

DEVELOP THE NEED TO READ

Junior High

Description

With parents' schedules, TV and video games, kids are not reading as often as they once did. Because reading and writing are essential skills, children must practice and become good readers early. Furthermore, reading is a form of entertainment and enjoyment. Through Family and Consumer Science education, students can learn the importance of developing rewarding skills and ways to encourage children to participate in reading activities.

Family and Consumer Sciences Classes

- Child Care
- Babysitting
- Life Skills

Classroom Activities

- Develop a survey to find out how kids spend their free time.
- Help select appropriate books for reading levels.
- Brainstorm activities that involve children and reading.
- Interview elementary teachers to determine which books are appropriate for children of different ages.
- Select and plan reading activities for local children.
- Develop reading "buddies" mentor program with children in elementary school.

Class Connection of FLA Projects

- Planning Process to plan activities.
- Community Service--plan a reading carnival.
- Buddies Program and Mentoring.
- STAR Event--Focus on Children, Illustrated Talk, Community Service.
- Families First--Create a list of reading activities families can do.

Resources

- Families First Program manual (1996) FCCLA
- STAR Events manual (2000) MN FLA
- The Developing Child (1994) Glencoe Publishing.

Connection to Minnesota Graduation Standards

- Write and Speak--"Story Time"