

Some questions to guide a beginning of the year planning discussion with teachers . . .

What are your thoughts about creating a literate environment in the coming year?

**How will you build a sense of community in your classroom?
How can you ensure now that you will have a schedule that will permit the creation of community?**

What materials/books do you need that you don't currently have? What is your "essentials" list?

How will you help kids select text wisely? How will you ensure they read widely?

What are your instructional priorities for the coming year?

In what ways will you assess children's progress in each area?

Have you generated definitions for the comprehension strategies you will teach?

Have you thought about how children solve problems in reading? Where does instruction in problem solving fit into the instructional plan?

What options will children have to respond to their reading?

How will you integrate reading and writing?

How will you integrate research?

Have you thought about how the comprehension strategies apply to other content areas?