

## What is Title I?

Our Title I program is designed to assist your child in meeting the state academic standards. We coordinate our efforts with those of the classroom teacher and the Reading Intervention team and use researched-based curriculums to teach the necessary skills. We are committed to working with families and the school staff to promote academic success for all students.

### Here is some information about how Title I services work in our school:

- Title I is the largest federal aid program for our nation's schools.
- Title I began in 1965 under President Lyndon B. Johnson as part of his "War on Poverty"
- Title I money was given to districts to help students from low income families. It was intended to help close the achievement gap between schools in affluent neighborhoods and schools from less affluent communities.
- Title I funds are used for a Targeted Assisted Program at Donnelly Elementary School to provide support for students targeted as low performing in reading or math.

A child attending Donnelly Elementary School may receive additional assistance in reading or math from a Reading teacher, a Title I teacher or a trained paraprofessional. Paraprofessionals often work in class with teachers and assist teachers with instruction. They might work with small groups of students or one on one with a child. Title I teachers most often teach small classes for students with unique learning needs. The Title I program works closely with classroom teachers and the Reading Intervention team in our schools to help all children be successful in reading and math. Children also benefit from training teachers receive or curriculum materials that is paid for with Title I funds. Title I staff report regularly to parents on progress of students in the Title I program.

Please review the links on the Donnelly Elementary School website for additional details. Please note the School-Parent Compact for your review outlining the responsibilities expected of students, parents and the school to collaborate for the academic success of your child.

Please read and sign the Compact with your child to indicate your commitments to the program and return it to your child's teacher. For any questions or information please call 325-4433 and ask for Mr. Griffith or myself.

Thank you,

David Pickard  
Principal