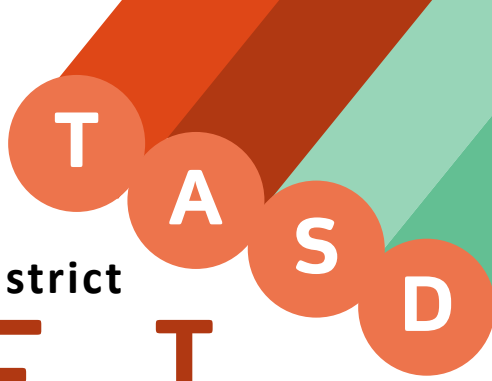


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# TITLE I



A quarterly newsletter from the Title I team to share resources and strategies.

## A message from your Title I team...

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Hello Lemonweir Families!

Welcome back to school! Hopefully, the school year is going well for everyone! Title I staff was able to touch base with families during Open House. If we did not see you at Open House, your child should have brought home a Title I brochure detailing what Title I services can be provided to your child, and our Family Engagement Plan that details school and family communication and events. Also included was a brief family engagement survey asking for your input regarding what activities you would be willing to participate in and volunteer for. If you have not filled one out and returned to school, we ask that you please do so. If you do not have a survey, please contact one of the Title I staff members and we will send one home to you. Attached are literacy ideas and activities for you to do at home. Each month we will be sending home a Reading Connection flyer for additional resources. We are super excited to be planning more family engagement activities throughout the school year starting with a family literacy night, so.....STAY TUNED! We're looking forward to seeing you this year!

### Upcoming Events:

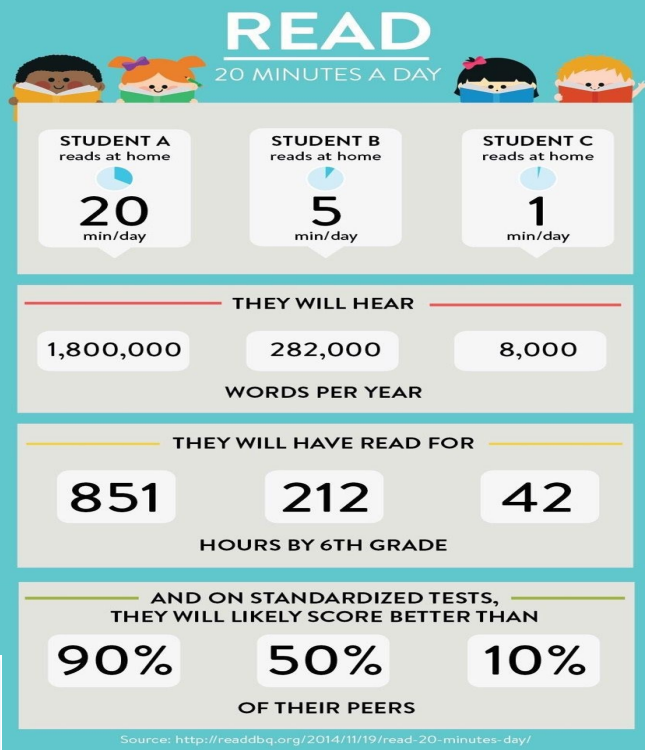
- Wednesday, August 23rd: NO SCHOOL (District Inservice)
- Monday, September 4th: NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
- Tuesday, Sept. 12th: P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, Sept. 14th: P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, Sept. 15th: End of 1st Quarter
- Monday, Sept. 18th—Friday, Sept. 22nd: No School (Intersession Break)
- Monday, Sept. 25—Friday, Sept. 29: Fall Intersession
- Monday, Oct. 2—Thursday, Oct. 6: Fall Intersession
- Thursday, Oct. 25th—Halloween Extravaganza Literacy Night
- Thursday, Oct. 26-Friday, Oct. 27: NO SCHOOL (District Inservice)
- Monday, Oct. 9—Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- Wednesday, Nov. 22nd-Friday, Nov. 24th—Thanksgiving Break

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According to the Department of Education, the more students read or are read to for fun on their own time and at home, the higher their reading scores, generally.

