



Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

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Title I Tidbits...

A Parent & Family Resource Newsletter

Title 1 Annual Meeting
Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting! We hope you enjoyed the presentation and were able to gain some information about our Title 1 program. If you have any questions, please contact Kami Leonard, your Parent Involvement Coordinator!

Would you like to become a volunteer at GES?
Join us Wednesday, September 5th @ 8:30 A.M. in the Family Resource Center for Volunteer Orientation. We would love to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE EVENTS!

- Volunteer Orientation, September 5th @ 9:00am
- T.A.P.P. Lunch & Learn for KK families, Sept. 17th @ 11:00am
- T.A.P.P. Lunch & Learn for 1st grade families, Sept. 19th @ 11:00am
- Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Sept. 25th @ noon



Regular communication between home and school is a key factor in your child's success. When you are "in the know", it lets your child know that you care about their success in school and that you are interested in their academic achievement. Ask your child's teacher which method of communication is best. Does she prefer emails, written notes, phone calls, or conferences? Be sure and sign reading logs, homework sheets, and notes sent home. That lets the teacher know you are engaged in your child's learning, and that you are interested in how your child is doing. Also, please let your child's teacher know of any changes that may take place at the home. A child's life at home can have a great impact on their life at school. Keeping the teacher in the loop about changes such as custody issues, military deployment, a new sibling, or a death in the family will allow her to keep an eye out for changes in grades or behavior. Working together as a team will help ensure your child has a successful year full of growth!

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If you have any questions or concerns about our school's Title 1 program, please feel free to contact us at any time!



Resources available in the Family Resource Center!

- 25 Ways Parents Can...Read with Children
- Internet Safety and Responsibility for Students
- What Parents Can Do at Home to Help Students with Math
- Teaching Children Responsibility for Their Learning & Behavior
- Studying for and Taking Tests
- Getting Organized for Schoolwork & Homework
- Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School
- Ten Ways to Help Your Child Deal with Peer Pressure
- Dealing with the Tough Issues...Bullies
- Helping Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD & ADHD)
- It's Never Too Late to Get Involved
- Seven Habits of Highly Responsible Students





A Great Beginning

The story of your child's school year is about to unfold. A strong opening chapter will help to set the tone for a great year. Try these strategies.

Introduce the characters

Your youngster's teacher will play an important role in his life this year. Write her a short note, and attach a picture of your family. You might mention your child's hobbies, favorite school subjects, and family members' names. Also, find out how the teacher prefers to be contacted. Getting to know each other now will help you work together in future "chapter."

Get to know the setting

Invite your youngster to tell you about his classroom, the library, and other places at school. What decorations hang on the walls? What books or games are on the shelves? When possible, see for yourself by going to events like book fairs and math nights. *Idea:* Encourage him to draw you a picture of his classroom to hang on the refrigerator.

Enjoy the plot

Attend back-to-school night to find out what your child will learn this year. Then, plan family outings or activities related to the topics. If he'll study your state's history, you could visit historic sites. Or if there's a plant unit, let him help you work in the garden or plant seeds in pots.



Title 1 information can be found on our school website at

www.ges.catoosa.k12.ga.us

Please check the website for important dates, upcoming events, instructional videos, and information on how to help your child succeed!