

Dear ELA Contacts,

Please find several ELA updates below. Please forward this information on to your colleagues.

Kilgo Data - Grades 3-5

I recently had the opportunity to hear Margaret Kilgo speak. Please be watching for the Kilgo materials I will be sending to you via campus mail--it should be arriving in the next few days. As stated at the Kilgo training, you may copy these materials for your colleagues. The Levels of Comprehension Questions are helpful when reviewing your Kilgo data in the Q Drive. Included you'll find:

1. Kilgo's updated Levels of Comprehension Questions, aligned with the New ELAR TEKS (the higher the level, the more rigorous the question)
2. Kilgo's Question Stems for the new ELAR TEKS/SEs in both English and Spanish
 - The Question Stems may be helpful when writing questions for common assessments that are aligned to the ELAR standards.
 - Please remember that Margaret Kilgo is making "an educated guess" on how the state might assess the new standards on the STAAR Test next year. As you know, many of the TEKS are worded in such a way that we are all interpreting how they may be assessed next year.

Central Texas Writing Project Summer Institute - Applications due by November 30 - all grade levels

The deadline to apply to the Central Texas Writing Project Summer Institute is quickly approaching! Applications are due by November 30. During the training, you'll spend time writing and working with response groups to hone your writing skills, engage in researching one of your burning issues about the teaching of writing, and participate in other activities designed to increase each teacher's skill in personal writing and the teaching of writing. At the end of the month's work, participants become Teacher Consultants with Central Texas Writing Project. They help CTWP site provide staff development, work with committees to provide services for other Teacher Consultants, and help develop/facilitate CTWP programs geared to increase students' writing abilities. Institute participants will meet for 20 days at either the San Marcos campus or the Round Rock campus. Fifteen teachers will be selected at each site. Selected teachers will receive up to six hours of graduate credit from the Texas State University-- San Marcos College of Education. Visit the CTWP website at <http://centraltexaswritingproject.org/ctwp/home.html> to learn more.

Upcoming Workshops in Our Area - all grade levels

Many workshops are going on in our area, including a few free events! View a listing of events at Literacy Wiki at <https://literacy-with-lora.wikispaces.com/The+Word+on+Workshops>.

Have a great Friday and a lovely weekend!

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A book should serve as the ax for the frozen sea within us.
--Franz Kafka