



LITERACY LEARNING 7

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LITERACY LEARNING

This course focuses on helping students develop literacy competencies in reading, writing, communicating, and researching. Instruction will focus on various strategies that will be used across the curriculum to support learning. Students will read for a variety of purposes and from a variety of texts. Students will learn critical and creative thinking and problem-solving techniques to construct meaning from the texts. Learning to read independently will be fostered through exposure to the works of various authors. Vocabulary, spelling, and study skills are integral components of the program.

COURSE CONTENT

The 7th grade reading and English teachers share common language arts standards of reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and researching and thus support each other to meet these standards.

The content of this course is based on the best practices of explicit reading strategy and skill instruction. Topics of study concentrate on developing and building study skills, strategies for reading fiction and nonfiction materials, vocabulary development, spelling words and strategies using the district Word Study program, PSSA preparation, and familiarizing students with how to independently access and appreciate noteworthy adolescent literature.

EXPECTATIONS

Self-discovery through literature is a key component of the Reading/English/Language Arts curriculum in the Council Rock School District. Students are expected to have their self-selected reading novels with them each day. They will keep an ongoing log of the books they have read. Students will be working towards the district's goal of reading 25 books per year.

HOMEWORK

Those who read most, read best. Students should be reading every night as part of their homework. Students will be given book projects throughout the year as a way to share what they have read. At home, you can help your child become a life-long learner by:

- ✓ supporting your child's reading habits outside of school.
- ✓ encouraging independent reading by modeling.
- ✓ providing a literature-rich environment.
- ✓ providing opportunities for independent reading.
- ✓ discussing books.
- ✓ sharing some of your favorite books and authors.

