



Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

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Title I Tidbits...

A
Parent & Family
Resource Newsletter



You are Invited!

Parents and community members are invited to join us for a Parent Café at the Catoosa County Learning Center (36 Muscogee Trail, Ringgold) at 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 for the purpose of developing, discussing and revising the Catoosa County Parent & Family Engagement Policy. Your input and concerns regarding this policy and how it affects the Title I Program in our school district are very important to us. If you would like to attend this get-together, please contact Kami Leonard, your Parent Involvement Coordinator! Please RSVP no later than Thursday, December 14, 2017.



As we celebrate the holiday season, I hope that you have many chances to spend time together as a family! Attached to this newsletter is a calendar full of fun ideas and activities for you to use while your children are on winter break! Have a wonderfully fun Christmas and we will see you next year!



thankyou

A special THANKS to the wonderful Moms and Nanas that have been so committed to volunteering and working in the Family Resource Center so far this school year. The staff here at GES appreciates you all more than you know!

Don't Forget...

We have lots of FREE resources for parents and families in our Family Resource Center located in room 413. Come check it out!

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

- December 15th, Christmas Lunch for grades 1, 3, 5
- Dec. 20th - Jan. 7th, NO SCHOOL
- January 10th, Parent Café at the Learning Center - 8:30A.M.
- February 22nd, TAPP Meeting
- April 13th, PAC Meeting - 11:00A.M.
- April 23 - 27, GA Milestones testing for grades 3, 4, 5

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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!





Winter Reading

Does your youngster prefer to read alone, with family members, or in the company of friends? With these ideas, he can do all three this winter!

Choose Themes

Encourage your child to read more by coming up with wintry themes for choosing books. For example, he might name "ice-skating" or "penguins" and pick out a biography of an Olympic skater or an adventure tale set in Antarctica. After he finished each book, he can write the Title on a paper snowflake and tape it to a wall. How many snowflakes can he hang up?

Discuss Poetry

On a snowy day - or any other day - read winter poetry together. Get a volume like *It's Snowing! It's Snowing* (Jack Prelutsky) or *Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold* (Joyce Sidman). Boost your youngster's reading comprehension by talking about the poets' word choices. Why did Prelutsky write "the air is a silvery blur"? What did Sidman mean by "the sun's pale wafer"?

Read With Friends

Your child can see friends over winter break and practice reading at the same time by forming a book club. They might pick a chapter book to read, then meet to discuss it and enjoy a related snack, craft, or game. Or they could each bring a different picture book and take turns reading aloud. *Idea:* Suggest that they keep their club going all year long!



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!