



Sowing the Seeds of Information Literacy

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Best Practices in MSAD #43- Rumford Elementary School

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Recent best practices in information literacy at Rumford Elementary School have included:

Grade 4- Multidisciplinary Mt. Will Unit

As part of a unit that culminated in a hike up Mt. Will in Bethel, ME, students developed information literacy skills while learning about animals and plants they might see on the hike. The Librarian worked with the classroom teachers to include content from Science and Social Studies curricula.

Grade 5- Author Study Unit

The Classroom teacher and the Librarian collaborated to model a research process that included print and Internet research. The information literacy goal was for students to effectively use needed information.

Grade 4- Maine Studies

Students used print and nonprint sources to locate information and use it effectively to complete a Mainlad assessment task. The classroom teachers and the Librarian collaborated to help students locate and evaluate their information. This included a comparison of different answers in different sources.

Grade 3- Rocks and Minerals Unit

Students developed information literacy awareness when researching information about specific rocks. The Librarian and classroom teacher collaborated to include Science and Information Literacy curricula.

Teachers- Mobile Lab Training

Librarian provided short training sessions for faculty and staff on using the new mobile computer lab to encourage student research when it was needed. This flexibility allows students to locate information when it is needed not only during a weekly lab time.

Grade 3- Anasazi Unit

Guided by the Librarian, students accessed articles about the Anasazi tribe through MARVEL! Using the Primary Search database, students scanned articles for interesting facts about the Anasazis. Students completed a chart in the classroom with facts from MARVEL! and from classroom resources.

Summer School National Parks Project

Students in summer school created projects about specific State Parks. Content area teachers collaborated with the Librarian to include Social Studies and Science along with the development of an awareness of a research process.

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