

7th Grade Reading Goals

From this list of goals, circle ones you will work on this year.

- ❖ You should set three goals. Since all of the work we will do in class will help you achieve these goals, it shouldn't be difficult if you are attending and completing assignments everyday.
- ❖ Set realistic goals. Ones you can achieve. It is NOT realistic to check every box.
- ❖ Make sure you set goals to make progress as a reader and that the goals you select are not skills you already have or things you already do, but areas in which you really want to improve!

Read at home every day for at least 15 minutes.	Read aloud to younger children or parents
Develop consistent reading habits: decide on regular times and places I can expect to read.	Practice making inferences (combine my background knowledge with what I read in the text to make a guess or prediction)
Finish books that I begin.	Ignore distractions while reading.
Read with other points of view in mind.	Learn to read in my first language if it isn't English.
Figure out author's purpose while I read.	Practice decoding (sounding out) words.
Read a variety of genres.	Become aware of when I am using the "reciting voice" and switch to my "conversation voice."
Use vocabulary strategies to understand what I read (context clues, root words, etc.)	Read actively (by taking notes or asking questions) so I stay focused and understand.
Get in the mood to read by predicting or activating my prior knowledge.	Place myself in the position of the character.
Build my vocabulary by making a words list of words I don't know and using a variety of strategies to remember the word meanings.	Increase the number of books I read in a school year. I will read _____ books this year.
Time myself as a reader, and create goals for improving speed while still understanding what I have read.	Read as fast as I can, trying to see chunks of words instead of one word at a time. Read for the meaning, not to just say the words.
Chunk my reading and stop to summarize and ask questions after I read each chunk.	Use reading strategies from this class in my other classes.
Try to understand where the plot is going by predicting or reading ahead.	Begin to identify the authors I love, and read more of their books.
Ask for recommendations of good books from friends and teachers. Talk to other people about my books as much as possible.	Pay attention to the text features in my textbooks and use them to help me understand what I read.
Remember to bring a book to class with me everyday.	Do not talk during silent reading so that I can concentrate!
Recommend books to my teacher or other students in the class and ask friends/teachers for recommendations of what to read.	Use a strategy to help me summarize my reading. Or a graphic organizer like a concept map, chart, Venn diagram, etc. to hold my thinking.
Think critically about characters in the book I am reading and write about them in my journal.	Analyze the theme of the book I am reading.

What help would you like at home in order to accomplish your goals?

I have gone over my reading goals with an adult at home and we have discussed how I will reach these goals.

X _____
Student Signature

X _____
Parent Signature

Goal Planning Sheet

To make progress, you are required to set goals. Plan two or three steps that you will do to help reach your goals. Then monitor your progress towards those goals.

Example of how to fill out this form:

Goal #1: Remember to bring my SSR book to class

Steps I will take to meet this goal:

1. Keep my book in my backpack.
2. If I take my book out of my backpack to read at home, I will immediately put it back in my backpack when I am done reading.
3. Make sure to have a back up book if I am close to finishing the book I am currently reading.

Reading Goals

Goal

#1: _____

Steps I will take to meet this goal:

1.

2.

3.

Goal #2: _____

Steps I will take to meet this goal:

1.

2.

3.

Goal #3: _____

Steps I will take to meet this goal:

1.

2.

3.