I’m starting this message with these lines from Vergil’s Aeneid because it is at this time of the summer when we are transitioning into back-to-school mode and some of us even start late August. Summer is usually a happy time for me, carefree, and I relish the lazy, hazy days of the season well into the rest of the year. And, I can’t wait to start planning for the next one! I love every summer, basically!

As for MAFLA, we had a very successful return of the Proficiency Academy in June as you can see from the inserts. Rebecca Blouwolff led the Foundations strand and Leslie Grahn the Principles strand. I know every teacher deepened their knowledge of Proficiency because of the expertise and expert guidance of the instructors. This insert is one of many group activities designed to focus on collaboration and team effort. The one below is the traditional entire group foto. Unfortunately, MAFLA members will have to wait until next year to attend the Summer Institute in August at Lasell. It usually wraps up summer learning and helps teachers get back on track, or begin new instructional adventures in the Fall.
But, please mark your calendars for October 26-28th for MAFLA’s Fall Conference. The entire board is preparing for this event which will be a return to an in-person conference for us. Please help us celebrate in Springfield!

Our final event is MOPI training in Nov-Dec with Ryan Rockaitis in Spanish and Cynthia Martin in the English/Mixed strand. Links for the Conference and MOPI are below.

Best wishes for the last days of summer as we head into August and especially as we get closer to the opening of classes. MAFLA wishes you a healthy, safe, and well-informed school year. Stay tuned for Sept news!

Links to:

MAFLA Fall Conference

MOPI: