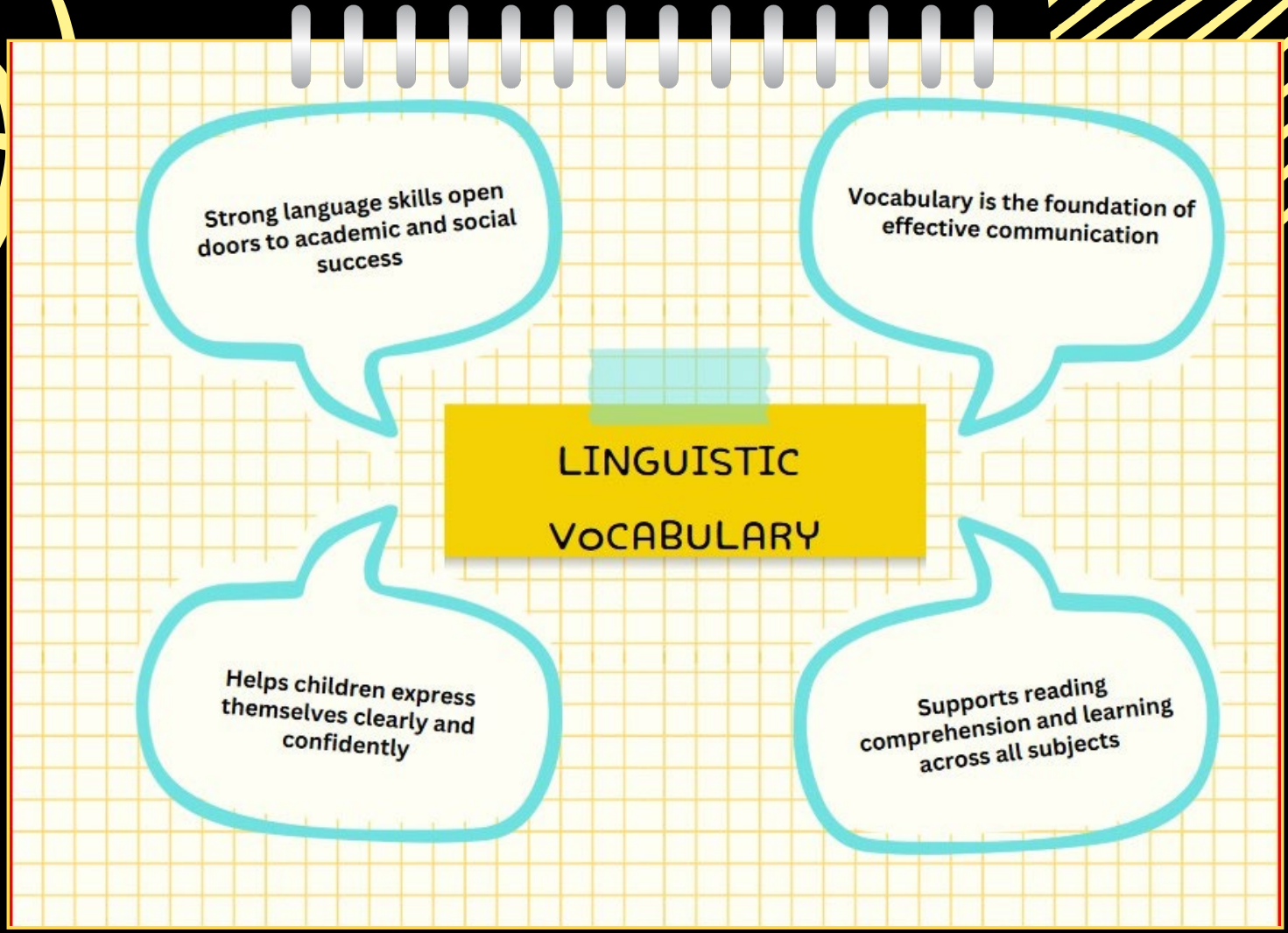
2024-2025

Evergreen School Development Plan

Linguistic Vocabulary

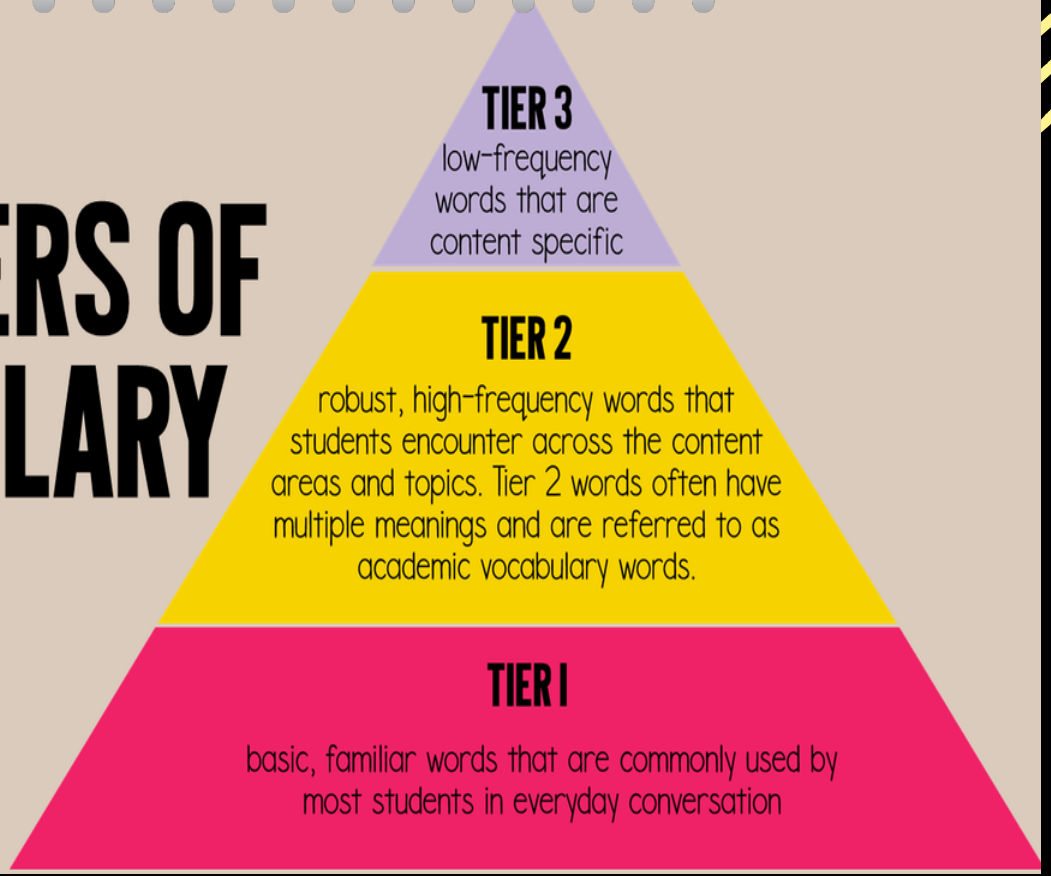
Our **School Development Plan** is focused on supporting student learning through explicit instruction of linguistic vocabulary.


Strong language skills open doors to academic and social success
Vocabulary is the foundation of effective communication
LINGUISTIC VOCABULARY
Helps children express themselves clearly and confidently
Supports reading comprehension and learning across all subjects

How can explicit instruction of linguistic vocabulary support student achievement?

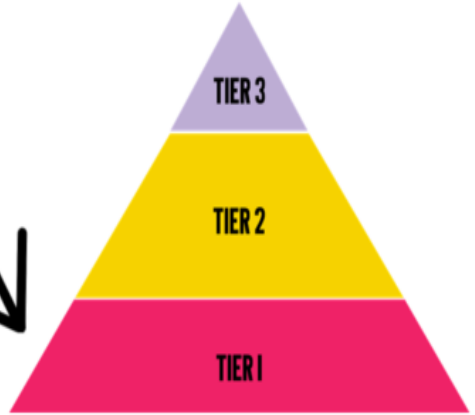
What can teachers and students do to build linguistic vocabulary?

THE 3 TIERS OF VOCABULARY



TIER I VOCABULARY

Tier I vocabulary words consist of basic, familiar words that are commonly used by most students in everyday conversation.



sad

baby

bus

phone

walk

elephant

red

clock

rain

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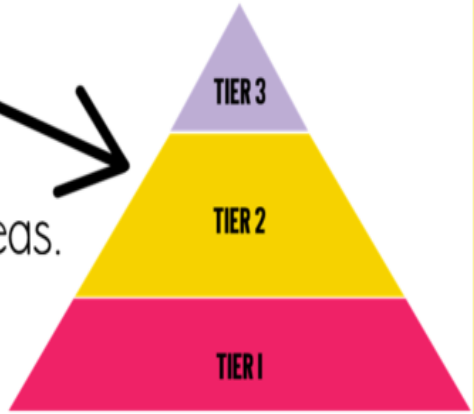
TIER 2 VOCABULARY

Tier 2 words are robust, high-frequency words that students encounter across the content areas. These words often have multiple meanings and are referred to as academic vocabulary words.



