

# CEI Newsletter

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Campbell School on Wednesday

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Feel free to contact us and arrange for assistance with technology integration issues and training requests. We are here to support technology best practices in your classroom. You can also reach us and post a question/suggestion at:

<http://lweider.weebly.com/contact.html>

## CEI Updates

Lexia accounts have been set up and are actively being used by students in all partner schools. In addition, school administrators and teachers have each received professional development on the new Lexia platform that was rolled out over the summer.

Important reminders:

- Please remember that your students, who are new to Lexia, will need to spend 30 days working within their individualized learning path before you will be able to generate individual progress and data reports on those students.
- It is important for your planning and individualized instruction that you check on student use and progress at least twice a month.
- In order for your students to make the greatest gains they need a basic understanding of what Lexia is, why it is important and appreciate their progress. Therefore, conferencing with each student once a month, while the class as a whole is using Lexia, is valuable in maximizing their growth.
- Remember to make use of the CEI site for additional support materials and resources. We are also available to answer questions and assist you with technology use as needed.

<http://lweider.weebly.com/professional-development.html>

## Bedtime Math Study

Parents who are uneasy about their own math skills often worry about how best to teach the subject to their kids. Well ... there's an app for that. A study by the University of Chicago and published in the journal *Science* suggests that the App "Bedtime Math" works well for elementary school children and math-anxious parents. The app is available for iPhone/iPad and Android devices at:

<http://bedtimemath.org/>

A National Public Radio (NPR) article also revealed that in families where the Bedtime App was added to the night-time routine, children showed an additional three-months of progress over the course of a year and viewed themselves more as mathematical thinkers.

This article also pointed out that math is part of everything we do. The author, Eric Westervelt, suggests parents incorporate math into daily life as often as possible through counting, measuring and discussing shapes together. By doing this children see the importance of math and learn that is not something to be fearful or anxious about. For more info see: <http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2015/10/08/446490524>