



What is the connection between reading and writing?

Research has shown that when children read extensively, they become better writers. Reading a variety of genres helps children learn text structures and language that they can then transfer to their own writing. In addition, reading provides young people with prior knowledge that they can use in their stories.

Events to watch for this year:

- STEM Night
- Reading Night
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- One School, One Book

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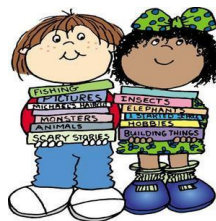
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What is Title I?

Title I is the nation's largest federal assistance program for schools. It is a federal program to help students obtain a quality education and meet and exceed academic standards. A Title I program can be **targeted assistance** which helps eligible children meet performance standards by placing them with Title I staff who are specially trained; this service is completely funded by Title I.

A Title I program can be **school-wide**, which serves all students in eligible and identified schools. In our district, all elementary schools are school-wide Title I schools. All students receive academic remediation (intervention) or enrichment when appropriate. All K-5 students are eligible for all services provided by Title I. A School-wide Title I program allows eligible schools to use Title I funds to pay for educational programs, staff members, or services that benefit all students within that school.

Title I Supports 21st Century Learning

21st century learning addresses skills that students will need to succeed in today's global economy. These critical skills, which include problem solving, innovative thinking, and creativity, use technology to master core subjects and develop critical skills in the area of reading.

Title I programs also offer small groups, additional teachers and aides, opportunities for professional development for school and/or district staff, extra time for teaching students the skills they need, and additional teaching materials and/or programs which assist in supplementing classroom reading instruction.

Parent Involvement in the Title I Program

A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level, or socio-economic background. Parents can influence the success of their child in school more than any teacher or federal program. Research shows that how well children do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education.

You can become more involved by:

- Joining the school PTO and regularly attending meetings
- Volunteering at school
- Attending parent/teacher conferences, parent trainings, and communicating with your child's teacher
- Returning all papers, including parent surveys
- Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school
- Ensuring your child's prompt arrival to school
- Asking each day, "How was school today?"
- Reading to or with your child on a regular basis
- Becoming an advocate for education

Additional Web Sites:

Web sites for additional at-home reading practice can be found on the East Stroudsburg Area School District Web Page under "Instructional Resources" or the heading "For Parents" and click on "Title I". Additional Title I information and activities can be found on the Middle Smithfield Elementary web page under the "Parent Dashboard" tab and clicking "Title I Building Resources".