


# Athlone Literacy Goal 2023-2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thematic Goal:</u></b> <b><u>Identify</u></b> what is most important right now?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Our Defining Objectives:</u></b> <b><u>Clarify</u></b> the objectives of what is most important.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Every student will demonstrate a year's growth of reading skills.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usage and consistency of common language, programming and assessment practices at primary and intermediate levels.</li> <li>- Students' phonological awareness, including rhyme, word, syllable, and phonemic awareness will be strengthened.</li> <li>- Students' decoding skills will be strengthened.</li> <li>- Students' letter and/or sight word recognition will be strengthened.</li> <li>- Students' oral language will be enhanced through rich language experiences.</li> <li>- Students' comprehension skills, and subject-specific vocabulary will be strengthened.</li> <li>- Teachers will provide regular and ongoing monitoring of students' skills and reading progress – divisional common assessments to be utilized to guide instruction/programming</li> <li>- Literacy progress will be tracked through the 'Struggling Readers' document for appropriate intervention planning.</li> <li>- Interventions will be provided to students who need support in decoding skills, sight word recognition, and/or comprehension skills.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Operating Objectives:</u> What ongoing practices and measurements will we maintain to ensure we are accountable to our goal?</b></p>	
<p><b>Action 1</b> Grades K-5 Classroom and support teachers will model and teach specific reading strategies during whole class instruction, small group support, and/or individual interventions (looking at picture clues, using letter clues, chunking unknown words, re-reading, skipping ahead, etc.) using appropriate texts.</p>	<p><b>Action 2</b> During whole class, small group, and individual lessons, K-5 classroom and support teachers will ensure that students are reading (listening) for meaning by asking questions that recall information, encouraging predictions, listening to a re-telling of a text, and supporting students' ability to make inferences beyond the written text - focus on comprehension and fluency.</p>
<p><b>Action 3</b> K-5 classroom and support teachers will support students' phonological awareness development (rhyme, letter-sound awareness, syllables, segmenting of words, blending of sounds, etc.) through whole class, small group, and individual lessons as this will best support students' decoding of unfamiliar vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>Action 4</b> K-5 classroom teachers, support teachers, and/or EA's will provide programming for students that require an expansion of their letter recognition and/or sight word recognition.  Focus for our EAL learners will be to support direct vocabulary instruction through front-loading, visuals and experiences.</p>
<p><b>Action 5</b> Grades 1-5 classroom teachers and/or support teachers will provide regular guided reading lessons and informal/formal running records to monitor student progress. We will also encourage consistent home reading partnerships and programming expectations at each grade level.</p>	<p><b>Action 6</b> In grades 1-5, the Words our Way spelling inventory will be completed 2 times a year (beginning, middle, and at the end of the year) to monitor students' letter-sound awareness. Assessments will guide teachers' Word Work focus.</p>

