

# G.N. Dieterich Elementary School

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## PLANNED IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT

Dear Parents and Community Members,

First I want to thank you for your continued support. You have donated time and resources for our staff, students, and parents throughout the 2006-2007 school year. Our community members, parents and friends have donated countless hours in the classrooms and at home nurturing our students. This dedication translates into academic success for our students. Please continue to work with the Dieterich staff to further your student's achievement. Successes on the 2007 Dieterich School Report Card are listed below:

1. In reading grade 3 on the ISAT, students scored 55% in the meets and exceeds category.
2. In mathematics grade 3 on the ISAT, students scored 73% in the meets and exceeds category.
3. On the IMAGE reading test the following percentages of students scored in the expanding and transitioning categories: grade 3 - 63%, grade 4 - 68% and grade 5 - 64% .
4. On the IMAGE math test, the following percentages of students scored in the meets and exceeds categories: grade 3- 76.4% , grade 4 – 70%, and grade 5 – 42.8%.

Our plans for continued improvement and reinforcement with our students daily will focus on reading, word analysis, vocabulary, inferences, understanding literary works, and using a variety of informational reading material. The Dieterich staff will continue to receive in-services on reading strategies such as inferencing, vocabulary acquisition, and phonics to improve instruction. All staff members will use Best Practices in reading instruction (phonemic awareness, vocabulary, phonics, fluency development, and reading comprehension strategies). Our Title 1 program will focus on providing training and material for students and parents to enhance reading comprehension.

In addition, parents will receive training from our parent liaison on reading comprehension strategies which parents can use at home to assist their children.

Our staff will also focus on math instructional improvements. All teachers have had in-service and individual mentoring from our district math consultant on the state math standards. Our fifth grade teachers will have additional support on algebraic patterns, geometric relationships, data organization and analysis. A building wide focus for math will be on measurement.

Dieterich will provide a tutoring program for students needing support in reading and math with the support of Aurora University, Waubensee Community College, and Northern Illinois University. Dieterich staff will provide quality instruction for students facing challenges in their academics by using Differentiated instruction.

Our business partners, City of Aurora Youth Department, New Horizon Christian Fellowship Church, Grandma's Table, McDonald's, and Arby's continue to support our reading program with mentors, materials, and resources. Also, New Horizon Christian Fellowship Church, the City of Aurora Youth Department, Grandma's Table Restaurant have provided assistance with both the Family Reading Night and Family Math Night.

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions, and Support) program provides our students with a model for solving issues in a positive method. Our PBIS program sets a positive climate at Dieterich School which is conducive to learning for all students. Our students have also learned to set high expectations for themselves by using concepts from Character Counts. Additionally, "Peaceful Schools", and the "Why Try" programs have been added to support positive student behavior.

Parents, please continue to provide the following support for your children which will help sustain our efforts in reading:

1. Provide a place for your child to complete homework daily. Have materials available (pencils, paper, dictionary, etc.).
2. Review homework with your child and sign their homework notebook nightly.
3. Read with your child for 15 minutes daily. Complete monthly reading verification form.
4. Attend conferences with your child's teacher. Check each quarter and for as often as necessary to help your child become successful.
5. Develop an improvement plan for your child with your child's teacher.
6. Follow suggestions from our principal, nurse, and social worker, to help your child make academic gains.
7. Be supportive. Be positive about learning.
8. Volunteer when you can at school.
9. Join the Dieterich PTA and or Parent Advisory Council to help improve our school.
10. Increase your child's vocabulary by going on trips to the library, museums, zoos, etc.

Lastly, thank you parents and community for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Gwendolyn Miller, Principal