

## Krimmel Core Concepts

Krimmel will be designed around two core concepts. The first will be the implementation of a wireless network that supports a 1-to-1 computing environment. This means that all faculty, staff and students will be issued a Tablet PC computer. The Tablet PC is a laptop computer with the capability of rotating the screen and converting the laptop into a writing tablet. Krimmel will be the first intermediate school to incorporate this technology in Klein. Students will be given the Tablet PC about 3 weeks after school starts. Student/parent meetings will be organized and all the details will be covered about the Tablet PCs at that time. This is going to be a major change in the delivery of instruction, the way we use assessments and how our students are involved in instruction. As we prepare our children for the realities of the Global 21<sup>st</sup> century, working in a digital environment with project based outcomes will be essential.

The second core concept that Krimmel will implement is the utilization of Professional Learning Communities (PLC) in every grade. Learning communities are made up of a core group of academic teachers who work together, plan together and provide a unique learning opportunity for intermediate school students. At Krimmel, a PLC will consist of a Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies teacher. This team will have the same group of students who rotate through these teachers. The teachers will provide a common road map for students assigned to this team. Helping students stay organized and focused on learning objectives is the goal of a PLC. The PLC teachers utilize common procedures to help students succeed. This group of teachers is committed to working together to help students be the best they can be. This safety net helps our students achieve their goals. The teachers plan together instructionally as they work to weave interdisciplinary learning throughout each academic discipline. The PLC team will continue to meet within their instructional departments reviewing the TEKS and planning ways to best prepare the students.