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## **Mission Statement**

*Rising with character, shining with success.*

## **Vision Statement**

*Our DSA community is dedicated to building a foundation for 21st century learners through rich educational, social and cultural experiences.*



## **Cave Creek Unified School District**

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Exceptional Student Services  
District Phone: 480-575-2013



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## **Title 1**

## **Reading Program**

Cave Creek Unified School District  
Desert Sun Academy Elementary  
A+ School of Excellence

Principal: Dr. Micah Korb

Title 1 Teacher: Ms. Lori Johnston

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**Title 1** is a federally funded program that supplements classroom instruction in the area of Reading. In the Title 1 classroom, students receive reading intervention 5 days a week for an additional 30 minutes. Students work on skills that build confidence in reading. The goal of this reading program is to help struggling readers become independent and successful in the classroom.

### **Title 1 Qualifiers**

Students are qualified for Title 1 services through a school wide screening. The screening used in Cave Creek School District is called *Aimsweb Fluency Assessment*. Aimsweb is given three times a year to students in 1st—6th grade. Kindergarteners are assessed in Early Literacy Skills: letter identification, letter sounds, phoneme segmentation, and blending. The results of the students assessments are then compared with national norms and students who fall below the 25th percentile qualify for Title 1 services. Teachers may also recommend a student for services based on classroom performance and the use of alternative assessments.



### **Response to Intervention**

Cave Creek School District follows the Response to Intervention program (RTI). This is a three tiered program that offers increased levels of reading intervention to students based on need. RTI offers specialized reading support to students at each tier. Students in tier 1 receive the regular classroom reading curriculum. Students in tier 2 receive extra, daily support in the regular classroom. Students in tier 3 receive Title 1 reading services. For additional information on RTI, please visit the CCUSD webpage.

### **Curriculum**

Students interventions are research based and are chosen to meet the need of the student. The programs that may be used in Title 1 are: *My Sidewalks* (Scott Foresman), *Soar to Success* (Houghton Mifflin), SRA skill builders, SRA reading labs, Read Naturally, and other research based resources. The Title 1 program integrates iPads, and other computer-based learning.

### **Communication**

Communication is the key to student success. E-mail is the best means of correspondence. Additional information may also be found under Support Services on the Desert Sun Academy school website. The Title 1 webpage is full of resources for students and parents.



### **Contact Information**

If you are interested in additional information you may contact Lori Johnston, Title 1 Reading Teacher at Desert Sun Academy.



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