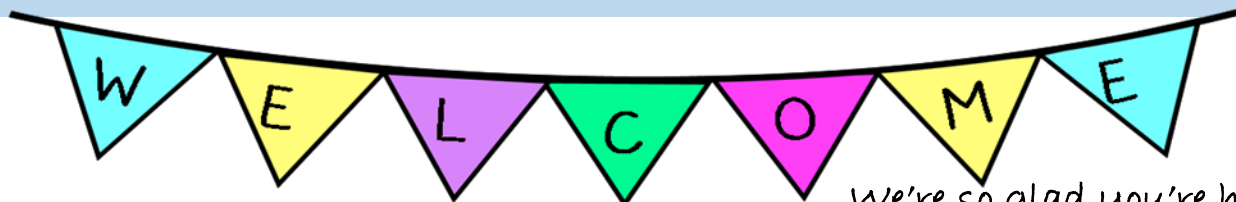


# Read to Succeed!

Monthly reading tips from your Title 1 team



*We're so glad you're here!*

We hope everyone has had a wonderful start to their school year! It is such a joy to see our students' smiling faces back in the classroom again!

To encourage family involvement and keep you aware of literacy events happening this school year, the Title 1 team will be sending out a monthly newsletter. These newsletters will be filled full of reading tips to help your child succeed throughout the year as well as to keep you informed on upcoming events such as Acadience testing information and literacy events.

## Meet the Reading Team



**Mrs. Wagner** has been a Title I Reading Specialist for 22 years! She loves teaching phonics and helping students become more confident in her reading. Mrs. Wagner and her husband have three children in the district that are involved in various activities and keep them very busy!



**Mrs. Thornton** is starting her 20<sup>th</sup> year of teaching reading, with 15 years at Athens Area School District. She loves teaching students reading strategies that help them become more independent readers. She and her husband have 3 children and a German Shepherd named Flash. Our family also owns Tioga Tae Kwon Do and you will find us many nights at the dojang.



**Mrs. Elsbree** has been a Reading Paraprofessional for 7 years. She enjoys getting to know the children and helping them on their reading adventures. She has 4 children and 5 grandchildren. In her spare time, she is a 4-H leader and also enjoys taking care of her horses, rabbits and dogs.



**Mrs. Swingle** has been with the district for 4 years. She loves working with children to help boost their literacy skills and confidence. She and her husband have 3 children who are 9, 6 and 1. She enjoys taking photos in her free time.

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## What is Title?



*In a nutshell...* Title 1 is a federally funded program through which districts receive funding to provide supplemental instruction for students based on academic need. This funding allows us to work with readers to provide them with small group instruction to help improve their reading skills. It also allows us to promote literacy and encourage families and students to read through engaging events called “literacy nights.” We have some fun events in store for this year that we can’t wait to share with you!

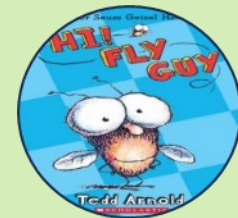
We will always try to include a book spotlight with “popular picks” according to our students! We also like to include an app spotlight!



### Research shows...

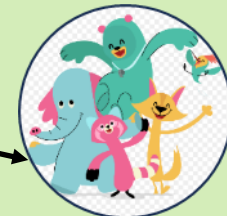
Parent involvement in their child’s education leads to:

- Better student behavior
- Higher academic success
- Enhanced social skills
- Increased confidence



### Book Spotlight!

*Fly Guy* book series is a kid favorite! It is perfect for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Fun fact... Author, Tedd Arnold, grew up in Elmira NY!



*Khan Academy Kids* is a free educational app that is best suited for ages 2-8. The app puts your child on an adapted learning path and includes engaging games!