

TITLE I SERVICES AVAILABLE IN OUR DISTRICT

Swansea Public Schools' Title I program currently provides reading and writing support to eligible students in Kindergarten through grade 2 at our two early elementary schools, Mark Hoyle and Gardner. Student eligibility is based on various literacy assessments and teacher observations/recommendations. The goal of this program is to assist those students who have been identified as most "at risk" of having reading difficulties so that they can become proficient and confident readers who are able to meet the high quality standards of performance set forth by the No Child Left Behind Act and Title I.

Instructional delivery is provided by highly qualified reading specialists, who utilize a variety of teaching strategies to provide intensive small group instruction in order to target the individual learning needs of these students. Our reading specialists work closely with the classroom teachers to plan and deliver effective, research-based instruction that aligns with the Massachusetts' Frameworks and supports the needs of all students.

As a parent/guardian, your support and encouragement of reading is essential in helping your child become a more proficient reader. You are encouraged to participate in your child's learning by attending meetings, conferences, and other scheduled Title I events during the school year. Each fall and spring, we offer bookmaking events that provide parents and children opportunities to create their own books. We also offer a Reading Strategies Workshop to assist in providing parents with additional strategies to help support their child's early literacy skill development. Specific dates and times of these events will be posted on our web site and at your child's school. We look forward to working with you and your child during the school year -- Together we can continue to make a positive contribution in our children's education!

For additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's Principal or Reading Specialist or contact Lisa Spears, Title I Coordinator, (508)679-4049.