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Thinking skills program introduced

Submitted story

FREMONT -- The Primary Education Thinking Skills programs are being introduced into Atkinson Elementary's first and second-grade classrooms.

The PETS program introduces young students to higher level thinking skills through a series of lessons built around seven animal characters. The primary classroom teachers at Atkinson have the opportunity to work with Gifted Coordinator Dave Mowery.

Thus far, classrooms at Atkinson have had the series of lessons dealing with deductive thinking through characters named "Dudley, The Detective," Isabel, "The Inventor" and Yolanda "The Writer."

The students have learned to think like a detective, how to do inventive thinking and how to add details or "muscles" to their writing. The Atkinson students are talking about the skills learned from Mowery in the classroom everyday.

The students and teachers have enjoyed having a chance to work through the PETS Program.

