

Arizona Department of Education

# GOLD NUGGET

## Tips from a “GOLD STAR” teacher

Don't forget your checkpoint dates for this year:

- October 26, 2014
- February 6, 2015
- May 29 2015
- July 31, 2015

This month we picked up some helpful hints for teachers from another teacher using GOLD in the classroom. These “GOLD Star” teachers were identified by looking through their documentation and reliability of data. This month Ms. Kelli, from a school district in Maricopa County, shares with us some strategies she has for making GOLD work in her classroom.

*The most important thing about TSG is to stay on top of it! Pick one day each week to enter any observations and documentation so it does not pile up! Keep something handy every day – a notepad, sticky notes or use the APP for TSG so anytime you see something worth documenting you are prepared. I wear an apron so I always have a pen, something to write with or even my cell phone to catch those moments. Also ask you aides to write everything down. You can enter it into TSG and indicate that it was someone other than yourself that made the observation which is great for getting a well-rounded picture of your students. I think it is great to collaborate! Talk to fellow PK teachers, even those in different districts. You can learn other ways of getting that documentation in easier.*  
~Kelli

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Teachers

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