

# Frequently Asked Questions about Title I at Lathers School



*All 4 of our elementary schools in Garden City are Title I schools. We have many ways to support students in our schools. Here are a few of the most common questions that parents have about Title I schools and programs.*

## **What exactly is Title I ?**

Title I is a program that provides additional academic support for students. The program is intended to help ensure that all students meet state academic standards. The simplest way to describe Title I is that it is extra support in addition to their classroom instruction.

## **What does it mean to be a Title I school?**

It means that the federal government gives our school a sizable amount of money to help us provide extra support for students who need it. It also means we are obligated to provide the very best programs and interventions for our students, so they can meet the grade level expectations.

## **How are children chosen to get the extra help?**

Students are recommended by their teachers. Test scores and classroom progress are also examined to find out who qualifies for this extra support.

## **Who gives students this extra support?**

This year there are four teachers who will provide support to the classroom teachers: Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Kafantaris, Mr. Peplinski and Mrs. Marihugh. Students will receive 3-5 days of reading intervention in a small group setting.

**When do they get the extra help?**

They will get the extra reading help during the school day.

**What is the main focus focus for the academic support?**

Students will work in small groups with the main focus on “reading”. At this level the main focus will be phonemic awareness, letter recognition and sounds.

Students will work on skills that are specific to their area of weakness.

**How long will they get this extra help?**

The progress of each student is monitored closely and when they show improvement, they are moved out and other children are given their spots.

**How can I continue to support my child?**

The most important thing you can do is to read with your child and talk about what you read. Provide a variety of reading materials, books, magazines, poetry, recipes, and instructions. Take the opportunity to play games together and cook together.

Don't forget to share your love of reading with your child---let your child see you reading daily!