

Welcome to Silver Springs Elementary

Title I Team

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program created to help students who for a variety of reasons find one or more of the core subjects challenging. It is designed to help the lowest students at each grade level progress more quickly and make continuous gains on grade level assessments.

At the beginning of every school year, students are assessed in reading, math and writing. These assessments, along with teacher recommendations, determine who is entitled to the extra support provided by the Title I program. Assessments will monitor each student's progress throughout the year. Our goal is to ensure every child develop the foundational skills needed to achieve success at school.

The Title I Program provides your children with extra instructional time either one on one or in small groups. During this time, the Title I teacher will work on lessons created to address individualized needs. A variety of activities will be utilized to accommodate different learning styles.

Silver Springs Elementary's Title I Staff

Ms. Kari Tackett is the Title I coordinator at Silver Springs Elementary School. She also serves as our Literacy Consultant, and a member of the Silver Springs Intervention Team. In addition, our resource room teachers, Pam Schulman and Paige Valleau also work with identified students. The Silver Springs Intervention Team works directly with one Title I paraprofessional: Ms. Dee Hartshorne. They work with Kindergarten through 5th grade students that have challenges in reading, math, science and social studies and meet the Title I criteria.

Your Role as a Parent

You are an important member of your child's learning team! A student's attitude and motivation is affected by their daily schedule, their health and how important they see school is to the adult role models in their lives. A child who walks into school well rested, happy, and feeling like what they are doing is important will achieve more. Please keep this in mind as we work together to create a successful learning plan for your children.

There are three main things you can do to help your children to be successful at school. First, be a coach. Set aside time to work with your child every day especially in their challenging subjects. Even if it is only 10 minutes a day, it will make a difference. It will improve their skills, show them that their learning is important to you, and teach them good study habits. Make sure this time is relaxed and that you are celebrating each improvement.

Research shows that parents working at home with a child is a key indicator of accelerated progress. We realize that many parents work, and life can get very busy. But, fifteen to thirty minutes a day can make a huge difference. We will be sending home ideas for practice activities. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact us.

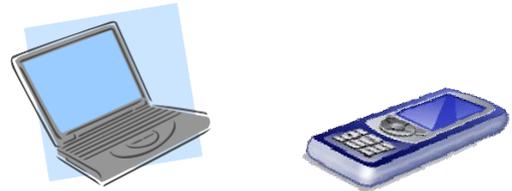
Next, maintain positive communication with the Intervention Team throughout the school year. It is very essential that we work as a team. Your children will do their best when we are all working together helping them focus on celebrating their strengths and working to improve their weaknesses. Our continuous communication is very important. We will provide many opportunities for you to keep in touch. In addition to the phone, email, notes, newsletters, website, conferences and scheduled appointment (contact information listed below), we will also be conducting some parent workshops, as well as creating a parent library. More information will be coming home regarding these events. Please attend. They will be filled with helpful information and activities.

Finally encourage and inspire your child as much as you can. Your child's attitude is a huge factor in their daily success. We work hard to gather ways to engage and motivate children every day. A few optimistic words from you can help create a positive mindset that can unleash amazing opportunities.

Communication Opportunities

Building Phone: 248-465-2300

Email: tacketka@northvilleschools.org



Scheduled meeting: If you have questions or concerns about 31a, please contact Ms. Tackett at the email above, or contact your child's teacher for an appointment. Staff members are available to meet before school or after school.

Weekly Newsletter: The Eagle Express is Silver Springs Elementary School's weekly newsletter. It is published each week and contains current even information. The Eagle Express is sent home via the Silver Springs Listserv each Sunday. Archive copies can also be found on the Silver Springs website.

An annual Title I Parent Meeting is held in October. Please see the Eagle Express Listserv for more details.