bolt

harmony

valuable

fine

blush

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rare

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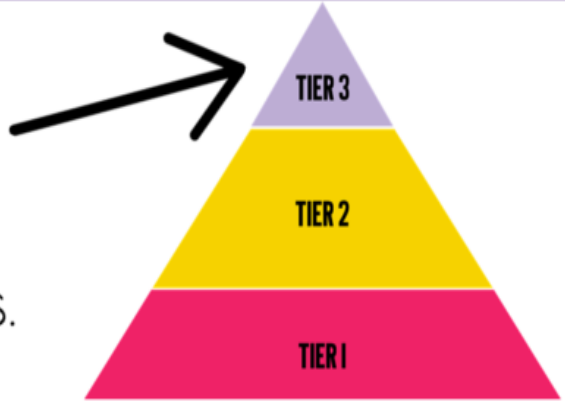
TIER 3 VOCABULARY

Tier 3 vocabulary words are low-frequency words that are content specific. These words have distinct meanings and purposes.



pterodactyl

igneous

osmosis

thesis

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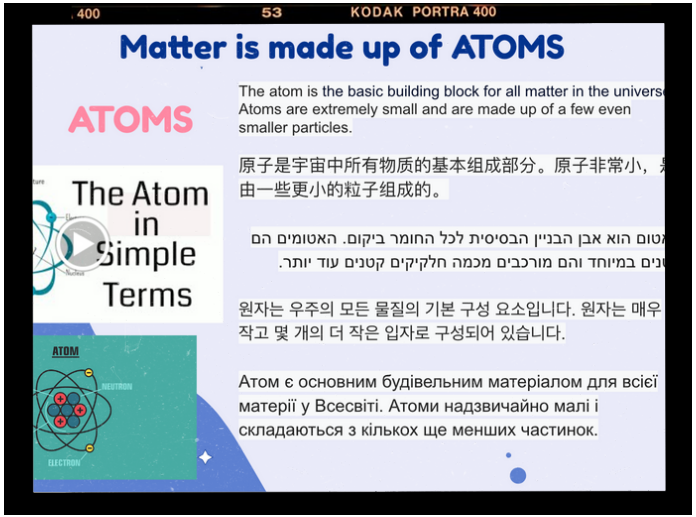

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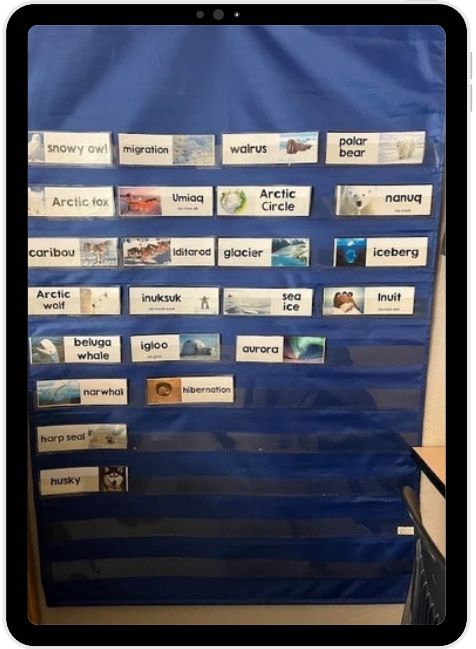

