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From: Lawanna McCoy [lmccoy8903@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 11:22 PM
To: Forbes, Pam
Subject: EDGE Meeting

Ladies,

Thanks for a successful first meeting. I just want to make sure I'm understanding what we agreed to. Please read and respond to my errors and/or any other suggestions you may have.

We discovered that our approach must be cautious yet invitational. We agree that invitational education is the way to meet the needs of so many diverse students in our school. Not only do we celebrate that, but want to grow by being able to help all students no matter what their culture is.

WE AGREED TO:

- 1) Meet the first Monday in each month from 4-6;
- 2) Meet with Gene Brewer sometime in October over supper;
- 3) Have research information as follows by next meeting date (11/13):

Pegi-work on IEP/measurement tool for parent/student that will monitor progress, increase communication and chart exactly where student is; work on criteria in the curriculum that will be incorporated into the current curriculum for normal classes; students with learning disabilities will not feel threatened or not grow with this type of curriculum.

Julie-obtain statistical from all other Adventist schools in our conference to see what their diversity ratio is; set up 2-hour meeting with child after school to develop/create portfolio of his work in order to meet needs. You will work on reading, writing, spelling and english skills.

Lawanna-obtain research on different types of learning abilities from UNCC professors and/or resources from the library that will assist us in meeting the child's needs. I will also begin working on a spiritual enrichment plan that will serve as a balance for the child transitioning into the regular classroom.

We also discussed developing a lesson plan in 4mat wheel and shared ideas on how it could work. We will continue to do research as we will be scheduled to give a presentation at the May meeting.

You will receive a notebook specifically for research in support of our lesson plan. Other information will be placed in the notebook and you will receive at our next scheduled meeting.

If I am missing anything, please let me know.

Lawanna

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From: Kimberly Nicholson [gr82teach@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 01, 2006 6:14 PM
To: Fred Brannan; Lori Busch; David Pasos
Cc: Forbes, Pam
Subject: Study Group Plans

Hello My Fellow Study Groupers!

I hope this email finds you well. Can you believe we have been in school for seven weeks already? The first quarter is coming to a close soon! Wow! Hopefully you and your students have fallen into a routine and things are moving along smoothly.

Things for me have been going well in the classroom. My first couple weeks were a nightmare but I have gotten my students settled down and we are having a good time together now! Personally, things have been a bit rough. About two weeks ago we found out that my dad has prostate cancer. The cancer is aggressive so his only choice is to have a full radical done - to have the prostate removed. We are hoping that the cancer has contained itself to the prostate and hasn't gone any further. He will be having surgery in a few weeks in New Jersey by a surgeon he knows personally there. I do not know the date of the surgery yet. I do plan on flying up to NJ to be with my parents during the surgery and some time after. Please keep my family in your prayers as we battle this horrible disease together.

I am telling you all this because I need your prayers and I realize that our first meeting is coming up in a few weeks on Thursday, October 19th, at 4:15 p.m. It is possible that our meeting might fall around the date of my dad's surgery. If so, I promise I will work out something to make it work. As for now I am planning on meeting on that day at that time. I just wanted to warn you a change might need to be made.

Anyhow, lets getting planning for our first meeting. Do we all have a Skype account? It would be best if we could use this instead of our conference call number. Skype seems to work best for some of our group members. If you have had some difficulty with getting set up on Skype, please let me know. I am thinking that it would be best for our first meeting to use the conference call number to be sure we can get connected. We can try while we are on the phone together to connect on Skype and see if it will work. Then we can plan from there. Please use the following toll free conference call number- 1-866-704-7500 Passcode - 1011532# for our first meeting.

Also, be sure your account on Livetext is working as well. Contact Pam if you can seem to get on. I can't really help you with your account. Sorry....

I am figuring that we will be starting new lessons. That is unless any of you have created a 4MAT lesson you haven't had the opportunity to go over with a group yet. If you have a lesson you would like us to go over please let me know. That will be what we will look over for our first meeting. Otherwise, I need each of us to think of topics for new lessons we want to create. If one of you is eager to get started and would love to go first let me know. Then we can work on helping you develop your lesson at our first meeting. I will need you to let me know soon so I can plan accordingly.

Each month I will have an agenda for our meetings. Our agenda for our first meeting will be as follows:

1. Short Devotion/Opening Prayer - Kim Nicholson
2. Chat time - this will be a short time to catch up and share what is going on in our lives and classrooms.
3. Go over lessons members have developed and/or begin creating a new lesson.
4. Invitational Education Goals - We each will be choosing a specific invitational goal to work on between this meeting and the next.

5. Confirm meeting date for next month.
6. Prayer requests and prayer - Fred Brannan
7. Adjourn

As I have looked over the other leaders schedules I notice that they are meeting for about 2 hours each time. Please plan on meeting to about 6 p.m. If that is a problem please let me know.

Well, I think I have covered everything I needed to. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to email me. I am open to suggestions and changes so please let me know if you have any.

God bless you as you teach.

Talk with you all soon-
Kim Nicholson