



## Knights Ferry Elementary School District

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### Superintendent-Principals Message

#### Big Ideas and a Mighty Spirit

On October 18th, 2023, the California Department of Education released the test scores from the Spring 2023 state testing. There have been many news articles and commentary about how children in California performed on the tests. Overall, the state scores remained much the same as the prior year in English Language Arts (ELA) and modest gains of 2-3% percentage points were noted in the mathematics portion of the test.

Performance at the state level indicated that 46.66% of the students were proficient at English Language Arts and 34.62% were proficient at math. Enter Knights Ferry School, the place with big ideas and a mighty spirit.

We worked diligently throughout COVID and even before, to make sure we provided a top-notch academic program. In our ongoing efforts to improve our instruction, we implemented school-wide math fluency practice last year. This year, we have strengthened our WIN program and math instruction once again, pushing both intensive intervention and acceleration into our new daily WIN-R rotations. We refined our WIN-I (individual) to include specific goals for each participant and more data collection. A math specialist is providing professional development and coaching for our teachers directly related to math. Big ideas and a mighty spirit.

What do big ideas and a mighty spirit have to do with test scores? Well, our efforts to both improve our instructional program and to cheer on students taking the test, making that experience as positive as possible paid off. Our math scores posted significant gains. In fact, Knights Ferry showed the greatest gains of all the schools in the area ( including all the Smalls). Our 16% increase in students scoring proficient or above in math out-stripped the progress made by schools across the state. Our math scores were also the second highest of all local area schools serving the same grades, only missing the top spot by 1.01 percentage points.

Our English Language Arts (ELA) scores remained at about the same level with a slight decrease of less than 3% from the 2022 school year. Still, these scores make Knights Ferry the third highest performing area school. So, when you consider academic programs for making educational choices for your children, including whether or not to try the junior high school, you can count on Knights Ferry School to provide a solid, quality academic education for your child. We're a little school, with all the qualities of closeness and comfortableness that such an environment encourages. Yet, we have big ideas and a mighty spirit that gets the job done.



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I am proud of our school: our staff, our kids, our parents and our community. We all contribute to what makes Knights Ferry a great place to learn, and as I said to the staff on August 7th, this is going to be a great year!