

BES Tiger Tracks

ICE CREAM may only be purchased on Friday during break time

Let me begin by saying how happy I am to be "home". I was here at BES for 18 years before transferring to the High School for 3 years and I am so happy to be here again. We have a very exciting year planned for your child and we look forward to establishing a positive relationship with your family. We must form a partnership if your child is going to reach their full potential.

Throughout the school year, your child's teacher and I will be making a special effort to stay in touch with you. We want you to be informed about your child's progress and school activities. I believe communication is the key to any good relationship. Please look for papers and information coming home and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a question, concern, or need information. Our school website is always updated with the latest happenings.

One way you can get involved immediately is to take time everyday to talk with your child about their day. They need to know that what they do at school is a top priority and encourage them to do their best. They will want to please you! Let them see that you are working closely with the school because we both want the same thing for them-the best education possible. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.

Pam Bozeman

Welcome to another exciting year at Blountstown Elementary School! As your school's reading coach, I would like to encourage you to read to and with your young children and to provide quiet times for older children to read. There are many advantages in reading to children and in encouraging them to read on their own. Some of these are:

- the warm, happy feeling a young child experiences when sitting on your lap or beside you as you read to him or her
- increasing a young child's awareness of the sounds of language-they love to have a book read over and over to them
- increasing the volume of print to which they are exposed
- building vocabulary
- expanding background knowledge and experiences
- hearing reading modeled with expression and good tempo
- stimulating the imagination and visualization which also aids in becoming a good writer
- motivating a lifetime of learning through reading.

Below is a poem that emphasize these points.

Read to Me

By: Jane Yule

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes.

Read to me stories of magical times.

Read to me tales about castles and kings.

Read to me stories of fabulous things.

Read to me pirates and read to me knights.

Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights.

Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then

When you are finished-please read them again.

HAPPY READING!

Debbie Van Lierop

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