Identify Priorities

Make a Plan

Organize

Act

Check

Make Progress

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Organize a Four-Quarter Calendar of Connected Priorities Example

	1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter
Focused Instruction and Assessment Math Reading Science Writing Social Sciences	 ✓ mid and end-of-quarter assessments ✓ School-wide use of graphic organizers ✓ Students write what they learn/think 	 ✓ mid and end-of-quarter assessments ✓ School-wide use of graphic organizers ✓ Students write what they learn/think ✓ Students set learning goals. 	 ✓ mid and end-of-quarter assessments ✓ Students make up and exchange their own ISAT- like questions. 	✓ mid and end- of-quarter assessments ✓ Next Grade Prep
Positive School Climate and Social Emotional Development	 Poems and Music Learning Partners Opportunities to self-select books and activities. 	 Poems and Music Learning Groups Opportunities to self-select books and activities. Upper grade students teach younger students on "friendly Fridays" 	 Poems and Music Learning Teams Opportunities to self-select books and activities. 	 Poems and Music Learning Leaders Opportunities to self-select books and activities. Service Learning projects
Correlated School-Wide Projects to Enrich and Motivate	Science Fair	Science FairYoung Authors	Black HistoryWomen's History	Community ServiceCinco de Mayo
Parent/ Community Involvement	> Health Information > Open House > Workshops > Family Literacy, Math and Science Night > Newsletters	> Health Information > Family Book Fair > Workshops > Newsletters > ISAT Prep Workshop	> Health Information > Workshops > Newsletters > Family Literacy, Math Nights > High School Prep	> Health Information > Workshops > Newsletters > Volunteer Recognition
Professional Development	Assessment essentials Use of graphic organizers to guide and assess. Effective Homework. Classroom Climate. Levels of Questions —the ISAT connection.	Interpreting and responding to CPS student data for reading and math progress. Use of writing to Assess and Improve	Interpreting and responding to CPS data. Using art and music to enrich the curriculum.	Next grade prep.

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