Thank you for your continued support of our Character Based Literacy program.

We have been working hard to improve the quality of our lesson plans as we align them to meet the Common Core State Standards.

Update on what we will be offering for the 2015-2016 school year:

- **Leadership Requires Engagement** - New theme unit added to traditional lesson plans.

- **New theme unit novels**
  
  **Middle School**
  - The Lightning Thief
  - The Girl Who Owned The City
  - The Westing Game

  **High School**
  - Death Be Not Proud
  - The Hunger Games
  - Dead Man Walking

- **English Language Development** (ELD) support materials for selected novels
  See attached reading list for 2015-16

- **Newsworthy** - selects one article and provides a lesson plan and ideas to help educators form character and ethics through teaching informational text, while meeting the Common Core State Standards.  [cblnewsworthy.org](http://cblnewsworthy.org)

We also continue to offer with your subscription, **CBL Leadership**, a re-organization of CBL where novels are organized in American Studies, following U.S. historical themes and Global Studies following World historical themes.

We strive to offer these to you at a reasonable fee. The 2015-16 subscription fee will remain the same as it has the last eight years. The fee is $500 per teacher using the CBL program.

Also at no cost is the **Content Curricula** material, which includes lesson plans for Biology, Earth and Human Sciences, and US and World History.

I am attaching a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for you. Once a MOU is on file, a username and password will be issued for the 2015-2016 school year beginning the first week of August 2015. Fax your completed MOU to (408) 554-2373 (attention: Kim McCauley). Or scan and email to kmccauley@scu.edu