

# Title I News

FALL 2022

## Goals of Title I Reading

The Title I program strives to provide an environment that:

- Promotes a positive attitude toward reading
- Improves student achievement in reading/writing
- Builds students' self-esteem and confidence
- Enables parents to be reading partners with their child

## How Does My Child Qualify for Title I Reading

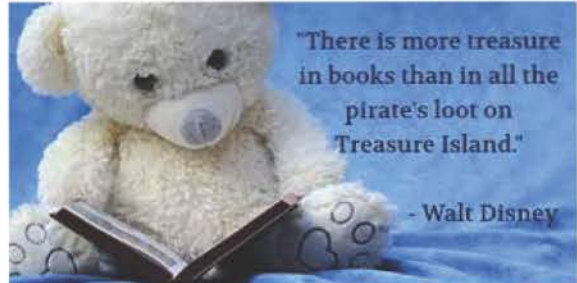
Title I is a federal program that provides additional reading instruction. Several different criteria are used to qualify a student. We can use teacher recommendations, student screening information, MAPS scores, report card grades, PSSA Reading scores (grades 4-5) and kindergarten badges (first grade).

## Keep your daily reading engaging

Making time to read together every day shows your child that reading is a priority in your family. Reading opens the door to all kinds of learning.

To encourage your child to be an active reader:

- Read in interesting places. Outside in a hammock. Inside in a cozy corner filled with pillows. Keep some books in the bathroom to read while your child is in the tub. Build a reading fort.
- Read funny poetry
- Let your child choose a book from a store or the library.
- Read together as a family.
- Give lots of praise to your child when they are reading.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences November 8

Teachers have many pupils, but at a parent teacher conference, the focus is on just one child-yours. It is an ideal time for you and the teacher to plan ways to help your child succeed. Please plan to schedule a conference.



# MEET THE TEACHERS

## *Title I Reading*

Mrs. Francia is the third, fourth, and fifth grade Reading Specialist at William Penn. This is her 28th year of teaching at EF. She spent 9 years as an elementary classroom teacher. Mrs. Francia's husband teaches seventh grade Math at EFMS. She has her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Master's degree in Reading, with a certification as a Reading Specialist. In her spare time, she loves to golf, swim, exercise and spend time with her family and friends. Mrs. Francia loves being an elementary Reading Specialist and working with students in small groups. She also loves going into the classrooms and assisting with special reading or writing activities and class projects.



BERNICE FRANCIA  
GRADES 3-5  
WILLIAM PENN

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Mrs. Simala is the Reading Specialist at Greenock. This is her 25th year teaching at EF. Eighteen of those years were spent as an elementary classroom teacher. She loves working with the younger children and watching how quickly they progress from learning their letters to reading full books! It is an exciting and rewarding job! Her husband is Dr. Brad Simala, the principal at William Penn and the Coordinator of the Title I program. Outside of school she loves to hunt. She enjoys fishing, especially fly fishing in Yellowstone. She loves to working out and baking.



KIMBERLY SIMALA

GRADES 1-2

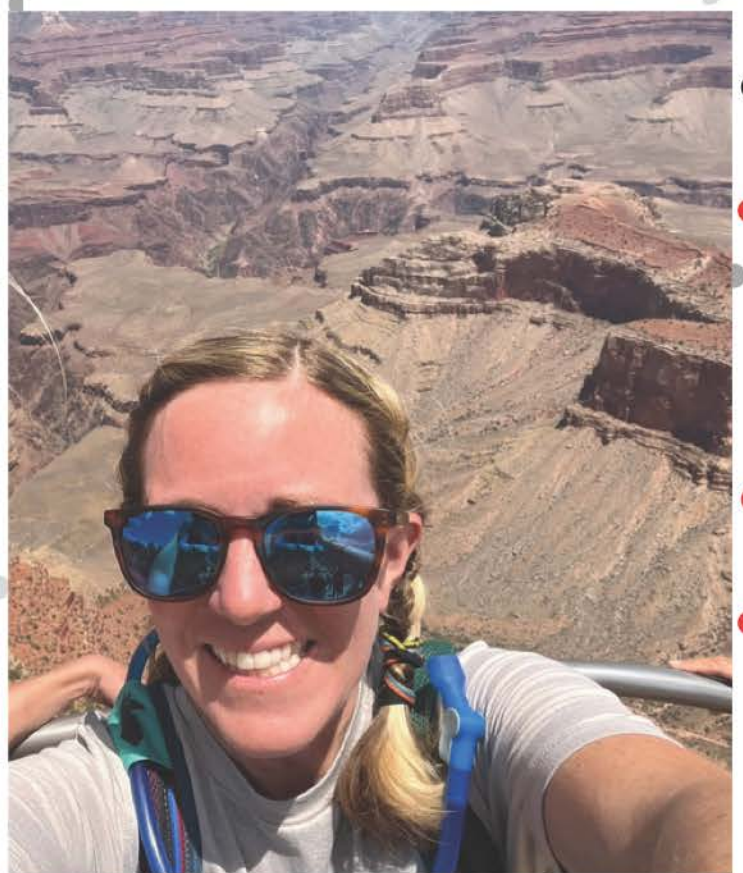
GREENOCK ELEMENTARY

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Mrs. Nill is the Title I Reading Specialist for 1st and 2nd grade at William Penn. Mrs. Nill holds degrees in Early Childhood Education, Reading and Administration. Although she has been teaching for 21 years, Mrs. Nill didn't come to EF until 2005.

Mrs. Nill is married and has three sons ages 11, 15 and 18. Mrs. Nill loves to spend time outdoors with her family down-hill skiing, cross country skiing, boating, and hiking. She also loves to travel. This past summer, she and her family ventured to many of the National Parks out west such as Arches, Bryce, Zion and the Grand Canyon.



SARAH NILL  
GRADES 1-2  
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