

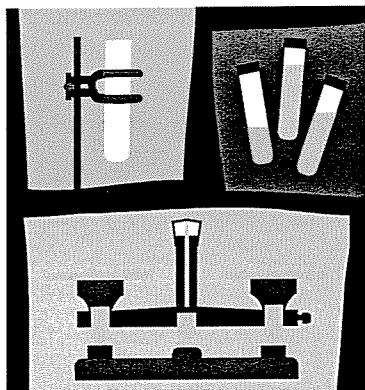
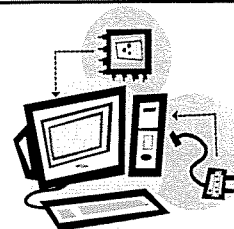
NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS CURRICULUM NEWS

Below please find a description of the elementary curriculum work done this summer in preparation for the upcoming school year. Teachers worked throughout the summer on these projects and will be bringing them into our elementary classrooms beginning in September 2010. Their professional knowledge, input and hard work are all appreciated.

Kindergarten Curriculum

A core group of kindergarten teachers in conjunction with reading and first grade teacher representatives worked over the course of five half-days this summer to address numerous components of the kindergarten program. Work in which they were engaged included, but was not limited to, developing curricula objectives in reading, writing, math, science and social studies as well as revising the kindergarten report card and developing grading rubrics to be used in conjunction with it. The team did a marvelous job in a very short period of time. The work they accomplished will now be shared with all other kindergarten teachers during the first weeks of school. The next phase of the project will be to include the curricula in a map using the district software, Rubicon Atlas.

Technology - The objective for the summer 2010 technology integration workshop was to provide training, guidance and samples of best practices to support primary grade teachers in bringing technology into the hands of students, both in classrooms and labs. The emphasis was on reading, writing and math, and teachers were introduced to additional resources for science and social studies. Teachers developed lessons and strategies in each area. The workshop included time for teachers to research additional Internet resources and to revise and refresh teacher web pages. As a result of the workshop, teachers have new resources, strategies and guidelines to continue to make the best use of technology.

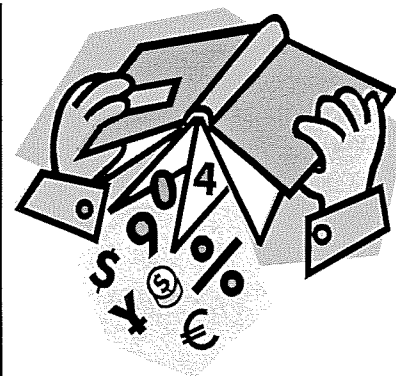


Science

Fifth and sixth grade teachers began revising science units from their respective grade levels. Using the newly developed district vision for science education, teachers worked to create hands-on learning opportunities to develop a wide range of skills in their students. Several teachers involved in this project will be piloting these new units during the upcoming school year.

Math

Teachers from all grades, kindergarten through six, met for three half days to develop strategies to improve students' math skills. Attention was focused on the areas of problem solving and computation. The teachers will share best practices with their colleagues for implementation in the upcoming school year.



REPORT CARD REVISIONS

The elementary report card revision process was finalized with the development of grading rubrics. More information regarding these revisions will be shared by your building principal when school resumes in September.

Writing - Teachers in grades kindergarten through sixth grade met for five half-days to further develop curriculum for writing instruction. The teachers are excited to share their work with their colleagues and to teach these units to their students.

