

Dearborn Park Elementary Advanced Learning Opportunity
Plan
2008-2009 School Year

The Dearborn Park Community has high expectations and high achievement.

The ALO Report Card is utilized to ensure that our advanced students are receiving an accelerated curriculum corresponding with the Washington State Grade Level Expectations. The ALO Report Card also maintains our “district-identified” students’ eligibility status throughout their elementary education. Sacajawea offers many different enrichment challenges. Our school environment encourages the positive social and emotional development of all students.

ALO Model

- Students in the ALO program will be instructed at least one year above grade level in mathematics. This will be accomplished through multi-age teaching and differentiation.

ALO Math Strategies Used:

- Acceleration- “one grade level above” for identified math students
- Curriculum Compacting- Pretest and eliminate mastered math content
- Tiered Assignments- Advanced students will receive their math instruction in varying levels of complexity and depth

ALO Reading Model:

- Dearborn Park’s ALO model for accelerating reading instruction “one grade level above” for advanced learners is to appropriately place them by ability level and differentiate within the regular classroom. Advanced students receive their reading instruction by attending the appropriate literacy group that provides complex guided reading, independent choice and shared inquiry discussions that reflect depth through interpretation, prediction and analysis.

ALO Reading Strategies:

- Acceleration: at least “one grade level above” for identified readers
- Flexible Grouping: Students move in and out of groups upon mastery
- Independent Reading: Students are provided with some individual choice in the books they read to appropriately place them in groups of interest and ability
- Guided Reading Groups: Students are placed within guided reading groups by complexity and higher level content reading
- Interactive and Shared Read Alouds: The purpose for these strategies is to create a supportive learning environment for a range of readers to hear fluent reading as they develop higher level thinking skills.

Challenging Enrichment Opportunities:

- Chess Club
- Global Reading Challenge

- Math Olympiad
- Science Fair
- School Newspaper
- SCATS
- Chorus
- Multicultural Dance Group
- Family Math Night
- Family Literacy Night
- Environmental Education