




# Gentry Intermediate School's

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**Report to the Public  
2009**



**We're looking better!**  
**Thanks to recent improvements by school and community volunteers!**

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- **New flower beds**
- **Freshly painted student center and restrooms**
- **Power washed exterior**
- **Repainted areas on the front porch**



# Many thanks to Mrs. Tromp for coordinating everything this summer!

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Also to the P.T.O., teachers, parents, students and businesses that helped – We think you are awesome!

Community businesses sent supplies and helpers:

- Parks Lumber
- Pioneer Patchwork
- Little Debbie
- Gentry Youth Organization
- Lowes'
- Curran's Feed Store
- Anderson's Lumber
- Arvest Bank



# Gentry Intermediate School's Mission

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The mission of the Gentry Intermediate School is to work in partnership with students, parents, and the community to establish a strong foundation for life-long learning in literacy and math by providing a safe, nurturing, child-centered environment. As we foster intellectual growth, we will contribute to the character and physical development of each student.



# Gentry Intermediate School's Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP)

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## Priorities:

1. Literacy
2. Math
3. Wellness
4. Parent Involvement
5. Special Education Trigger



# Our mission and priorities drive our day and academic focus:

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7:45 – 8:00 Brain Gym, Pledge of Allegiance and School Creed

8:00 Academic Instruction Begins

30 min. Quest/Tier 1/Tier 3

90 min. to 2 hours of Literacy Block

50 min. Special while teachers prep or have Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Specials: Art, Music, Library, Computers, Physical Education

Lunch: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:55, 4<sup>th</sup>- 11:00, 5<sup>th</sup>-12:00

30 min. of Physical Activity Time follows each grades' lunch period.

Each grade has a 45 min. Response to Intervention (RTI) Tier 2 or Encore

During this time, students who are achieving on grade level go to Encore with Special Teachers for higher level thinking skills and hands-on learning.

Students who need extra help in Literacy or Math receive that from team-teaching teachers with instruction in specific AR Frameworks Student Learner Expectations (S.L.E.) determined from formative assessments via Target Tests 4 days a week, on the 5th day everyone goes to Encore.

Math, Science/ Science Lab and Social Studies lessons are taught within the day.



# Total Instructional Alignment

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- Our curriculum is aligned both horizontally and vertically. Grade level teachers meet weekly in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to plan instruction and assessments. Everyone is teaching the same thing at about the same time.
- Vertical teams of teachers also meet monthly as PLCs.



# Response to Intervention (RTI)

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All children learn, but not necessarily the same way or at the same rate.

RTI is three tiers of intervention of instruction to help every child achieve in math and literacy.

Tier 1 in the classroom, individual re-teaching from regular teacher.

Tier 2 in a classroom with multiple teachers, one teacher presents a mini-lesson then each teacher has a small group for reinforcement of instruction.

Tier 3 with academic intervention teacher 30 minutes of small group intensive instruction daily.



## **GIS utilizes a comprehensive literacy approach to instruction.**

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- All of our teachers are trained in Effective Literacy strategies provided by Literacy Specialist from the Northwest Arkansas Educational Cooperative.
- These strategies are used to teach comprehension and writing across subject areas.



# Mathematics

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GIS Teachers research and implement best practices in helping students with problem solving and open response questions using existing aligned curriculum.

RTI and Juvenile Education Initiative (JEDI) computerized instruction is used as needed.



# One part of our Wellness Plan in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program!

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GIS is the happy recipient of the FFVP grant again this year. This grant is made available to us from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture via the Arkansas Dept. of Education's Child Nutrition Unit. This offers fresh fruits and vegetables as a healthy snack every afternoon. Encouraging students to try new foods and develop healthy eating habits.



# Positive Behavioral Supports

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- Our School-Based Intervention Team (SBIT) meets once a week to offer support both academically and behaviorally to teachers and students.
- We have designed our school-wide rules and procedures to develop students who are responsible, motivated and highly engaged in learning.
- Pioneer Wrap-up every Friday afternoon is our Character Education assembly to not only celebrate our success but enhance our sense of community!



# Parent & Community Involvement

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- Our 25 member Parent Advisory Committee meets the first Friday of every month for breakfast with Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Ramsey, our P.I. Coordinator.
- We encourage parents, grandparents, and community members to visit us and volunteer in a variety of ways: Open House, Parent Nights, Grandparents for lunch, Book Fairs, and quarterly awards assemblies!



# Parent Involvement can take many forms!

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- Every time you help your child get ready for school, quiz them on their spelling words, ask them what they learned that day, read to them or listen to them read, you are practicing parent involvement.
- Members of the community, every time you offer an encouraging word to a young person, ask them how school is going, buy something from their fund-raiser packet, or coach their team, you are being a role model for our students.



## Research as found:

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- The determining aspect of parent and community involvement in schools, the thing that makes it important to every child's achievement is that when a student knows that you care, that both you and his/her teacher have a friendly working relationship, the student is more comfortable in school, more likely to work hard, pay attention, and complete assignments and as a result be more successful in their academic achievement!



# Gentry – A Great Place To Be!

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- It is this sense of community, this commitment for all of us working together to support our students and school, that makes Gentry and the Gentry School District the best!



## Questions or concerns?

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Please feel free to talk with your child's teacher or myself if you need information or assistance with your child's education.

You may e-mail our teachers using their first initial and last name

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Thank you for your time and attention!