



VALLEY STREAM 13 SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Central Office
Community
Connection**

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Shared Strategies for Inclusion

Inclusion

Teachers have been actively engaged in professional development to continuously support students in inclusive classrooms. Throughout the year, workshops have been held and staff developers have visited classrooms to see teaching and learning in action.

Kindergarten Registration

The following strategies have been shared:

English As A New Language

- ◆ Use of Choice Boards
- ◆ Buddy of the Week
- ◆ RAFT Strategy

<http://ww.readingrockets.org/strategies/raft>

Health & Wellness

- ◆ Diane Craft Brain Integration Therapy
- ◆ Project Based Learning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBTUjP3rOCY>

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/project-based-learning-social-emotional-learning-thom-markham>

<http://www.thommarkham.com/>



Kindergarten Registration

Students 5 years old on or before
December 1st are eligible for kindergarten
in September 2019

Registration may be completed in the

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English Language Learners Use of Technology

Students in the English as a New Language Program have been engaged in using various educational apps during the school day to enhance their listening, speaking, reading, writing and viewing skills. Writing books, creating cartoons, recording and playing back their voices, and completing a myriad of other activities are just some of the exciting experiences our English Language Learners are engaged in. Some students have also used Google Translate with iPads as they can instantaneously translate any text into a language that can aide in comprehension of material.



Heath & Wellness: Internet Safety

Guidelines for safe online use:

- Never post or trade personal pictures
- Never reveal personal information
- Never respond to a threatening email, message, post or text
- Spend time online with children to teach appropriate online behavior
- Use only a screen name and don't share passwords (except with parents)
- Check credit cards and phone bills for unfamiliar account charges
- Keep the computer in a common area so that you can monitor use

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