Lesson Planning = Planning for Success

Thoughtful and effective planning throughout the school year is crucial for student mastery of standards.

Once a standard is introduced, it is understood that the standard is continuously taught and/or reviewed throughout the entire school year (e.g., explicit instruction, learning centers, whole group, small groups, Classroom Strategies – Before, During and After (http://www.adlit.org/strategy_library/), etc.).

It is highly recommended that supplemental resources are used to adequately address the standards.

Why Lesson Planning Is So Important

It’s what the student sees.

So many decisions are needed to create a well put together lesson plan.

Teachers make numerous instructional decisions daily.

A lesson plan is one educational element where decision making can make the difference between learning or a lack of learning.

It’s what the teacher does that makes the biggest difference in learning, not what the teacher knows.

Big Ideas About Lesson Planning

Lesson planning matters.

Backward design drives the plan.

If there are teacher behaviors that lead to student learning, you have to plan for them.

When you do things, and the order in which you do them, is important.

Ask yourself the tough questions to make good decisions about instruction during the planning phase.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. - Benjamin Franklin