



Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

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Title I Tidbits...

A
Parent & Family
Resource Newsletter



Welcome Back!

Greetings from Title I and the Family Resource Center! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a fun, family-filled winter break. It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year! If you haven't had an opportunity to come by and visit the Family Resource Center, now is a great time! I have many resources available just for parents, and books and DVDS that can be checked out of the resource library at any time. I am excited for the school year to resume and I hope to see many of you soon!

Kami Leonard - Parent Involvement Coordinator

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

- January 9th, Students return to school
- January 10th, Parent Café at the Learning Center - 8:30A.M.
- February 22nd, TAPP Meeting
- April 13th, PAC Meeting - 11:00A.M.
- April 13th, Volunteer Appreciation - 11:30A.M.
- April 23 - 27, GA Milestones testing for grades 3, 4, 5



Great things are happening at GES!

Winter benchmarks are quickly approaching and that means so is our second TAPP meeting of the year! TAPP, which stands for Teacher and Parent Partnerships, is our brand new way of doing parent/teacher conferences. The purpose of TAPP is to build more goal-focused, academically-oriented relationships among our teachers and parents! Our second TAPP meeting for our 3rd - 5th grade families will take place in your child's classroom on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:30P.M. This is a very important meeting that will focus on your student's data and how they compare in relation to their peers. You will have the chance to set an academic goal for your child, and we will also discuss ways in which you can help your child prepare for the GA Milestones. We are very excited about this event and feel that you will find the information to be very beneficial in helping your child succeed this year.

We hope to see ALL 3rd - 5th grade parents on February 22nd!!

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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!



Parents and community members, don't forget that you 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. We hop to see you there!



Together Time

Family time is a worthy investment that can boost your child's communication skills and self-esteem. As a result, she may learn more and behave better in school. Try these ideas for fitting in more time with your youngster.

Maximize Minutes

Sharing simple, everyday moments may lead to conversations about school or friends. Ask your child to help you with dinner. She could make the salad while you peel potatoes. Or sing along with the radio when the two of you are in the car or listening to music at home.

Have 'play dates'

Join your youngster when she plays. She might teach you the rules for Trouble or Mousetrap, or you could show her a card game you liked at her age. Or pretend with her - maybe she'll be a veterinarian and you'll bring stuffed animals for checkups. Taking turns and role-playing build social skills she needs in school.

Plan Ahead

With your child, list special activities you both enjoy, such as going to a flea market, visiting a nature center, or watching a basketball game. Put these on a calendar so you'll plan on them. She'll see that her company is important to you.

Tip: Silence or put away your phone to give your youngster your undivided attention while you chat or play!

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

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!

For the 2017-2018 school year, GES received \$121,632 in Title I funds. Sixty percent of these funds are spent on salaries for our Academic Coach and Parent Involvement Coordinator. Thirty-five percent of these funds are used towards technology resources for our students. We have purchased leases for the following computer programs; IXL, Brain Pop, Lexia, Spelling City, Newsela, easyCBM, Flocabulary, and Reading Eggs. Five percent of these funds are spent on professional development for our teachers. If you would like to provide any feedback or have any questions on how the Title I funds are being spent, please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Sholl, or our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Kami Leonard.