

Goal Setting Ideas

At the end of each grading period, ask students to select 2-3 reading goals for the following grading period. As part of a whole class mini-lesson, have students brainstorm ideas for possible goals. After they have written their goals, meet with each child during an individual conference to review goals and check for appropriateness. The following are some possible goals which students may set on their own or with teacher guidance:

- 📖 Read ___ fictional books.
- 📖 Read at least ___ nonfiction books.
- 📖 Finish at least ___ books.
- 📖 Return all borrowed books.
- 📖 Meet the minimum requirements for weekly reading at home .
- 📖 Try to abandon no more than ___ books this grading period.
- 📖 Pick out all "just right" books this grading period.
- 📖 Enter all books read on the weekly reading log.
- 📖 Remember to bring book to class each day.
- 📖 Increase weekly home reading to ___ minutes ___ nights a week.
- 📖 Try reading a new genre (name the genre).
- 📖 Try a new author.
- 📖 Remember to write in response log each week.
- 📖 Reread response log letters from the teacher before beginning to write a new letter.
- 📖 Answer the teacher's questions in response log letters.
- 📖 Write more personal response instead of just summaries.
- 📖 Use correct letter writing format in response log.

For More Ideas on Goal Setting for Reading:

- 📖 *In the Middle* by Nancie Atwell, Heinemann, 1998.
- 📖 *Easy-to-Manage Reading and Writing Conferences* by Laura Robb, Scholastic, 1998.