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CLASSROOM LIBRARY



Jamie is entering her 8th year teaching. Although her background is in elementary education, she recently switched to a middle school to teach ELA and focus exclusively on her favorite subjects: reading and writing. She has carefully built a classroom library to invite her students to become readers. Last year, by starting every class with 10 minutes of choice reading, coupled with reading conferences, goal-setting, book talks, and book clubs, she built a culture of reading in her classroom. Students reported that they read more (and enjoyed it more) than they ever had before.

GOAL FOR THE FUNDS

Develop a book club experience for students in which they read a **novel in verse**, choose their own groups and reading schedules, and learn skills to discuss and analyze books along the way.



"During our last book club, we had a carefully crafted balance of freedom and structure that made it just feel so comfortable. Time and time again, Ms. Kerr has supported and nurtured the advanced speed and comprehension that I read with, while most of my old teachers have gotten frustrated at my reading ahead and brushed aside my desire for new material."

– Gabriella Carmona,
7th grade student

NOVELS IN VERSE:

