



Title I Connections

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Parent Resource Newsletter

Parent Tips for School Success

Helping your child succeed in School

Put Planning on the Calendar!

Middle Schoolers have six or more classes as well as activities and other commitments. Organization can make the difference between doing well in school and sinking. Sit down with your child for a few minutes each Sunday to plan the week ahead. Get out your family calendar and have your child write down important deadlines and events. Your child will practice scheduling time, and the days will go more smoothly.

You can also ask your school's Title I Parent Liaison for a school planner to keep track of assignments, tests, activities and more!

Reading Tips for K to 5 Students!

Kindergarten— "Write it Down" Have paper and pencils available for your child to use for writing. Working together, write a sentence or two about something special. Encourage them to use the letters and sounds they are learning about in school.

1st grade— "Play Word Games" Have your child sound out the word as you change it from mat to fat to sat; from sat to sag to sap; and from sap to sip.

2nd grade—"Point out the Relationship Between Words" Explain how related words have similar spellings and meanings. Show how a word like "knowledge", for example, relates to a word like "know".

3rd-5th grade— "Teach your child some "mind tricks" Show your child how to summarize a story in a few sentences or how to make predictions about what might happen next. Both strategies help a child comprehend and remember.

****DON'T FORGET TO JOIN OUR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL****

Contact your school's Parent Liaison for more information!

What Parents Can Do: Be involved!

**Please check your child's school calendar for specific dates for events!*

- February 1st—3rd Quarter begins
- February 18th —No School
Act 80 Day for teachers
- February 21st — President's Day

SCHOOL IS CLOSED



****Parent's Corner****

Celebrate Black History Month

Black history is American history, but Black History Month provides necessary opportunity to dig deeper. Every February, we support students as they learn more, discover cultural impacts, and follow movements through the present day.

Enjoy the following activities to celebrate!

* Read Aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oM3DesXftrQ>

* I Have A Dream Speech for Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2_yV7ko0NQ

* 5 African American Artists

<https://www.weareteachers.com/african-american-artists-creativity/>



Kistler Elementary School Holds Title I Christmas Drive Through



On December 21, 2021 Kistler Elementary students and their families enjoyed a drive up with Santa and his elves event. Title I Parent Liaison Keli Shanahan and Santa gave students a Title I slide bag filled with Federal documents, a popcorn ball, and a candy cane. Families were also treated to food sponsored by the CEO food pantry and a hot ham dinner sponsored by the community organization, Fork Over Love.



Happy Holidays!





Dan Flood Elementary School Holds Parent & Family Engagement Holiday Event!



On December 15, 2021, Dan Flood Elementary School held a "Stuff a Stocking" Title I Event. The students and parents were able to walk around to meet Title I teachers and fill stockings with various activities, collectables, socks, books, and snacks. The parents received a bag with Title I Parent & Family Engagement information and were able to talk to Title I Parent Liaison Mary Jo Petlock regarding ways to help their child succeed. The bags also included family activities, tips for working for your kids, hot chocolate and cookies.



On December 22nd, Dan Flood Elementary School held its first Title I RIF distribution for all first grade students. The students listened to Title I Reading Coach Mary Jo Petlock read a story and were able to choose a book to take home. RIF is sponsored by UGI Corporation.



Heights Elementary School Holds Title I Holiday Literacy Fun!



Title I Reading Coach Kristin Laiuvara recently held a “Disguise a Santa” contest after reading various holiday stories to the K-5th grade students. Denny Ciprian from 5-4 won the Disguise a Santa contest from the Holiday in the Heights Title I event. He is accompanied by Title I Reading teacher Ms. Ferkel and Mr. Mckenna, Principal of Heights Elementary School.



Denny Ciprian from 5-4 enjoying the first slice of Pizza for the pizza party he earned for his class.



Heights Elementary School Holds Title I Event "Holiday in the Heights"



On December 16, 2021, Heights families were able to walk through various grade level stations and pick up practice math & reading activities along with a holiday treat! Parents with students in fourth and fifth grade were given their student's PSSA scores from the previous year and had the opportunity to discuss any questions with math & reading Title I teachers. Below is a picture of the Lyons family celebrating with Mr. McKenna, Heights Principal. Both boys scored proficient on the test.

