

Great Classroom Idea



Grade level: K-8

Subject (if applicable): Language Arts

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> lesson plan | <input type="checkbox"/> project-based teaching/activity idea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> technology integration idea | <input type="checkbox"/> graphic organizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> integration of faith and learning idea | <input type="checkbox"/> webquest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> classroom management technique | <input type="checkbox"/> virtual field trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> devotional | <input type="checkbox"/> bulletin board idea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> science demo or experiment | <input type="checkbox"/> critical thinking strategy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assessment tool | <input type="checkbox"/> original classroom game |
| <input type="checkbox"/> relationship-building idea | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>supplemental</u> |

Description: (attach supplementary materials if needed)

I assign outside reading to every student in every grade. Students are required to read 100 pages per grade level each quarter (i.e., 1st grade = 100 pages, 6th grade = 600 pages). Students complete a short project/report/presentation on each book read.

Younger students can apply drawing skills to describe favourite scenes until writing skills develop. I also allow parents to read to students who are unable to read yet. I make this outside reading worth 10% of their grade. The goal is to get students seeking for material that meets their interests and encourage lifelong reading, hopefully getting parents involved in developing their child's interests as well.

I also require parents to sign off on student pages for their credit.

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