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# Reading Statistics



## Reading Resources for Parents.....

[Reading Activities for Parents and Caregivers | RIF.org](http://www.RIF.org)

<p><b>Helping Children Adjust to School (Pre-school and Elementary)</b> The transition from summer break to back-to-school can be difficult for both students and families...</p>	<p><b>How to Connect Home Literacy Practices to School Literacy Practices</b> Literacy development begins early in the home. Literacy is all around you and always present in your...</p>	<p><b>Reducing the Summer Slide</b> The "summer slide" refers to the weakening in children's reading abilities that occurs during the...</p>	<p><b>Simple Things Families Can Do to Help Their Child Become a Reader</b> Here are ten simple tips that parents can follow to encourage their children to become readers.</p>
<p><b>Reading Aloud with Children of All Ages</b> Tips and strategies from Derry Koralek for reading aloud to children of all ages. This article is...</p>	<p><b>Chillin' Activities for a Winter Day (English)</b> Print this activity guide full of STEM connections to make the best use of being stuck inside in the...</p>	<p><b>Share the Message: Read!</b> This guide will help you and the children in your life build upon the many wonderful stories...</p>	<p><b>Book Character Word Search</b> Find and circle the names of familiar book characters from children's classics.</p>

**Reading Activities for Parents, Caregivers or Homeschooler**

Explore some of RIF's collections of best practices to encourage and motivate young readers. Hands-on activities, recommended book lists, strategies for parents and caregivers, alphabet coloring pages, and tips for reading aloud. These printable and downloadable resources support literacy development for a range of ages, abilities, and interests. Many of these materials are available in English and Spanish.

## Comprehension Reading Tips & Strategies...

**READING IS THINKING!**

**CONNECT**  
This reminds me of...  
Use my experiences to help me understand

**VISUALIZE**  
In my mind, I see...  
Create mental images as I read

**SUMMARIZE**  
Determine the important ideas  
This is mainly about...

**QUESTION**  
Wonder & search for answers  
I wonder...

**INFER**  
Use text evidence & what I know to make sense of my reading  
This probably means...

**PREDICT**  
Use clues to infer what may happen next  
I predict that...

**CLUES IN TEXT = EVIDENCE!**

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# Accessing Title I Link from District Website

Step 1: Access the district website at [www.tomah.education](http://www.tomah.education). Under Programs & Resources, click on Title I.

The screenshot shows the Tomah Area School District website. The browser address bar displays <https://www.tomah.education>. The website header includes the district logo and a navigation menu with the following items: ABOUT, SCHOOLS, ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS, BOE, NOTICES, and PROGRAMS & RESOURCES. The 'PROGRAMS & RESOURCES' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of links: Military-Connected Families, Parental Web Access, Infinite Campus Help Resources, Summer PACK, PBIS, Title I (highlighted in yellow), TechKid, Timber PUPS 4K, Staff Start Page, Student Start Page, Distinguished Alumni, 5-Spot Savers Club, and Library Media Services. Below the navigation menu, there is a 'QUICK LINKS' section with a list of links: Referendum, 2023 BOE Election, Calendars, Menus, Transportation, Staff Directory, Board Meetings, School Supply Lists, and Search. A video player is visible, showing a woman speaking at a podium, with a 'SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION!' banner and the text 'Distinguished Alumni'. Below the video player, there is a 'View our latest weekly E-Newsletter' section with a 'SHARE' button. A yellow button labeled 'VIEW ALL NEWS' is also present. At the bottom right, there is an 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section with a card for 'Lemonweir Elementary 3-5 Concert' on May 18, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with a temperature of 72°F, a search bar, and various application icons.

Step 2: From the District Title I Service page, click on the name of your School under Title I services.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Tomah Area School District Curriculum page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.tomah.education/curriculum/title-i>. The page header features the Tomah Area School District logo and navigation links for ABOUT, SCHOOLS, ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS, BOE, NOTICES, and PROGRAMS & RESOURCES. A search bar is located in the top right of the header.

