

Central Elementary Title I Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Title I Students,

Hello! My name is Missy Smith and I am honored to be your child's Title I Reading Teacher! As a parent, I understand how important it is to know as much as you can about your child's teachers. Therefore, I would like to begin by telling you a little information about myself. I also look forward to getting to know you better as we work together throughout the school year to help your child succeed.

Family

My husband, Jason, and I have been married for 22 years. We have a son, Eli, who graduated 2 years ago from South Putnam and we also have a daughter, Eva, who is in 6th grade at South Putnam. We enjoy playing sports, being outdoors, and spending time with family and our pets.

Education

I attended both Belle Union and Central Elementary. I graduated in 1994 from South Putnam High School. I went to college at Indiana State University where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1998. I earned a Reading Recovery License in 1999 from Purdue University and I achieved my Master's Degree in Education from Olivet Nazarene University in 2002. I have continued my education through computer classes with Valparaiso University as well as various other workshops, conferences and professional development opportunities, including recent training to be a certified Reading Specialist trained in Dyslexia.

Teaching Experience

I was hired by the South Putnam School Corporation in 1998 and this is my 26th year of teaching at Central. I have taught many grades including 1st grade, 4th grade and 5th grade, as well as being the Reading Recovery Teacher and Title I Reading Teacher for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Title I Information

Students will come to the Title I Reading class each day for about 30 minutes and will work in small groups. We will work explicitly on specific reading skills that your child needs and as indicated by the beginning-of-the-year DIBELS assessments and ongoing progress monitoring.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about anything. You can reach me by email msmith@sputnam.k12.in.us or calling the school (653-6175 x330) or by Remind (text @read23-4 to 81010). Together we can make this a fun and successful year for your child!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith

Title I Reading Teacher
Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade & 3rd Grade