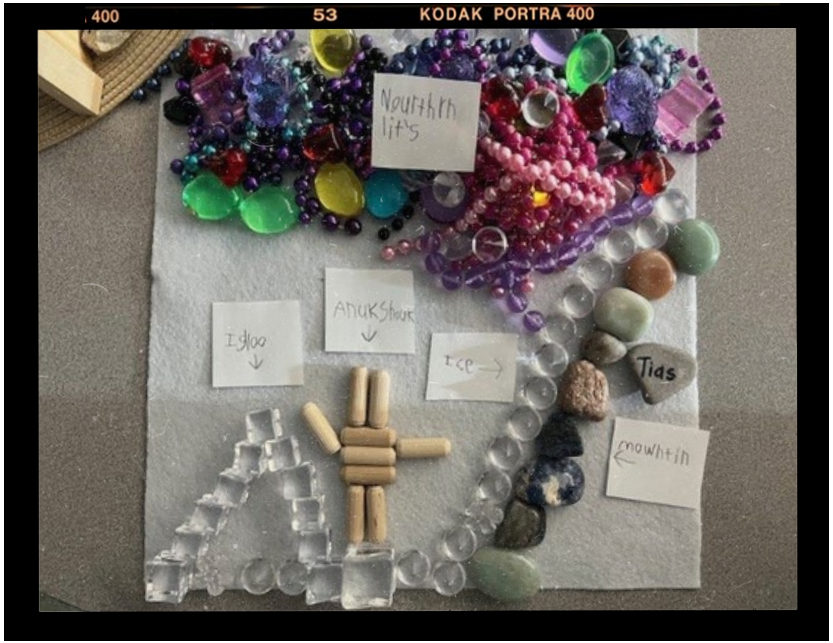

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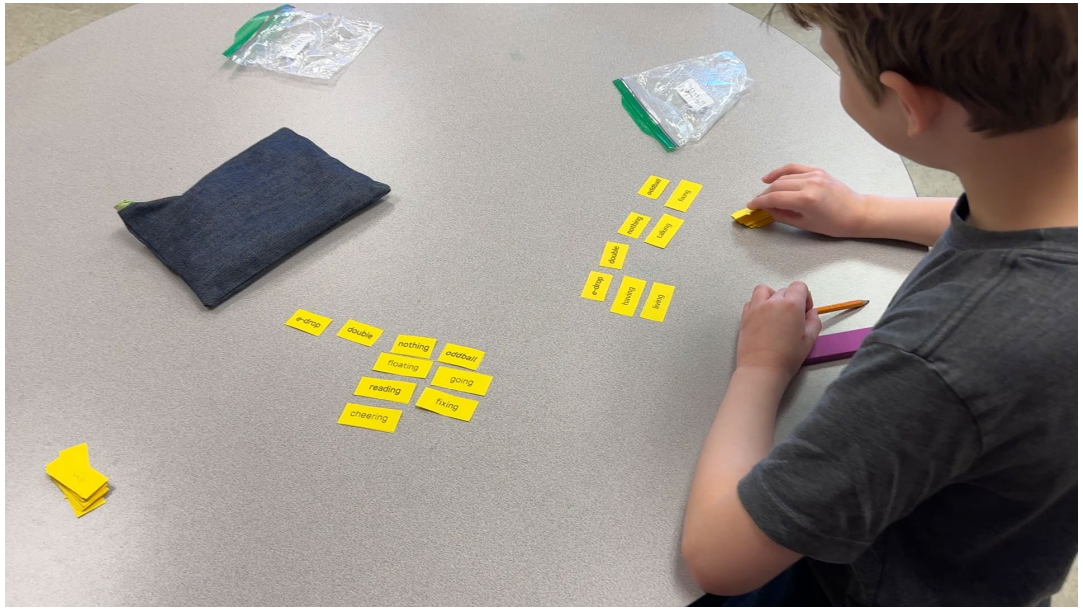

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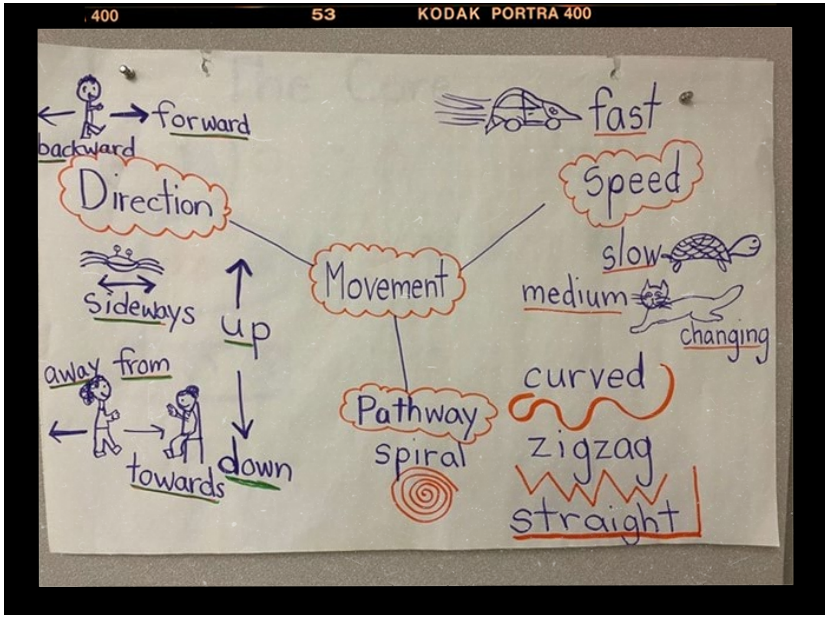

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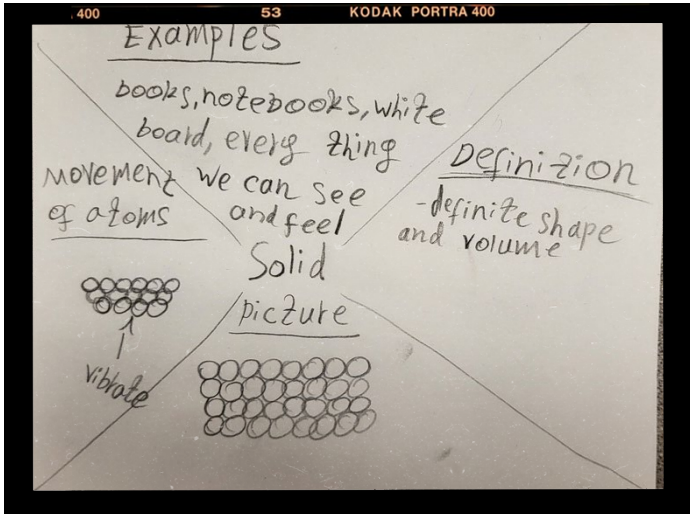

