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PRIME Training for 4th & 5th Grade Teachers



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August 11-15, FS Key 4th and 5th grade teachers were busy attending the first PRIME Summer Institute. PRIME is a three-year SFUSD project to improve instruction and teacher content knowledge in mathematics. FS Key is lucky enough to be one of the 14 elementary schools participating. Each year for the next three years, the 4th and 5th grade teachers will be attending workshops, working collaboratively and receiving coaching to the help us work toward the PRIME goals.

The workshop was exhilarating, exhausting, thought-provoking, sometimes intimidating, sometimes frustrating, but always inspiring. We spent the entire week working with fractions, an often difficult area of math for students. We really deepened our understanding of fractions, their importance in the continuing study of math and new and exciting ways to teach them. We can't wait to practice our new knowledge with the students!

The 4th/5th grade team will now be spending our PRIME time planning lessons collaboratively, sharing our classroom results and working with our District-provided coach to improve our instructional practices. It's going to be a great year for math.



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