



COMMUNITY UNIT
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Dear Hunt Club Parents,



This year, our third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers are excited to be implementing AVID Elementary (AE) into their everyday teaching. AE is a foundational component of the AVID College Readiness System and supports AVID's mission to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

AE focuses on third, fourth, and fifth grade and is designed to be embedded into the daily instruction of all elementary classrooms across entire grade levels to maintain school-wide structures. The implementation resources, trainings, and philosophy are all grounded in the idea that the growth mindset can be taught to students, and it is through the growth mindset that AVID students succeed in following their dreams and fulfilling their aspirations.

AVID Elementary takes a systemic approach through the use of WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading) and an explicit focus on high expectations, rigor, and developing a college readiness culture.

AVID Elementary incorporates:

Student Success Skills – encompassing communication skills (e.g. listening, speaking, writing), self-advocacy skills, note-taking strategies, critical thinking, and study skills.

Organizational Skills – both mental and physical; students learn to use organizational tools, as well as learn and practice skills around time management and goal-setting.

WICOR Lessons – emphasize instruction on writing to learn, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to learn in all content areas.

Partnerships – among students, classrooms, grade levels, schools, feeder patterns, families, and communities.

We are excited to begin this adventure with our third, fourth, and fifth graders during the 2016-17 school year. Our teachers will be sure to share more information with you as they delve deeper into strategies in order to enhance student achievement for all our children. You can also visit www.avid.org to learn more. GO COUGARS!

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