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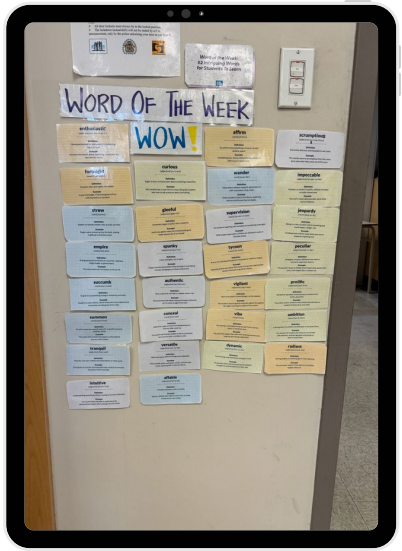

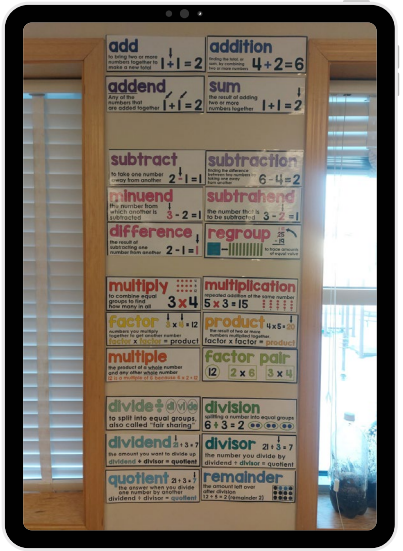

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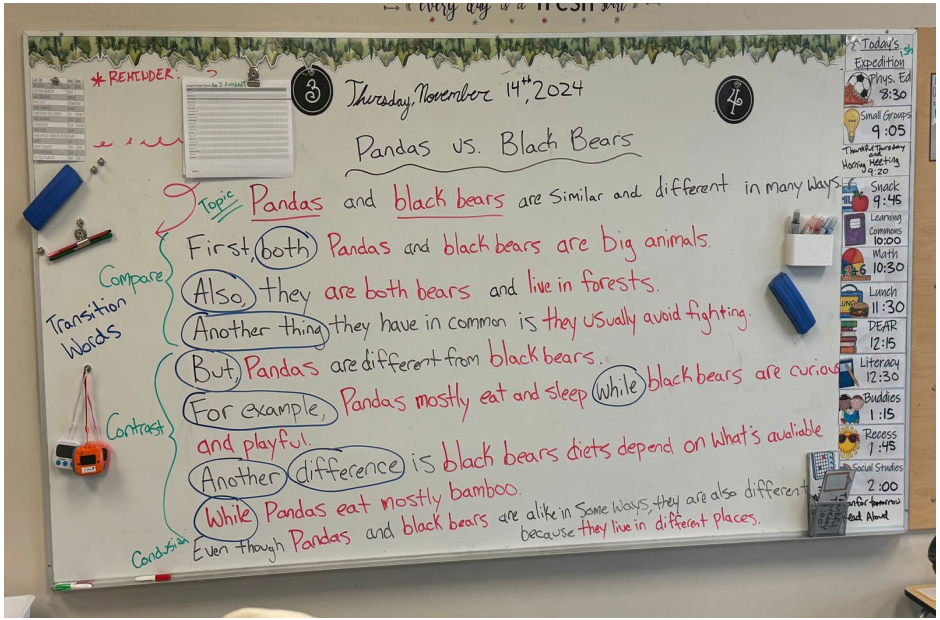

