

# ML Memo

Jordan School District's  
Language and Culture Services



## Elevation Tips and Tricks

**DID YOU KNOW???**  
If you have an activity that you like, you can choose the Example tab, and select a grade level and content area. It will then give you ideas for incorporating that activity into your lesson!

INSTRUCTION > DEVELOP ACADEMIC LANGUAGE > WEIGHTED WORDS

### Vocab Go Fish

Develop Academic Language  
Weighted Words

Favorite Activity Comments Recommend

About How to Examples

6-8 Science Example

**Content Objective:**  
Students will identify the parts of a cell and describe each part's function.

**Language Objective:**  
Students will verbally describe the parts of a cell and describe each part's function.

- During a cell unit, students will create Go Fish cards. One card has the name of the part of a cell, and another card describes its function or contribution to the cell.
- Students will work in groups to play Go Fish.
- Students share their matches with the group or with the class.

## Welcome

Welcome Back to another exciting school year! A lot is happening this quarter. Winter is closely approaching us, along with all the holidays. Daylight savings has made our days seem shorter. We will soon start to see colder weather, and hopefully some rain and snow. We at LCS hope you and your loved ones can enjoy this holiday season that is quickly approaching us.

## Important Dates



- November 23rd - Thanksgiving
- November 24th - Native American Heritage Day
- December 8th - Hanukkah
- December 24th - Christmas Eve
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 26th - Kwanzaa
- December 31st - New Years Eve
- January 1st - New Years Day



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# Culture Corner

Teaching about different cultural holidays helps promote awareness, acceptance and diversity in our classrooms. How can you incorporate more culture in your classroom?



November: Native American Heritage Month

December: Kwanzaa, Christmas, Hannukah

## Teaching Strategies

Magic Switch on Canva



Have you ever used the Magic Switch setting on Canva? This allows you to translate a document that was made within Canva by a click of a button. You can choose from 130 different languages. Also, it allows you to translate certain part of your document, while other parts can be in a different language. This really allows educators to translate documents for our ML students easily.

## Reflective Questions

- How much do I really listen to my learners?
- Do I engage in active observation in my classroom, paying attention to subtle nuances and dynamics among my learners? In my interactions with my learners?
- Can I describe my own cultural conditioning? For example, what cultural values affect how I behave and communicate with others? What are some of my core beliefs and how have they been culturally influenced?

## ELD Lead Celebration

Heidi Rivera is a kindergarten teacher & ELD Lead at Riverton Elementary. She works closely with the ML students and helps them develop language proficiency and prepares them for WIDA. She has done a great job of creating a sense of belonging among the ML students and has contributed to a great sense of community and culture among Riverton Elementary.



Need Help? Contact your Language Teacher Specialist.

