

Dear Parents,

We have a new program that we are piloting this year at Lebanon Middle School. It is our building and district goal that we analyze data to monitor our progress and adjust our strategies to ensure all of our students make a minimum of one year's growth annually. One of the adjustments that we have made is to add a program called the Literacy Block.

This class will take place during first period each day for one hour. During this block students will cycle through four literacy classes: Reading Literacy, Math Literacy, Science Literacy, and Social Studies Literacy. These classes will each last a marking period with the fifth marking period as a tutorial meeting the individual needs of the learners. The sixth marking period is designed for the entire school to participate in our *One Book, One School Program*.

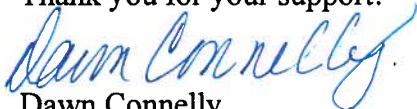
The goal of this program is to increase student achievement in all content areas by infusing literacy strategies (reading, writing, vocabulary development) into math, English/Language Arts (ELA), science, and social studies.

These classes will be graded. Students will be graded using the board-adopted grading system of A-F for the content areas and pass/fail for the final two marking period classes. Evaluations will include classwork, homework, projects, quizzes and tests. Content knowledge and literacy elements will be evaluated. We will use the content curriculum, Collins Writing, and Literacy Design Collaborative to set expectations and measure success.

Some students may have music electives or language opportunities during this class period. As with any other core expectation, students are responsible to make up any work missed when they are not in class.

We are very excited to deliver this special instruction for your children!

Thank you for your support!



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