

Check This Out!

Title I

November 2010

Title I Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Title I newsletter for the 2010-2011 school year. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide parents of Title I students with information related to Genesee's Title I program. In it you will find details regarding upcoming events, as well as helpful tips and suggestions.

In an effort to save paper, the newsletter will be sent via email to families who have email addresses in our school-

wide database. For those who do not have email addresses, a hard copy will be sent home from school with your child. Newsletters will also be available on the school web-site soon. (During the month of November, we will be creating a Title I link on the school web-site.)

You can expect to see the newsletter once every two months.



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Parent Information Meeting

Please join us on Monday, November 8 at 7 am OR Tuesday, November 9 at 7 pm for our annual Title I parent information meeting in the library. During this

meeting specific details about the Genesee Title I program will be provided. Title I teachers will be available to answer questions you may have about intervention programs,

curriculum, progress reports, assessments, etc. In addition, parents will also be given an opportunity to provide input on how the Title I program could better meet the needs of your family.

Upcoming Events:

- November 4-5: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 8 & 9: Title I Parent Information Meeting
- January 31: Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Progress Reports

An important component of the Title I program is frequent progress monitoring. Generally, progress monitoring assessments are administered to Title I students twice a month (examples include fluency passages, timed math concepts probes, letter sound fluency probes, etc.). The results help Title I staff and classroom teachers determine if the

interventions that are being delivered are effective.

Progress monitoring results are shared with parents at the beginning of each month in a progress report.

Typically, monthly progress reports are sent to parents in the form of a graph.

However, we are exploring the possibility of using other formats that may be more informative.

Quarterly progress reports are sent home with report cards. These reports have more assessment data than the monthly progress reports and contain specific information regarding the strengths and weaknesses of each child.

If at any time you would like more information regarding your child's academic progress, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Title I staff members.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

When you meet with your child's teacher for parent-teacher conferences, you will be given a Title I progress report. This quarterly report provides some specific information about the intervention that your child is participating in and how their academic skills are progressing.

If you would like to schedule a conference with your child's Title I teacher, please

contact a Title I staff member to do so. We would be happy to have an individual conference to answer any questions that you may have.

Parent-teacher conferences can be a bit daunting for both parents and teachers. However, they are a very valuable way to share information that will ultimately benefit your child.

The following website

provides some tips for parents to have a successful parent-teacher conference. <http://school.familyeducation.com/parents-and-school/parent-teacher-conferences/38585.html>

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today." Anonymous

Renaissance Home Connect

Have you had a chance to visit the website where you can see your child's progress in Accelerated Reader and Math Facts in a Flash? Classroom teachers recently sent information home about how you can view the results of your child's AR quizzes

and link your child's account to your email so you can receive messages when your child takes an AR quiz or when he or she passes a level in the Math Facts program. If you have not received the letter providing this information or if you would

like additional information on how to access this helpful website, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Title I teacher.