Around Campus

Discipline Report

September 4th – September 21, 2012

Greetings Panthers. I have compiled a report of the major behavioral incidents that administration has processed during these first 3 weeks of school. Our goal is to support the teachers in every way possible, so please let us know what we can do to help you as the honeymoon stage begins to fade. Have a great weekend!

Please see reverse side for report. Thank you.

Critical Reading is an AVID Strategy used for interacting with text. This can be used in combined with a jigsaw and expert groups. Critical Reading takes creative coding to a more rigorous level and is aimed at informational text (Common core).

Using the critical reading process, you may first assign different groups a different text or different part of the text. First students number the paragraphs (so that they may specifically justify answers and opinions). Then students read the assigned text and underline sentences, box phrases, and circle key words that they find are particularly significant.

Participants then discuss their ideas in an expert group. In their groups they work to summarize would they have read asking themselves two questions:

1) What are the three to four big ideas you would include in your summary? 2)What key words capture this concept?

Participants then discuss with their table group.

Extension: Socratic Circle (more info to come)

Thinking Map Corner

Thinking Maps may contain pictures/diagrams/number lines- anything that furthers the thinking process for the students.

Staff Shout Outs

Thank you Anita for coming in on Saturday! (Leroux) Thank you Ursula for coming and helping with Drama Club! (Parker)

## Included with this newsletter

* Standards Plus Flow Map

**California Released Test Questions**

Questions can be copied and pasted individually into a power point.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>

**Smart Art for Thinking Maps**

This technology was demonstrated in our last staff meeting and is one easy way to make thinking maps. In a Word document go to the tab “Insert” and select Smart Art. Choose the map by the thinking process.

**Brain Breaks**

Brain breaks are a good strategy to use during transitions or when your students need a break. This particular website has instructions and examples.

<http://brainbreaks.blogspot.com/>

**Standards Plus**

Middle School drop down menu, click Customer Resources. Resources include suggested pacing guides.

<http://standardsplus.org/>

## Tech tips



# Strategy Focus: Critical Reading

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