

# RILEY ELEMENTARY

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**August 31**

**This week's theme: Title I**

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you about Title 1. Title 1 is a federal program that provides additional resources to schools that are impacted by poverty in the surrounding community. Salt Lake City School District calculates Title monies based on the number of students who qualify for free lunch.

Our school qualifies for Title 1 monies. We are a schoolwide Title 1 program, meaning that our Title 1 funds are used to benefit all students, not just those who qualify for free lunch. Title 1 programs must supplement the existing the curriculum. In other words, Title 1 funds helps us make better the programs and activities that we already have in place to help your child learn at high levels.

As a Title 1 school, we are committed to ensuring that you have access to information about state learning standards, the materials that we use to teach those standards, and the tests we use to show how students are progressing. You should receive information about all of this from your child's teacher in the first month of school.

An important aspect of Title 1 is communicating with families. You should expect to hear from your child's teacher on a regular basis about her/his progress. Feel free to contact teachers at any time to discuss the progress of your child.

The certifications and qualifications of our staff are available in the front office. You are welcome to see these certifications and qualifications at any time. Just come to the front office and ask or call us to schedule a time.

Parents will be involved in making school decisions, writing school plans, and assessing the effectiveness of school programs.

We care about the partnership between school and home. To further this partnership, we have a variety of activities scheduled for you to participate in including monthly Second Cup of Coffee meetings (held the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am) and School Community Council. **Our first Second Cup of Coffee meeting with family members is next Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the rotunda (the space just inside the front doors). We hope you can make it to hear about breakfast in the classroom and how we are trying to make the food choices more nutritious for your children.**

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns by calling 801-974-8310.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin