

## Midway Elementary School



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Interview with Principal/Superintendent Al Quezada

“ I stress to my teachers that they need to do an amazing job in the class and Mr. Q will take care of the rest.”

Contributing Factors to student learning outcomes:

#1) 15 to 1 student to teacher ratio plus aides in the classroom which lends itself to differentiation of instruction

- Diagnostic done continuously due to small group ratio
- Small classes can meet their needs of all students
- Reteach and extended learning opportunities
- Higher expectations
- Can't hide from the teacher
- Ability to slow down the curriculum from 5 to 8 days as needed for student learning
- Allows for combo classes to be successful

#2) Programs used to fidelity throughout all grades.

- Journeys-
  - Cold Reads
  - Running Records
  - Mid-Chapter and Performance assessments
- GoMath
  - Reteach
  - Moved from 5 to 8-day instruction units

#3) Early First Instruction

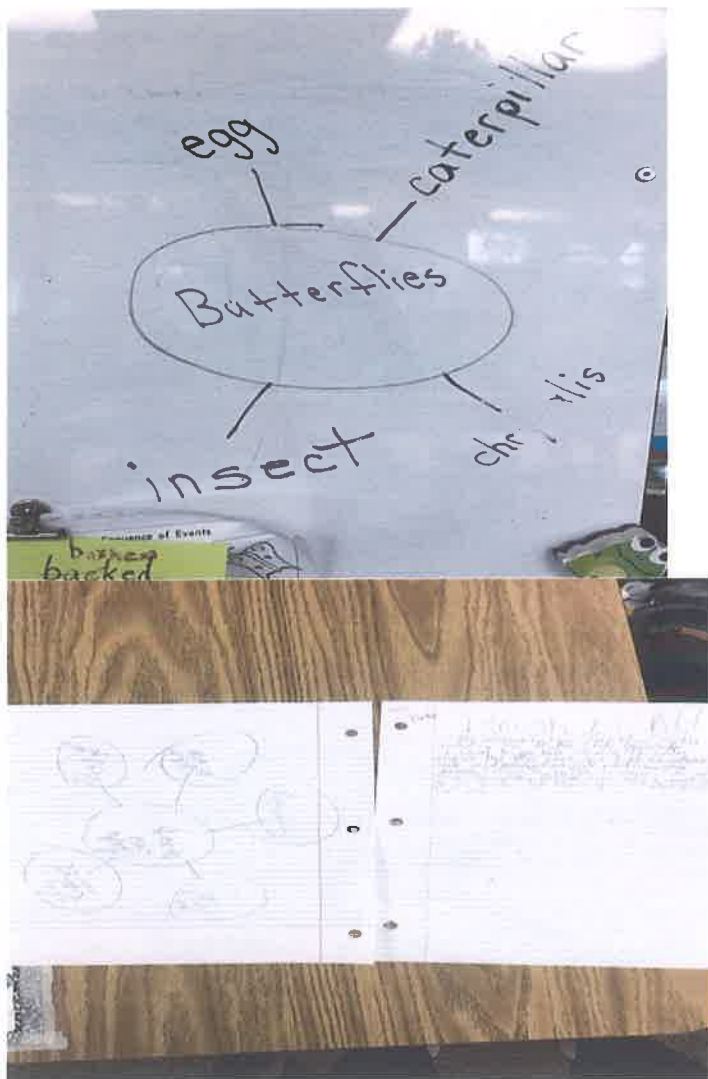
- Compu cat
- One on one site words

- Early subject matter exposure -Students learn from each other with combo classes – i.e. First grade instruction is heard and learned by Kindergarten students
- Repetitive instruction- i.e. First Grade students hear Kindergarten instruction which layers their learning from possible lost units of learning and reminders of what was learned.

#4) Novel Studies includes comprehension through journals, Flip Grid, and responses on video

