

West Side School

School Improvement Team

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Minutes

SIT Members

Staff: Kurt Simon, Mary Baratta, Jane DeRosa, Jim Farmer, and Leah Martin

Parents: Nicole Boutis, Helen Daly, Dana Ginobi, and Mariel Naccarato

Goal: *Create a working document for one of our goals*

3rd Grade Recess Buddy Program – Pilot 2 x weekly for one month

- Goals:
 - Empower our younger learners to take on a leadership role
 - Forge relationships between 2nd and 3rd graders
 - Help the socialization process
 - Eliminate isolation
- Training and Orientation Process:
 - Students will touch base in the airplane wing
 - Brainstorm possible games to play during indoor and outdoor recess times
 - Planning session with school psychologist
 - At least two second graders and three to four 4th graders in a group
 - Students must exit recess together and report to an aide on duty
- Selection process:
 - Work with 2nd and 3rd grade teachers, aides, school psychologist, and principal
 - Open to all kids in 3rd grade
 - Draft letter to send home to parents of students involved for permission
- Reflection:
 - Newsroom will be used for students to reflect on experience
 - Possible Questions for Grade 2:
 - Would you consider being a mentor?
 - What was positive or negative about your experience?
 - Would you recommend this program to another 2nd grader? Why or why not?
 - Is recess different now in any way? If so, explain.
 - Possible Questions for Grade 3:
 - What did you get out of this experience?
 - What was positive or negative about this experience?
 - Did you make any new friends?
 - How did you help?
- Certificate:
 - A certificate will be provided for each student involved in the program.