

Summer programs coming to HHES

Title I funds used; start next week

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COVENTRY — Recently, Hopkins Hill Elementary School was approved to run a summer program through their Title I grant.

This free program will be geared to students entering Grades 1-3 and is designed to provide reading and math support.

Hopkins Hill School Principal Kathy Tancresse said the program starts Tuesday and is a pilot program at the school and will run from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 6 at Hopkins Hill.

Title I schools with percentages of students from low-income families of at least 40 percent may use Title I funds, along with other Federal, State, and local funds, to operate a “school-wide program” to upgrade the instructional program for the whole school.

“We wanted to use the Title I funds for a summer program,” she said. “We weren’t sure what type of response we would get but we wanted to make it open to all student in the school and within an hour, we had 20 kids. We cut it off at that point so we could keep it small with more attention. Mrs. Barbi Burdick will teach the reading portion and Mrs. Pat Maxwell will teach the math portion.”

Both will be paid through the grant.

The reading portion will be non-fiction text with science embedded. There are 16 children who are going into first grade with five children going into third grade who are taking part.

“Some students might need to ramp up their skills while others might need enrichment,” Tancresse said. “It’s very exciting for us and this will give us a chance to see how the program works so we can tweak it for next year. We’ll also devise a way to get parent input. Parents have been very receptive to the program.”