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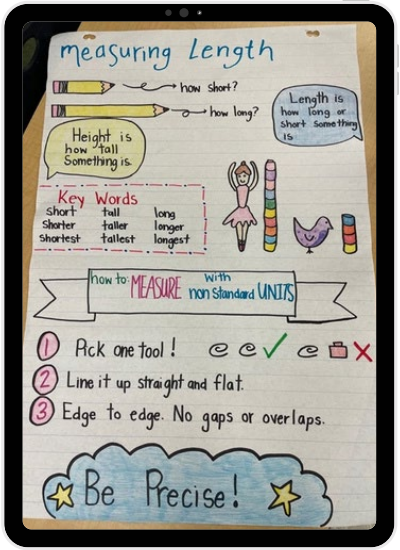
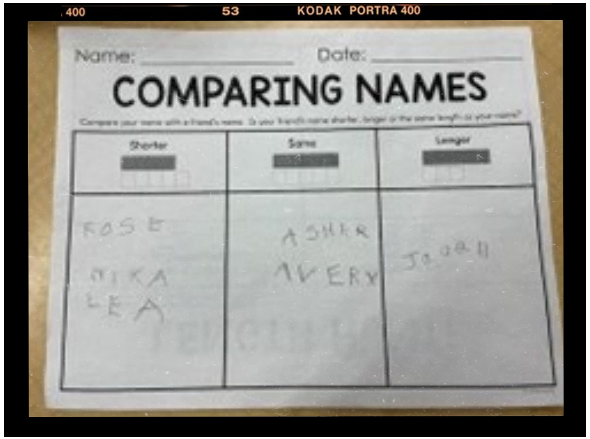
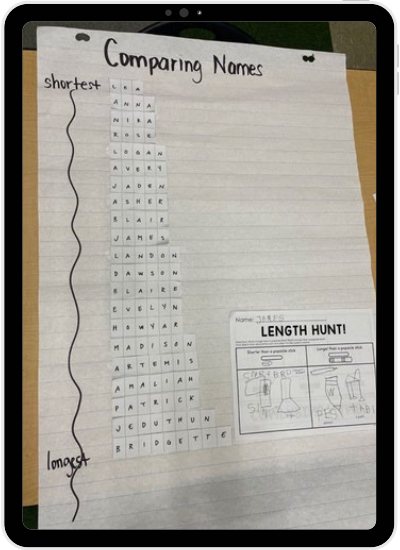
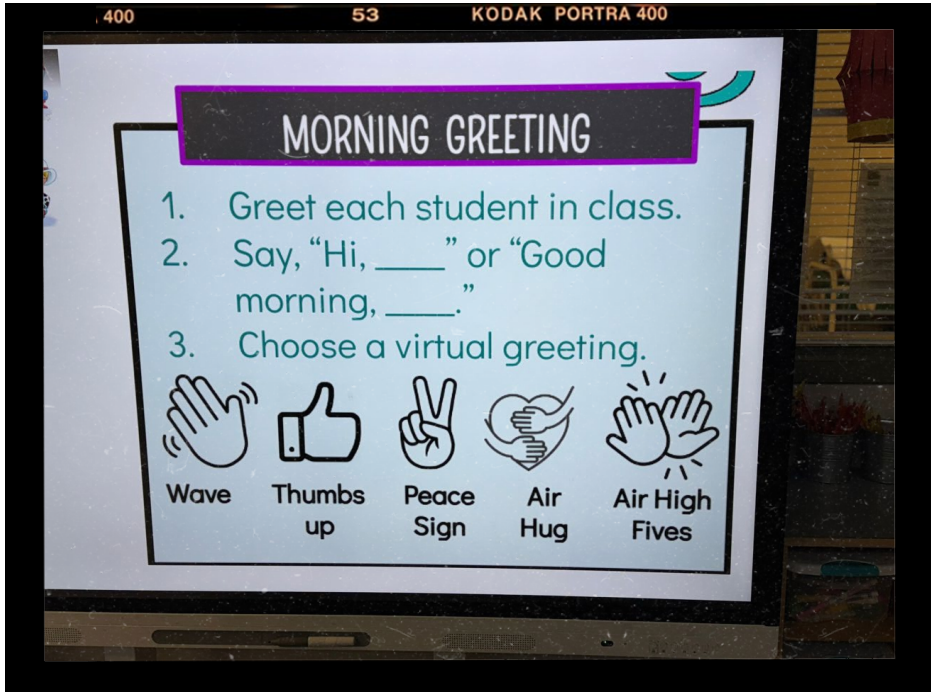






Support Functional and Social Language Development: Help students learn how to connect with peers and manage conversations.



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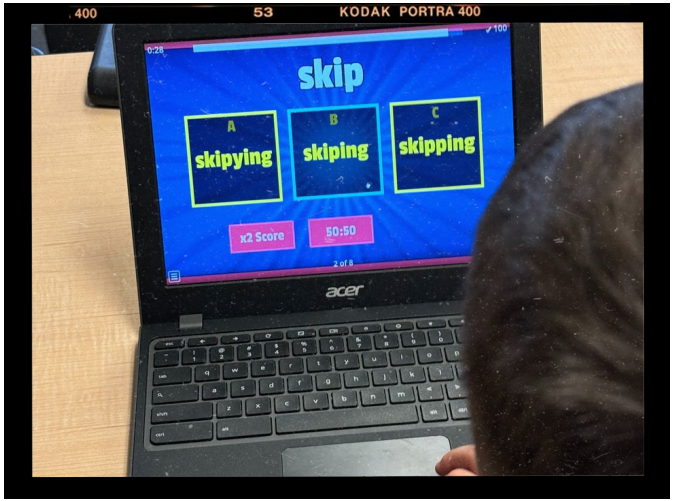

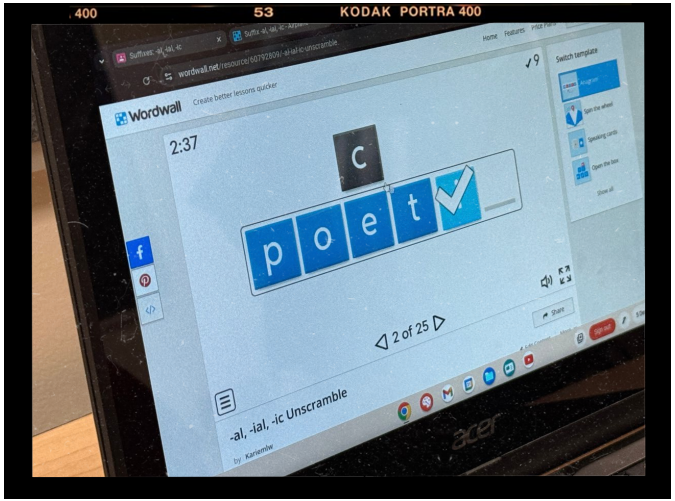

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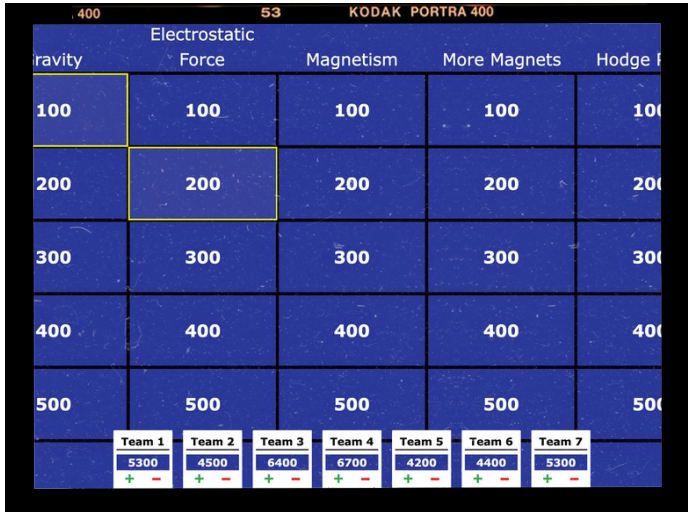

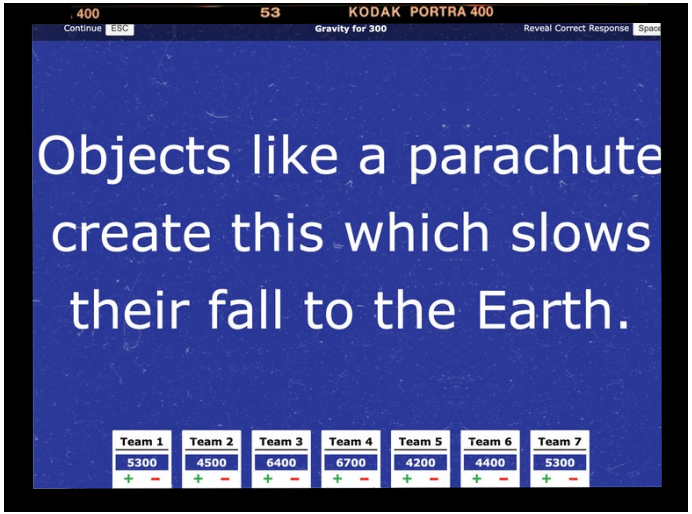

Formalize a Student Intake Process: Develop a streamlined process for assessing and supporting new English as an Additional Language students.

Use Diverse Texts: Offer inclusive and culturally diverse texts that reflect student identities.

