

TITLE I and SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

St. Philip's School receives Title I and Special Education services from the staff of the Bemidji School District. Working in cooperation with the St. Philip's School staff, the services we receive benefit our students.

TITLE I is a federally funded program designed to provide additional help in reading and math to elementary students. Students in grades 1 – 5 are screened before the program begins. Then, with teacher or parent recommendation, students may be selected to receive this additional help. Title I help is provided on site at St. Philip's for 15 – 20 minutes four or five times a week. Parental permission is needed for the students to receive the help. This year, kindergarten students were also screened and Title I permission forms sent home. The screening for Title I in kindergarten covers letter identification and sounds that the students have not necessarily been introduced to yet. If a teacher or parent suspects that a child may be having difficulties at this age, receiving an additional bit of help is quite beneficial. The hope with Title I services is that through early intervention students will get the boost they need to be successful from then on.

The number of students eligible to receive benefits through the Federal Meal program provides funding for Title I.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES are derived from the federal IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) program. These services provide for special programming for students with speech, hearing, and / or learning disabilities. The help our students receive is given to them at Central School. A walker escorts students in grades K – 5 to and from their services, while students in grades 6 -8 with parental permission walk by themselves. To qualify for Special Education Services, students must meet state determined criteria.

St. Philip's School recommends that parents take advantage of the additional services that are offered through these programs. The goal is to help students be successful in any way possible.