

INITIATIVE: Targeted Grade 6 Literacy Intervention



Vedder Middle School - Grade 6 Students



During articulation with elementary feeder schools last year concerns were expressed about the number of students at risk with respect to literacy skills. Approximately triple the usual number of students were coming with a significant literacy concern based on PM benchmark and anecdotal data.



- **Collective Responsibility**
- **Literacy**
- **Data Driven Decision Making**
- **Targeted Interventions**

“A lot of the students in the program are also the ones volunteering to read out loud in class.”
~ Grade 6 Teacher

THE PLAN:



- Student Services created a targeted and collaborative plan for grade 6 students identified as at risk in literacy.
 - small groups meeting every other day
 - using the Rewards Program
 - all Student Services LA/RT staff leading groups at the same time
- First round of groups met between late October and early February with 36 students participating.
- Pre and post assessments to measure student progress and determine effectiveness
 - PM benchmarks
 - Correct words per minute – text
 - Syllables per minute - word list
 - San Diego Quick Assessment Grade Level
 - Correct words per minute - word list

IMPACT:

- On average, students attended 21/25 sessions of the program
- Classroom teachers noticed improvement in reading skills and student confidence
- 19 of the 36 students finished with a PM 30

Data Collected for 33 Grade 6 Students	Initial Average	Final Average	Average Increase	Percent Increase (%)
PM Benchmarks for students not yet at PM 30	26.53	28.78	2.70	-
Correct syllables per minute-word list	47.25	66.00	18.75	28
Correct words per minute-word list	15.03	22.32	7.29	33
Correct words per minute- text	68.21	89.29	21.09	24
San Diego Quick Assessment grade level	3.15	4.06	0.91	-

**Initial Data Collected Oct 2024; Final Data Collected Feb 2025*