

SEAL Summer Bridge 2016

Summer Bridge is an intensive professional development opportunity for teachers who have completed a year of SEAL professional development. The 10 days of cross grade level co-teaching allows teachers to try new strategies and build articulation and alignment across grades while observing and supporting each other to build a shared understanding of SEAL's approach. While Summer Bridge does serve as an academic enrichment for students, it is primarily designed to serve as high quality professional development for teachers.

Program and Participation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1 SEAL Training Day● 1 Teacher Collaboration Day● 3 Parent Workshops<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Importance of oral language, Home-School Thematic Connection, SEAL Strategies to use at home● 10 days of Summer Bridge Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3 hours with students○ 3 hours of professional development: reflection, coaching, collaboration, deepening of teacher practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 22 Teachers, 3 coaches● 100 students● 2 classes, 41 TK → K students● 5 classes, 59 K → 1st students <p>TK and Kinder students from 1st year SEAL sites (Burnett, Spangler, Weller) were invited to the Summer Bridge program.</p>

SEAL Goals and Outcomes

Student Goals	Parent Goals	Teacher Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be prepared for academic success in elementary school and beyond • To be surrounded by high level cognitive, language and literacy skills • To increase grade level mastery • To promote confident, motivated, engaged and JOYFUL learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To offer workshops for families that focus on strategies that parents can use at home to support learning • To help build oral language with their children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build articulation and alignment across grades • To observe and support each other • To build a shared understanding of SEAL's approach • To engage in high quality professional development
Student Outcomes	Parent Outcomes	Teacher Outcomes
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Summer Bridge Quotes from Teachers

“Watching others teach is meaningful”

I appreciate the time to practice and be reflective about the work without the pressure.

Working collaboratively allows us to get more done - we're able to accomplish a lot with a team and give one another instant feedback.

There is amazing student engagement. I can even hear it on the playground - they are continuing with their academic vocabulary.

I like seeing the bridge between Kindergarten and 1st grade - I can see where my students need to go.

It's striking how quickly our young students are developing rich vocabulary. They are learning a lot!

Summer Bridge Quotes from Students

"I learned about the food chain and the octopus and all the important sea animals that are the size of paper clips. Krill!"

"I like painting and learning about external features of the octopus. They have a beak where their arms are!"

"I like to learn about squids. I felt happy being here. I like this school!"

"I like to learn about animals under the sea. I even like learning about the krill."

"I like learning about ocean life. I learned that there are exoskeletons. I didn't know that the ocean was so deep!"