



Why is Parent Involvement important?

One of the key components of a Schoolwide Title 1 Program is parental involvement. Why is parent involvement vital to Title 1 school success? The conclusion of research synthesis conducted by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory found, "When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more."

At Woodworth Elementary, there are high expectations for parents, families, and community members to become partners in education. We invite and welcome parents into the building and request that they be involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of our school-wide plans. We believe that by utilizing community resources it will strengthen our school programs and families; ultimately improving overall school achievement. We hope you will take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to engage in school events, planning, and evaluation. If you would like to learn more about our Parent Involvement Policy and opportunities to engage, please reach out to Rachel Gibson, or any of the Title I teachers.

Skinner, R. (2004, September 21). *Parent involvement*. Education Week. Retrieved March 10, 2022, from <https://www.edweek.org/leadership/parent-involvement/2004/09>

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What is the value of reading aloud to my child?

March is Reading Month and it is an exciting time at Woodworth Elementary. We have Literacy Night, book bracket voting, Mystery Readers, character visits, animal guests, free books and more! With all of this activity focused primarily around reading, you may be wondering about the value of reading aloud with your child at home.

The research regarding benefits of reading aloud to children is virtually endless, so we will share a brief synthesis of research published in the Archives of Disease in Childhood. Duursma et al (2008) report, "During shared bookreading, children learn to recognise letters, understand that print represents the spoken word, and learn how to hold a book, turn the page and start at the beginning. Shared bookreading is also associated with learning print concepts and exposing children to the written language register, which is different from spoken language, as well as story structures (eg, stories have a beginning, middle and end) and literacy conventions such as syntax and grammar which are essential for understanding texts. These emergent literacy skills are important for later success in reading." That being said, we encourage you to embrace March is Reading Month by reading aloud with your child, not only in March, but throughout the year!

Duursma, E., Augustyn, M., & Zuckerman, B. (2008, August). (PDF) *Reading aloud to children: The evidence - researchgate*. ResearchGate. Retrieved March 10, 2022, from https://www.researchgate.net/publication/5373247_Reading_aloud_to_children_The_evidence



For more research and tips about reading aloud to your child, the National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching, and Learning offers the following resource:
<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/read-it-again.pdf>

Current Title I News

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held March 22nd and 23rd from 4pm-7pm. The Title team would like to invite you to stop in Room 31 to discuss your student's progress in small group instruction. Look for an email invitation in the coming week! You may also contact Miss Adams at Amanda.Adams@lesliek12.net or Mrs. Neuland at Jordon.Neuland@lesliek12.net to schedule your conference for a specific time.
- As part of our Title I funding, Woodworth must conduct an annual evaluation of our Parent Involvement Policy and Plan. During conferences, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback in our annual Title I survey. The findings of this survey will be used to design more effective strategies and, if necessary, to revise the Parental Involvement Policy and Plan. Your time and effort to ultimately improve student learning is greatly appreciated.
- Our state mandated M-STEP testing will be given to Woodworth 3rd and 4th graders, April 12 - May 5, 2022. It is important for your child to be present and well rested for testing to ensure student success.



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