# Impacting Reading Instruction at West Elementary School

How Partnering with ARI Has Made a Difference In ALL of Our Students

# Our Community



## About Our Town

## Demographics 2017\*

- Population- 9697
- 48.2% White
- 40.6% Hispanic
- 9.7% Black
- 1.5% Other
- 21.7% Foreign Born
- 32.6% Poverty

\*U.S. Census Bureau July 1, 2017

## ENROLLMENT TRENDS AT RUSSELLVILLE CITY SCHOOLS



#### RUSSELLVILLE CITY SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS SINCE 1999

YEAR	TOTAL	BLACK	% BLACK	HISPANIC	% HISPANIC	WHITE	% WHITE	# F&R	% F&R
	ENROLLMENT								
2015	2703	161	6.00%	1199	44.40%	1237	45.80%	1099*	40.73*%
2014	2597	156	6.00%	1041	40.10%	1322	50.90%	1873	72.10%
2013	2537	163	6.42%	977	38.50%	1350	53.21%	1758	69.30%
2012	2465	166	6.70%	893	36.20%	1371	55.60%	1619	65.70%
2011	2473	193	7.80%	581	34.40%	1411	57.06%	1640	66.30%
2010	2394	209	8.70%	799	33.40%	1374	57.40%	1551	64.809
2009	2375	201	8.50%	754	31.70%	1421	59.80%	1477	62.199
2008	2430	215	8.85%	757	31.16%	1452	59.76%	1511	62.199
2007	2397	207	8.64%	726	30.29%	1460	60.91%	1400	58.109
2006	2386	212	8.90%	636	26.70%	1534	64.30%	1359	57.00%
2005	2421	. 234	9.70%	578	23.90%	1605	66.29%	1351	55.80%
2004	2403	235	9.80%	522	21.70%	1641	68.29%	1293	53.819
2003	2345	255	10.90%	433	18.50%	1649	70.30%	1250	53.309
2002	2329	254	12.40%	384	16.50%	1684	72.30%	1242	53.309
2001	2327	270	11.60%	312	13.40%	1734	74.50%	1119	48.109
2000	2378	262	11.02%	292	12.28%	1816	76.37%	1098	46.179
1999	2365	267	11.00%	238	10.00%	1840	78.00%	1051	44.50%

<sup>\*</sup>system moved to CEP, so all student received free breakfast and lunch - these numbers reflect those who are direct certified. Actual rate is calculated by multiplication by a factor of 1.6, so the number of 1099 becomes 17. Add the 191 students who could not be direct certified because they do not have a social security number and til number becomes 1949 and the percentage becomes 72.1%.

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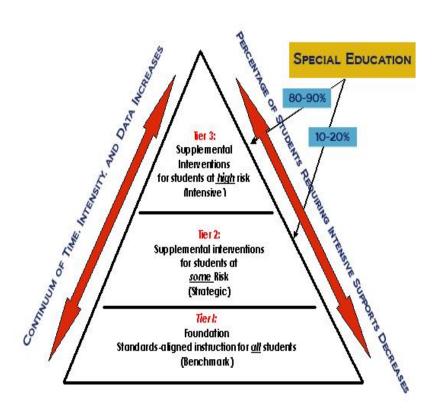


## This Is Our Story

- PreK-2nd grade school
- Pre-K 48 Students (3 classrooms)
- Kindergarten 210 (11 classrooms)
- First Grade--210 (10 classrooms)
- Second Grade-198 (10 classrooms)
- 1 Reading Coach
- 3 Reading Interventionists
- 3 English Language Interventionists
- 666 Total Enrollment