The main content area is titled "CURRICULUM" and includes a sidebar menu with the following items: Essential Learning Standards, Title I Services (highlighted in yellow), Camp Douglas/Oakdale Title I, Lemonweir Title I, Miller Title I, Warrens Title I, and Wyeville Title I.

The main content area displays the Tomah Area School District Curriculum Department Title I Services page. The page title is "Tomah Area School District CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT Title I Services".

**What is Title I?**

Title I is a national federal assistance program for schools. This program helps students obtain a quality education to meet and exceed academic standards. A school-wide program serves all students in eligible schools. A targeted assistance school serves only students who meet specific criteria. Schools in the Tomah District that qualify for school-wide Title I funding include: Miller, Lemonweir, Warrens, Wyeville, Camp Douglas and Oakdale, Queen of the Apostles and St. Paul's Lutheran schools receive targeted-assistance. Identified students receive academic remediation through the Title I program following the RtI (Response to Intervention) model. A school-wide Title I program allows eligible schools to use Title I funds to provide for the following:

- Small group instruction
- Special instructional spaces and equipment
- Instruction by highly qualified teachers
- Extra time that students need for teaching the skills
- Additional teaching materials that supplement regular instruction.
- Opportunities for professional development
- Opportunities for family involvement

**School-Wide Requirements:**

**Comprehensive Needs Assessment:** The school must identify areas of greatest need.

- Standardized Tests: AIMSweb, STAR, PALS, i-Ready, and Wisconsin State Testing
- Classroom based assessments and performance
- Teacher recommendation

**School-wide reform strategies to include those that:**

- Strengthen the core academic program
- Increase the amount and quality of learning time
- Develop strategies for meeting needs of underserved populations
- Address needs of all, but particularly low-achieving students
- Parental involvement strategies

**Parents' Right to Know:**

In accordance with federal law, we gladly share the qualifications of our teachers. All teachers in the TASD have at least a bachelor's degree and are licensed for their teaching assignment. The majority of our staff has completed the necessary graduate work and has an advanced degree in their field.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with a temperature of 72°F, a search bar, and various application icons. The system clock indicates the time is 3:12 PM on 5/18/2023.

Step 3: At your buildings Title I page, click on any of the links to view Your school's newsletters, Engagement Plan, and School-Wide Plan.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Tomah Area School District Curriculum page for Title I Services. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.tomah.education/curriculum/lemonweir-title-i-services>. The page features a navigation menu with links for ABOUT, SCHOOLS, ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS, BOE, NOTICES, and PROGRAMS & RESOURCES. The main content area is titled "CURRICULUM" and includes a sidebar with a list of schools: Essential Learning Standards, Title I Services (highlighted), Camp Douglas/Oakdale Title I, Lemonweir Title I, Miller Title I, Warrens Title I, and Wyeville Title I. The main content area displays the Tomah Area School District logo and the "CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT" logo, along with the "LES" logo for Lemonweir Elementary School. Below the logos, the text "Title I Services" is displayed. Contact information for three staff members is provided: Deb Barreau (608-374-7858, [debrabarreau@tomah.education](mailto:debrabarreau@tomah.education)), Maria Klema (608-374-5617, [mariaklema@tomah.education](mailto:mariaklema@tomah.education)), and Rhonda Weberg (608-374-5616, [rhondaweberg@tomah.education](mailto:rhondaweberg@tomah.education)). A section titled "Explore our school's Title I Resources by clicking on the buttons below." contains three buttons: "OUR SCHOOL-WIDE PLAN", "Our school's Engagement Plan", and "Our school's Title I QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER". The footer of the page includes the district's mission statement: "HIGH QUALITY STUDENT LEARNING. EVERY DAY." and navigation links for SCHOOLS, ABOUT US, and BOE. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date and time as 3:13 PM on 5/18/2023, along with weather information (72°F, Mostly cloudy) and various application icons.