

Tappan Zee Elementary School

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Outlined below are examples of the work we will be initiating next year to address the needs of our students and the goals of the district:

- Five character education classroom lesson plans will be completed and implemented by the teachers. These plans will help foster a respectful learning environment. In addition, the Acts of Kindness program (AOK) will continue and will revolve around theme words such as community, respect, sharing and perseverance.
- Differentiating instruction to meet the diverse needs of our students will continue to be a significant focus. Ongoing staff development plans are in place to assist teachers with designing classroom lessons to address the varying ability levels.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) have been created and will be in full operation next year. Teachers will be collaborating in small groups and leading their own learning regarding instructional strategies to advance student achievement. Teachers will also be working in partnership groups across grade levels and elementary schools to observe and share work about best practices in teaching literacy.
- Incorporating technology into classroom instruction will again be a priority. Using smartboard technology students will be actively engaged in their learning. There will be a continued focus on teachers and students using blogs, videoconferencing via programs such as Skype and project based research.