

PEEBLES ELEMENTARY -- BUILDING PROGRESS TOWARD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/C.I.P./S.I.T. PLANS –MARCH 2006

Math - The third round of After School Math Tutoring for 3rd through 6th grade students was completed. The final results of the program are as follows:

- Thirty-nine 3rd and 4th graders took maximum advantage of this program. They showed significant gains on all indicators except for working with data.
- Thirty-nine 5th and 6th graders took maximum advantage of this program. They showed significant gains on all indicators except for multiplication and division.
- Mrs. Janet Benner has been working with classroom teachers on item analysis, review of short cycle data, test scores, and has been observing our classroom teacher's use of math instruction. She completed modeling lessons for these teachers in the classroom, and on her return in May, will view these teachers own model lessons.

Language Arts — Twelve staff members have been involved in a book study led by Mrs. Brigittie Gillispie. They are: Sandie Bratt, Loy Coomer, Tom Reed, Jennifer Nehus, Connie Mercer, Pam Wallingford, Vallery Ryan, Terri Matheney, Martha Garry, Julie Workman, Kitty Grooms, and Linda Rhoads. They have been reading & discussing Classroom Instruction that Works by Robert Marzano and others. The book and the handbook give solid, research-based strategies for improving instruction in all content areas and in all grades. Rachel Sims and Amy King attended the National Reading Recovery and Classroom Literacy Conference in Columbus. The OhioReads Grant is always looking for volunteers to help our students in reading grades K-6. We have 21 active volunteers currently, but can always use more. Those interested should contact Lynda Henley at the school at 587-2611.

- **Grade Level Meetings** – These focused on retention of students and ways to improve Math with Mrs. Janet Benner, Additional ones this and next month will focus on note taking and posting of classroom and short cycle data.
- **Additional happenings include:** The Statewide Tornado Drill will be held on March 29th. Students will be rewarded for being in the 98% club in attendance during the 3rd nine weeks on March 31. We have completed planning for Kindergarten registration, Grades 1-6 teacher selection nights, some plans for Summer School, Presidential Award winners --both academic (Mr. Walls) and physical fitness (Mr. Caldwell), and Family Reading Night is scheduled for March 30th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Note: Additional information regarding PES's other significant improvements/activities, can be accessed by going to our school web page at: www.ohiovalley.k12.oh.us/pes