

Mission Statement

Desert Willow Elementary, a designated Arizona International School, will empower students to achieve their highest individual potential as lifelong second language learners. Our caring, respectful, and creative school environment enables students to become outstanding readers, writers, problem solvers and critical thinkers, ready to excel in our global society.

"Learning For Life, Loving To Learn"



Title 1 Reading Program

**Desert
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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 daily reading intervention with a highly qualified Reading Specialist and work on skills that are not yet secure. The goal of this reading program is to help struggling readers become independent and successful in the classroom.

Title 1 Qualifiers

Students qualify for Title 1 services through a school wide screening. The screening we use in the Cave Creek School District is called *Aimsweb Fluency Assessment*. It is given three times a year to all students. Students who fall below the 25th percentile qualify for Title 1 services. Teachers may also recommend a student for services based on other test results and classroom performance.



Curriculum

Students are taught vital reading skills and strategies from several reading intervention programs. The programs we use include My Sidewalks (Scott Foresman), Read Naturally, Barton Reading and Spelling System, Sonday System, and other research – based resources. In addition, we use a variety of technology interventions with students. The Title 1 program integrates iPods, iPads, and other computer-based learning.

Home-School Connection

Teachers, parents and students working together is a key ingredient to the success of the Title 1 reading program. Newsletters and informational flyers will be sent home throughout the year to update you on our classroom activities. We will also have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at parent/teacher conferences as well as at additional meetings you may request during the year. Do not hesitate to e-mail or stop by if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to visit the Title 1 webpage on the Desert Willow website for additional resources.



Response To Intervention

Desert Willow has a strong Response to Intervention program (RTI). This is a three tiered program that keeps track of student progress and provides additional services if necessary. 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 from the reading specialist in our Reading Room. For additional information on RTI, please visit the CCUSD webpage.



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