

How to Improve Middle Level Reading

RESEARCH SUPPORTS SCHOOL-WIDE READING INITIATIVES

- Students reading eleven or more books yearly had an average scores increase of 32 points more
- According to SREB only 28 percent of middle level grades teachers and 32% high school teachers expected students to read three or more books per year.
- Research has shown that reading ability is positively correlated with the extent to which students read recreationally.
- Since adults who read more enter the workforce at higher levels.

SCHOOL-WIDE READING GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

- Setting and promoting school-wide reading goals.
- Use every means possible to publicize the school-wide reading goal.
- Develop a process for monitoring teacher implementation of individual class goals.
- Expect students to log books read and teachers to record student progress.
- Develop Reading List
- Using selected strategies across the curriculum
- Expect students to read outside class
- Establish classroom libraries for each content area.
- Set a target (25-book target) reflects the number necessary to make reading intrinsic
- Every school or classroom should have a reading goal
- What we need is our own plan for professional development to enhance our school goals through unified learning opportunities.
- Help students develop a reading plan
- Create activities to motivate students
- Book clubs
- Breakfast book club
- Invite colleges and community to talk about books
- Have students write reviews of new library media center books

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

- Adults should read
- Classrooms must have libraries
- Have materials at appropriate reading levels
- Provide time for students to discuss what they have read.
- This time should be uninterrupted
- Adults who participate in sustained silent reading program read more than other adults

