

Elementary School Goals



**Edward H. Bryan/Merritt Memorial
Elementary Schools
2017-2018**

Vision 2017 -2018



- **Elementary professional development will center around literacy**
- **Writer's Workshop Goal:**
- *By June of 2018, through collaborative examination of our K-5 program and methods for writing instruction, develop a set of expectations of common teaching practice(s) for the Writing Workshop model for the Cresskill Elementary Schools in order to provide writing instruction utilizing the processes, structures, and components of the Writing Workshop model.*

Teachers' College Writing Workshop

- **Writing is essential to success in most subjects, and when students' writing improves it is evident in every area of the curriculum and on most assessments.**
- **Coincides with Readers' Workshop Goal: *To increase the amount of time that reading in all content areas occurs across the school day.***
- **Establish curricular consistency and uniformity across schools**
- **Deepen/improve instruction**
 - **K-2, 3-5 teachers work with consultants once per month: Coaching/"Doing"/Modeling**
 - **Jennifer Serravallo = best-selling author of *The Literacy Teacher's Playbook, Teaching Reading in Small Groups, and Conferring With Readers***
- **The above offers focus for our district PD Days, and continued focus on literacy work will be offered via after-school faculty/content area meetings two X monthly**
- **K-5 ELA Committee: Dialogue, shape vision with faculty and administration, as well as offer feedback/reflection/monitoring/assessing of our work**
- **Summer Institutes/Calling All Teacher Writers**



Vision 2017 -2018



- **Elementary professional development will also center around PARE (*PERSONAL ACADEMIC REINFORCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT*)**
- **Pilot 16-17**
- **PARE Goal:**
- *To collaboratively participate in the implementation of a Personal Academic Reinforcement and Enrichment (PARE) period in order to gather feedback on students' strengths and weaknesses and address them via the creation/implementation of opportunities for offering/receiving small group instruction/individualized support.*

What is PARE?

PARE VIDEO

PARE is a new addition to our schedule. It offers us the following opportunities:

- **ALL students in grades K - 5 are provided with one period a day of no new instruction**
- **Students are provided with flexible intervention**
 - **Center-based instruction (Daily Cafe)**
 - **Flexible grouping**
 - **Individualized/small-group instruction**
- **Enrichment instruction is also provided based on students' needs**
- **Pull-out programs, such as SOAR21, Basic Skills, English as a Second Language, Music Lessons, and related services are provided during PARE to the extent possible**
- **PARE committee: Assess current programs/needs, assist teachers with planning**