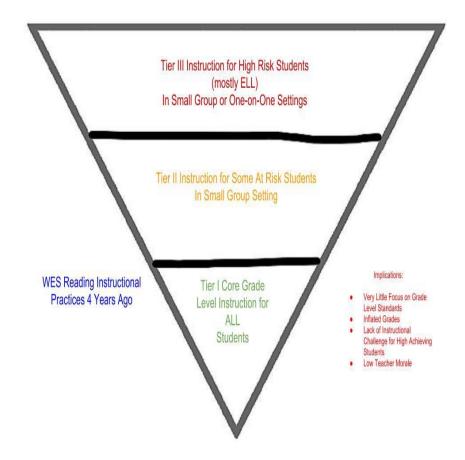
# How Reading SHOULD Be Taught





# How Our Reading Instruction Looked Four Years Ago



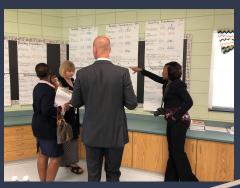


# Reading Instruction at WES



- K and 1st Grade Homeroom Teachers
   Provide Reading Instruction
- 2nd Grade Is Set Up For Partner Teach
   Approach (1 partner teaches her
   homeroom reading/ELA and Social
   Studies and her partner teaches Math and
   Science)
- Push In Reading Intervention During Reading Block
- Pull Out ELL Instruction

# How We Determine What and Who We Teach



### DATA! DATA! DATA!

- We assess Reading and Math using Scantron Reading Foundations and Math for K-2 (fall, winter, spring).
- We administer DIBELS Next for K-2 (fall, winter, spring.
- Data meetings
  - Teachers analyze data and determine growth of students with ARI Reading Specialist.
  - Teachers analyze class standards reports ARI Reading Specialist.
  - Teachers track grade level and school growth and determine areas of strengths and weaknesses.

# We've Got Data, Now What?



## Team Work

- Team planning
  - Grade Level
    - Instruction and Next Steps
- Coaching Support
  - Modeling
  - Side By Side Support
  - One-on-one teacher/coach planning
  - PD based on needs assessment with use of data

# But, how do we do that?







## WES and ARI Partnership

- In 2016, RCS sought help from ARI
  - We needed high quality reading instruction.
  - The training and support offered by ARI enabled us to develop a multi-approach to high quality instruction.
  - The "BIG FIVE" brought our focus back to sound foundational teaching practices
    - Filled the gap in phonemic awareness and phonics instruction that influenced fluency and comprehension for ALL of our students.
    - Provided sound vocabulary and background building strategies that helped fill the void with our ELL students and students of poverty to help fill the void that led to poor comprehension.

# Partnering With a Purpose



## WES and ARI Partnership

- Regional Coaching Communities
  - PD and training for teachers from ARI Reading Specialist's newly gained knowledge
- ARI Regional Meetings
- ARI and District Level Support

## WES DATA TRENDS





#### 2014-15 (Student Count 650)

Reading Foundations Gains: 89/650 (14%) WES Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

47/274 (17%) LEP Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

Gains Analysis

(Annual Growth Targets Met): 33% of WES Ss

24% of LEP Ss

#### 2015-16 (Student Count 668)

Reading Foundations Gains: 38/668 (6%) WES Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

21/278 (8%) LEP Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

Gains Analysis

(Annual Growth Targets Met): 54% of WES Ss

42% of LEP Ss

### 2016-17 (Student Count 592)

Reading Foundations Gains: 20/592 (3%) WES Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

12/221 (5%) LEP Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

Gains Analysis

(Annual Growth Targets Met): 67% of WES Ss

53% of LEP Ss

#### 2017-18 (Student Count 572)

\*The Scaled Score Range was increased from 1300-3700 to 1000-3700.

Reading Foundations Gains: 29/572 (5%) WES Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

18/213 (8%) LEP Ss Made 0 or Negative Gains

Gains Analysis

(Annual Growth Targets Met): 50% of WES Ss

35% of LEP Ss

# HOW HAS ARI HELPED WES IMPROVE ELL'S LEARNING AND STUDENT GROWTH?



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A Newcomer from Guatemala in April 2018.



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"I like to smell the flowers. The flowers smell good. This is for Mrs. Parrish."

## Questions?



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