

## Family Reading & Resource Center

The Title 1 Family Center is an important part of our school wide effort to offer educational support to our students and their families. The atmosphere of the **Family Center** is warm, inviting, friendly, and fun-filled. Families are encouraged to participate in workshops, and visit the Family Center to discuss ways to increase reading independence, and overall student achievement in reading as well as other subjects.

The **Family Center** is open each Tuesday and Friday (see hours on front page) for students and families to visit and check out books to enjoy and read together at home. We have special activities or themes each month, with a variety of events to keep your children excited about reading. Mrs. Mihalakis will be available to help students and families locate books that are "just right" for the child's current reading level and interest area!

In addition to the weekly "check out" books, each student receives a new, **FREE** "keeper" book each week for their home library.



## Family Center Schedule

Grand Opening: July 26th, 2024

Last day to check out books: May 9th, 2025

Last day to return books: May 16th, 2025

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## Goals of the Title I Family Reading & Resource Center

- \* To encourage Family Engagement in school activities
- \* To involve families in a home/school partnership for improving student academic achievement
- \* To provide families with learning strategies and workshops to help their child succeed
- \* To develop a love of books and enthusiasm for reading
- \* To increase family knowledge of the reading process



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## We are ALL Peace River!

We take care of Ourselves!  
We Take Care of Each Other!  
We Take Care of This Place!

## Charlotte County Public Schools Peace River Elementary School 2024-2025



## Family Reading and Resource Center Hours:

Tuesday:

8:00-8:35am

Friday

8:00-8:35am and 3:10-3:40pm

Grace Tollefson, Principal

Phebe Westby, Assistant Principal

<http://yourcharlotteschools.net/PRE>

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by our staff and families. It reflects the goals of our Title I School Wide Student Success Plan and the beliefs of our staff, families, and community members.



## What is Title I?

Title I is a federal program that provides local educational agencies (LEA) resources that help children gain a high-quality education, and the skills to master the grade level expectations. Title I provides additional resources to schools with economically disadvantaged students.

### The Purpose of Title I is to:

- Help every child receive a high quality education, meeting state academic content and performance standards
- Build capacity for family engagement
- Provide professional development for teachers and school staff
- Meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal mandates

At Peace River Elementary School, Title I funds provide for the Family Reading & Resource Center and additional staff members. These funds also make possible extended learning programs, professional development, reading materials for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, and staff training on parent and family engagement. Also funded by Title 1 are family academic nights and Scholastic Family Workshops which provide families with tools to assist their children at home.



## School and Family Compact

All families will be asked to sign a compact, which is an agreement between the family and the school to help ensure each child's academic success. By signing the compact, all agree they will work together to improve learning. Families are involved in developing the compact. The School and Family Compact is required by Federal Title I guidelines.

## Families are a Critical Part of Our School Team

Parents and families influence their children's education more than any teacher or school. Family engagement can also boost children's achievement. By taking an active role in our school, families show their children that they are valued and that education is important. Children learn that families and the school are a team, working together to help them succeed.



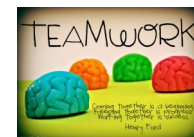
### How Families Can Participate

- \* Read to your child daily
- \* Listen to your child read daily
- \* Check FOCUS regularly
- \* Attend the Open House and Title I Annual Meeting
- \* Attend family conferences
- \* Visit the Family Reading Center
- \* Participate in Family Night activities
- \* Participate in Family Workshops
- \* Join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) And/or School Advisory Council (SAC)
- \* Join our Parent/Family Engagement Planning Team (PFEPT)
- \* Participate in developing the Student Success Plan

**Remember to complete the annual Title I Family Survey given to our families in the spring for feedback and suggestions.**

## Family Conferences

Conferences are one of the most important ways families and teachers work together as a team. Family conferences are a helpful way for families to share information about their child that the teachers may not be aware of, such as their extra curricular interests. It is also a good time to discuss the academic progress of students, and for learning strategies to use at home.



### Communication Between Home and School

- \* School Messenger calls from the Principal
- \* School Facebook Page
- \* REMIND and/or DOJO messages from Teachers
- \* Student Planner
- \* Monthly Newsletters
- \* Informative flyers
- \* School / District websites
- \* Progress Reports (report cards)
- \* Interim/Midterm Reports
- \* Conferences
- \* Reports on test results
- \* School /District Report Cards

**Our Student Success Plan, Family Engagement Plan, and the Right to Know information is available in the Front Office, the Family Center, and on our school website**