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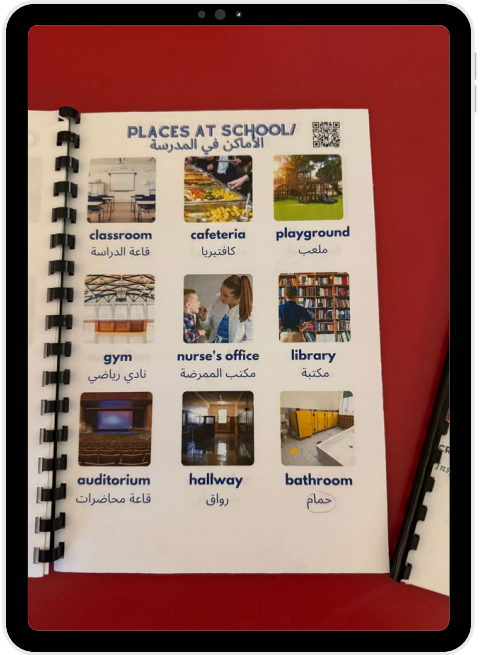

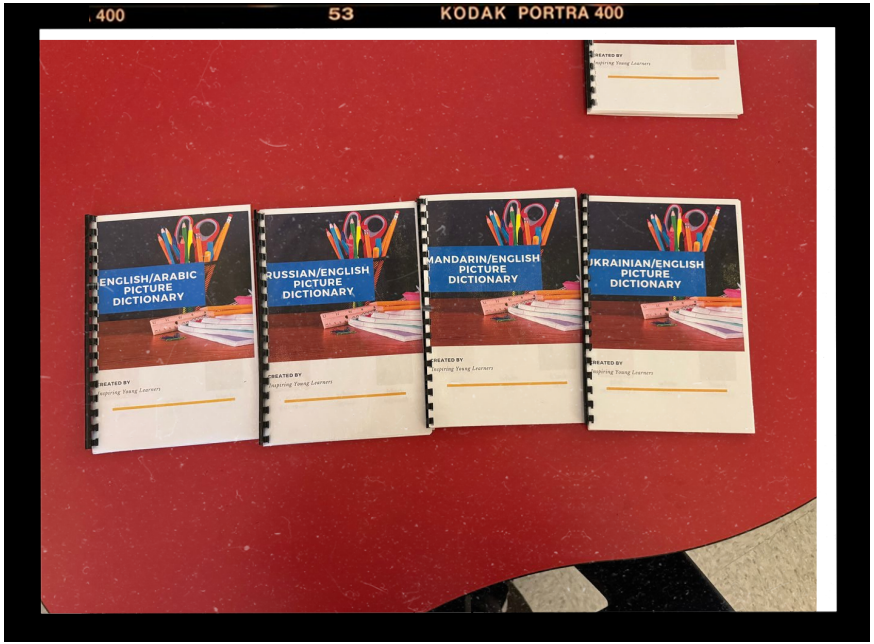

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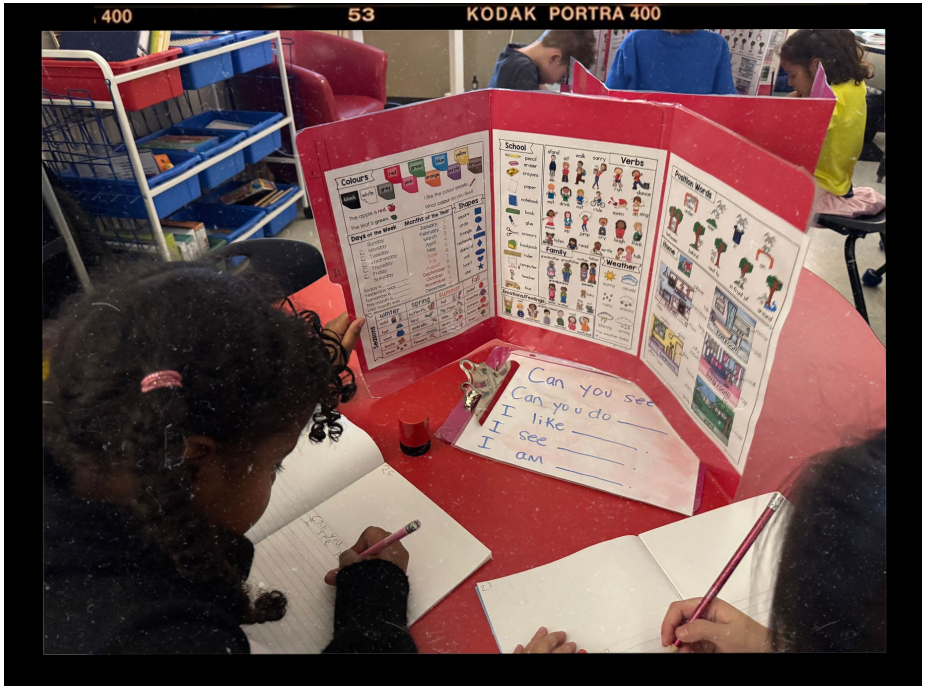

Through targeted professional learning, teacher capacity to address the language learning needs of all learners, particularly English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners will improve. Teachers completed a During professional learning time, teachers explored resources curated on a choice board and became the students and participated in vocabulary learning games such as “Word Loops.”