be placed in a Response To Instruction class for one hour each day. The Response To Instruction time will be in the area of reading. After their RTI time, students will return to their homeroom class and continue in Language Arts instruction concentrating on the state standards.

We are confident that you will be very pleased with the progress you will see in your child's academic performance this year. Many schools in IUSD have implemented the process already or are undergoing staff training to prepare for implementation. If you have any questions regarding our Response To Instruction model, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jenna Berumen