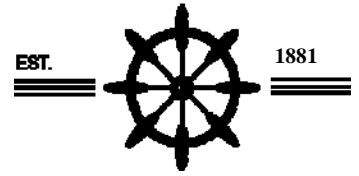




St. Joseph Catholic School

"Nurturing the Mind, Body, and Spirit"

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St. Joseph School – Decatur - School Improvement Goal

Goal: All students will improve writing application skills across the curriculum.		
Intervention #1: 6+1 Writing Traits will be implemented across the curriculum to all students.	Intervention #2: Students writing will demonstrate an awareness of audience and purpose for writing.	Intervention #3: The staff will expose students to Junior Great Books program for grades 3-8.
<u>Activities to Implement the Intervention</u> 1. All content area staff and paraprofessionals will be introduced to <i>6 +1 Writing Traits</i> from peers who have been trained. 2. All staff will receive advanced training in <i>6 +1 Writing Traits</i> from Kristina Smekens. 3. Quarterly collaboration among all staff members on <i>6 +1 Writing Traits</i> . Collaboration will include materials used and sharing ideas so vertical alignment can occur. 4. Adopt Language Arts textbooks that incorporate <i>6 +1 Writing Traits</i> . 5. All <i>6 +1</i> writing traits will be introduced to grades 3-8 by the Language Arts teachers during the 1 st Quarter 6. One to two <i>6 +1 Writing Traits</i> skills will be taught weekly. All traits are continually re-taught or reviewed throughout the school year by the Language Arts teachers.	<u>Activities to Implement the Intervention</u> 1. Students will utilize their standardized test images to evaluate their own writing. 2. Students in grades K-8 will do a writing prompt three times a year; writing prompts will analyze characters, literature, or model different forms of writing. 3. Students will receive feedback on their graded writing prompts and will conference with their teacher regularly on their writing. 4. Students in grade K-2 will journal daily. 5. Students in grades 3-8 journal weekly in Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Math	<u>Activities to Implement the Intervention</u> 1. Grades 3-8 Language Arts classrooms have the Junior Great Books in their rooms. 2. All 3-8 Language Arts teachers are trained in the Junior Great Books program. Volunteers, paraprofessionals along with any new staff may also be trained. 3. Teachers interested in learning about Inquiry Method may observe teachers implementing the Junior Great Books program 4. Every 3-8 grade students will participate in a Junior Great Books session quarterly.



Mission - St. Joseph Catholic School provides a Christian learning environment that nurtures the growth of each student in mind, body, and spirit. Our school offers unique educational experiences that provide the values, knowledge, and skills students need to be successful in life.