

Tappan Zee Elementary School
Grades 2-3
21st Century Goals and Projects
2011-2012

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Outlined below are examples of the work we will be initiating this year to address the needs of our students and the goals of the district:

- This year we will be implementing our new unit and trimester writing rubrics that were developed last year. Our new writing rubrics will allow us to develop a common language for assessing our students through ongoing conversations and opportunities to collaboratively look at student work and use the rubrics to evaluate student writing. These rubrics will allow us to develop common expectations across the grade.
- The Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System will be used to evaluate our students reading and to closely monitor their progress across the year. Teachers will use this valuable information to inform their instruction and carefully plan thoughtful and responsive learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of our students.
- The Character Education Committee will work together throughout the school year to plan and implement the Acts of Kindness program (AOK) across the school. TZE will also be implementing our new Friends Smart program for all students. These programs will help us to continue our work in Fostering a Respectful Learning Environment and acknowledging and encouraging positive student behavior at TZE.
- As part of the district's goal to provide students with the skills for the 21st century, we will be working to expand students' critical thinking through authentic learning experiences. Teachers will be trained in various technology applications to assist students in accessing the curriculum in new collaborative ways.