

# GES Title I Tips

## A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success



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## National Family Engagement Month

### November is a month for celebrating families!

As we enter into this holiday season, November is a month for gathering together and enjoying the blessings of family. We are very thankful for our wonderful GES families and the many ways they help our students continue learning at home. Last month we held our First Semester F.A.S.T. meeting to review our fall benchmark results, discuss student year-end goals, and share ways parents can help from home. We strongly believe in the power family engagement has in relation to student success. Family Engagement Month serves to highlight the vital role parents play in their child's education. To serve as a visual representation, we are asking our GES families to participate in a Family Project!

Title I is once again asking our families to participate in a fun project to celebrate all the ways we are thankful. Each student will be sent home with instructions and a turkey feather for our families to decorate and return to school. Please take a moment to discuss, plan, and create a feather to display on our Turkey. Last year's turkey was beautiful

Be sure to check out our school website for more ideas to celebrate National Family Engagement Month and to see the results of our GES families' collaborative efforts!

<https://tinyurl.com/GESFamilyEngagementProject>



Sincerely,  
Marissa Watson  
Parent Involvement Coordinator

*Feedback is always greatly appreciated and will be gathered throughout the year, so please feel free to contribute at any time by contacting me or by filling out the Parent Input form located on the GES website under the Title I tab.*

## Mark Your Calendars

*Important Dates & Events  
You Don't Want to Miss!*

- Nov. 2 - 3rd to New Echota
- Nov. 3 - APEX Fun Run
- Nov. 4 - 5th to Camp Lookout
- Nov. 10 - Picture Retakes
- Nov. 18- National Family Engagement Day
- Nov. 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break: No School

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**Title I Interpreted - What is my child learning?** Students are taught using the state adopted standards, the Georgia Standards of Excellence. These standards can be reviewed by visiting the GES website, under the Title I tab, in the Parent & Family Resources section or by visiting [www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org).

## Family Engagement Focus



Parents are a child's first teacher!

*GES Teachers are highly qualified. Parents have the right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications. For more information, please contact the school office.*

## Teaching Gratitude

What is your family grateful for and how can you teach your child about gratitude? Here is a simple game you can play at home.

- Choose six crayons and assign each color a category. For example: red= a person, blue= a place, green= a thing, yellow= a food, orange= an animal, purple= drawers choice.
- Place the crayons in a cup and hand each person a piece of paper.
- Take turns selecting a crayon. Draw a heart on the page and write or draw something you are thankful for in that category. For example, if your child draws orange they can write or draw the family pet.
- Once everyone has a heart for each color, share what's "in your heart" with one another. Display the pages as a reminder of the things your family members are grateful for!

## Family Engagement Project

**To celebrate Family Engagement month this November, please plan to participate in our Family Project!**

<https://tinyurl.com/GESFamilyEngagementProject>



Please visit our website for more information and additional tips on how to become more engaged in your child's at-home learning.  
Thank you!

## Volunteer News

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### APEX FUN RUN

Parents are needed to help with the APEX Fun Run on **Wednesday, November 3rd.**

4th & 5th run at 8:45 am

2nd & 3rd run at 10:00 am

Kindergarten & 1st run at 12:15 pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marissa Watson (mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us) or fill out the Volunteer Form.



### IMPORTANT INFO

Please sign-up for the Title I Parent & Family Engagement Remind. On your smartphone, text @6e7794 to 81010 or enter @6e7794 into the app.

Parenting resources are available to be sent home from our Parent Resource Library. The list of resources can be found on the GES website, under the Title I tab. Please contact Marissa Watson if you would like more information.