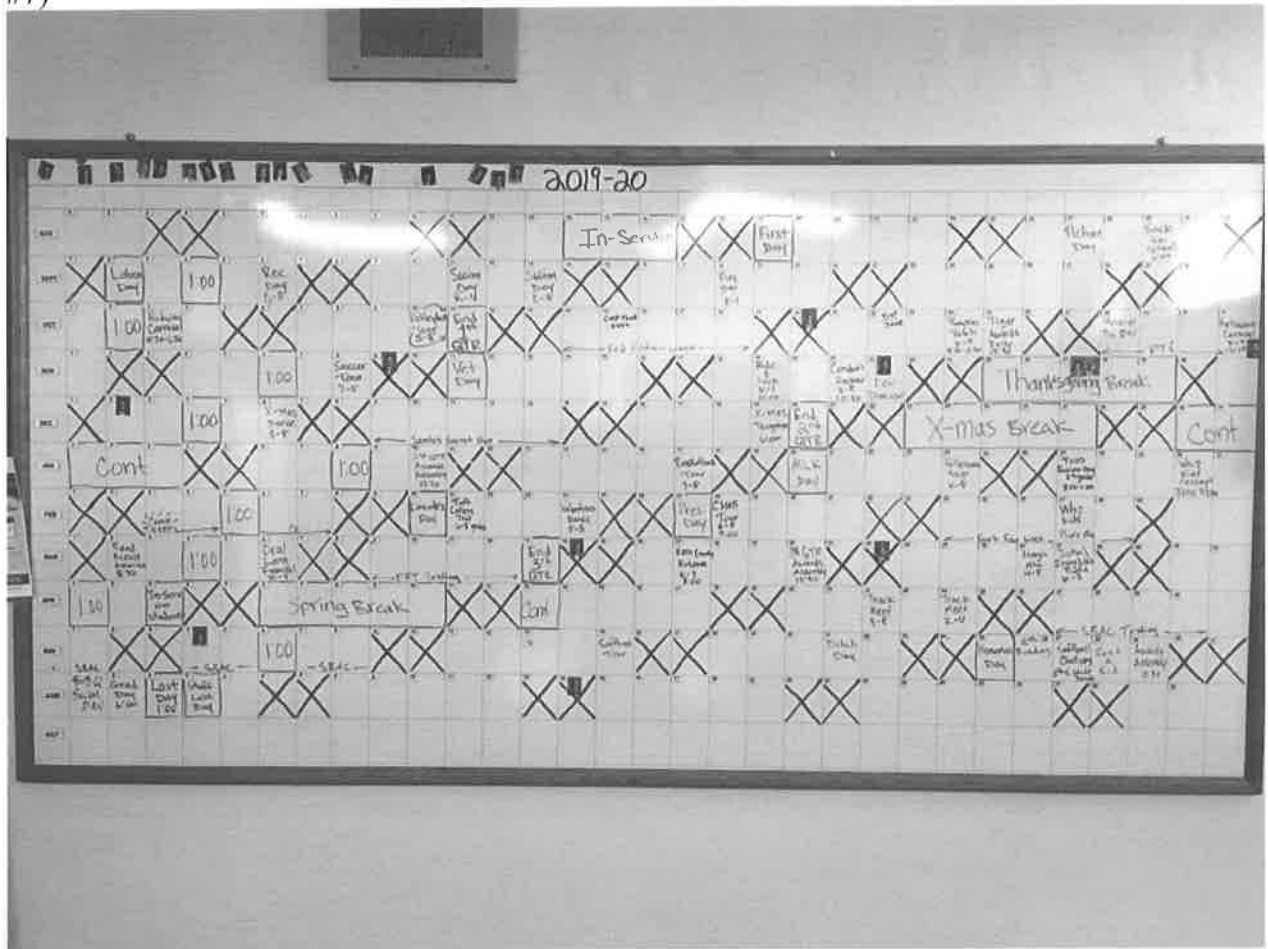
#5) Writing includes

- Mentor Sentences- <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog-posts/mary-blow/17-18/Mastering-Grammar-with-Mentor-Sentences-Part-1/>
- Writing City
- Bubble Maps



#6.) 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade practice keyboarding on a daily basis through “Keyboard Club”

#7)



### Communication/Collaboration

- Monday morning go over the week check in and time collaborate regarding students and share strategies.
- PLC across grade levels-First Wednesday of every month



#### #8.) Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- The TIGER way- students come to class ready to learn
- Accountable recognition
- Go through expectations at the beginning of the year explains the rewards
- Students come to class ready to learn
- Student Recognition

Midway School  
TIGER Program

TIGER Way = TEAMWORK, INTEGRITY, GRATITUDE, EXCELLENCE, RESPECT

Rallies and Awards Assemblies

One academic rally a year, usually first quarter awards assembly. We have a total of 4 awards assemblies recognizing and celebrating student's successes on Tiger levels and Tiger Stars. We pick a theme and decorate auditorium for first quarter academic rally.

Tiger Levels (Honor Roll)

Gold – 4.0  
Silver – 3.5 - 3.99  
Bronze – 3.0 - 3.49

Tiger Stars

2.9 GPA or lower and shows good citizenship (TIGER Way Core Values) and maximum effort on school work and homework. Kindergarten through 2nd grade are selected on same criteria except grades are not earned.

Citizenship Award (TIGER Way)

Teacher selects one student from their class each quarter and those students are recognized at awards assemblies. They receive a metal and are celebrated for their outstanding behavior. They are recognized with a teacher write-up of why they were selected as they walk onto stage.

Attendance

Perfect attendance for each quarter.

Parent Volunteers and Staff

They are also recognized at our quarterly awards assemblies.

Accelerated Reader

Top Readers with the most points earned from each grade are recognized at awards assemblies.

Discipline

Two discipline reports knocks student off awards assemblies and field trips for each quarter

Field Trips to Earn

1<sup>st</sup> quarter - Condors Hockey game  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter - Rollerama  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter - Magic Mountain  
4<sup>th</sup> quarter - BBQ/Swim day

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Homework Recognition (Monthly)

Turn in all homework for a month - receive a certificate and picture on bulletin board for all to see. We recognize them immediately after monthly fire drills.

Students of the Month (Monthly)

Selected by teacher / 2-6 per month usually – certificate and picture on bulletin board (fire drill).

#9.) Strong community connection – The Community surrounding Midway school is very active in the success of the students.

# Midway Parent Volunteers Events

**Back to School**  
**Midway Carnival**  
**Volleyball Tournament**  
**Red Ribbon Week**  
**Halloween Carnival**  
**TIGER Rally**  
**Santas Secret Shop**  
**Christmas Program**  
**Book Fair**  
**Oral Language Festival**  
**Read Across America**  
**Softball Challenge snack bar**  
**Yearbook**  
**Snack bars - every other week**  
**Canned food drive**  
**Classroom helper**  
**All Awards Assemblies**

**NEW - Art Wall, Reading Club K-4,**  
**Fundraisers??**

The parent volunteers make extended curricular activities happen.