

Big Ideas for Literacy Coaches

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- A Plan for Meeting the HSTW Five Literacy Goals
- “Reading Up A Storm” for the Hurricanes
- Professional Learning for the Faculty

Five Literacy Goals – based on HSTW (see *Literacy Across the Curriculum* by SREB p.17)

- Students will read 25 books per school year, 13 per semester.
- Students will write weekly in all classes.
- Students will use reading and writing strategies to help them understand and use the content of all classes.
- Students will write research papers in all classes.
- Students will be taught as if they were in honor language arts classes.

25 Books a year! Are you joking? Panic!

- Our students do not read for pleasure.
- Schedule Adjustment
- Professional Learning for Faculty
- Management Systems-Literacy Coach
- STAR Reading Test

25 Books a year! How we planned it...

- Teachers Panic!
- Post-planning workshop
 - Discussed requirements based on literacy plan
 - Carousel brainstorming on journal topics
 - Ownership from faculty
 - 12 prompts
 - Wanted 10 each =120 journal topics
 - Got approximately 265 journal topics

“Reading Up a Storm” How to manage it...

- Schedule Adjustment for 30 minutes
 - Reduced 5 minutes from each block
 - Eliminated the extra 8 minutes from 1st block
 - Reduced time between classes from 6 minutes to 5 minutes
- Silent Sustained Reading
 - 30 minutes time after 1st block
 - 20 minutes SSR
 - 10 minutes Journaling
- STAR Reading Test

Year 2 – How we are going to do it ...

- Literacy Strategies – RW4L
 - Vocabulary Building
 - Word Attack
 - Summarizing

Professional Learning Meetings aka Faculty Meetings

- Literacy Strategies
- Building a High Performance Learning Culture
- Assessment FOR Learning

Leadership Team – Distributed Accountability

- Administrative dissemination
 - First Monday of every month – 4th block
 - Leadership Bulletin – Friday afternoons
- Department Chairs
 - Department Meetings
 - Minutes submitted to principal
 - Feedback
- Principal
- Assistant Principals
- Counselors
- Literacy Coach
- Media Specialist