

BES Newsletter

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Winter Greetings, Buchanan Elementary Families!

Happy winter to everyone! As we settle into the colder months, I want to take a moment to share how hard our third through fifth-grade students are working as they prepare for the upcoming Georgia Milestones Testing. Our dedicated teachers have carefully analyzed data to ensure all of their instruction is targeted to meet the needs of each student.

With this approach, students are receiving personalized instruction, participating in project-based learning, and engaging in student-organized learning environments and centers. These dynamic methods ensure that each student is not only building their knowledge but also feeling successful in their learning journey.

We are proud of the effort and dedication our students and teachers are putting into this important work. Together, we are making great strides toward preparing our students for future success.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education. Let's keep up the great work!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Campbell

Earned Field Trip Requirements:

We are excited to announce that each grade level will have an earned field trip or activity after Georgia Milestone testing. This year the field trip or activity will be aligned to our positive behavior and attendance expectations. Student Requirements for the field trip:

- Students have 0 or 1 Major Office Referral
- Student infractions must be less than or equal to 7 total infractions for the entire school year
- Student absences must be less than or equal to 3 unexcused absences **AND** less than or equal to 10 absences per class period, excused and unexcused (tardies and checkouts will impact class period absences)

We have discussed these requirements with the students at school, please review these at home with your child(ren).



Reading Tips for Elementary Students and Parents

Reading at home is an important part of your child's success in school. Here are some helpful tips to support reading and encourage a love for books:

For Students:

1. **Read Daily** – Try to read for at least 20 minutes each day. The more you read, the stronger your reading skills will become.
2. **Choose Books You Enjoy** – Pick books that are fun and interesting to you! Whether it's a mystery, an adventure, or a book about animals, reading should be enjoyable.
3. **Reread Favorite Books** – It's okay to reread books you love. This helps improve fluency and understanding of the story.
4. **Use Your Imagination** – Picture the story in your mind as you read. What do the characters look like? Where does the story take place?
5. **Ask Questions** – While reading, ask yourself questions like: What just happened? What might happen next? Why did the character act that way? This will help deepen your understanding of the story.
6. **Talk About What You Read** – After reading, tell someone about the story. It can be a parent, friend, or sibling. Talking about books helps you remember and understand them better.

For Parents:

1. **Create a Reading Routine** – Set aside a specific time for reading every day. Make it a special and relaxing part of your daily routine.
2. **Read Together** – Reading aloud with your child is a wonderful way to bond and share the joy of stories. Let them choose the book and take turns reading.
3. **Ask Open-Ended Questions** – While reading together, ask questions like: "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think the character did that?" This encourages critical thinking.
4. **Visit the Library** – Take your child to the library and let them explore different genres and topics. Help them pick books that match their reading level and interests.
5. **Encourage Discussion** – After your child reads, ask them to explain the story in their own words. Discuss the main ideas, characters, and what they learned.
6. **Praise Their Efforts** – Always celebrate your child's reading milestones, whether they finish a book, read a difficult word, or learn something new. Encouragement goes a long way in building confidence.

Remember, reading should be fun and enjoyable! Happy reading!



February 6th – Progress Reports

February 6th – School Governance Meeting @ 3:00

February 6th – Book Fair begins

February 7th – Daddy Daughter Dance 6 pm

February 10th – Parent Teacher Conference

February 20th – Club Pictures

