

Central Middle School Literacy Initiative Plan Year One

Goal 1: Read the equivalent of 25 books per year across the curriculum

- Students will read the equivalent of 12 to 15 books (200 pages constitutes a book for a range of 2400 – 3000 pages).
- All students will be required to have a book at all times.
- Develop reading lists
- Explore providing resources for teachers to expand their classroom libraries (book and magazine donations, purchase newspapers and magazines for classrooms).
- Implementation of a daily 20 minute Silent Sustained Reading program (SSR).
- Explore public library as a resource for students during regular school year and summer.

Goal 2: Write weekly in all classes

- Provide teachers training in writing for learning, writing to demonstrate learning and authentic writing.
- Establish a common rubric for evaluating student writing in all classes.

Goal 3: Write research papers in all classes

- All English students will write at least one research paper/project. Length and complexity will increase each grade level.

Goal 4: Use reading and writing strategies to enhance learning in all classes

- All classes will require at least one paper (one to two pages) each year.
- Provide professional development to help teachers learn strategies to use in their classes that will enable students to get more out of their reading.

Goal 5: Teach language arts to all students using honors English strategies

- Explain to parents the new higher standards and why they are important.