

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

Building relationships is the backbone of a positive climate whether at home, in school, on a sports team, etc. How we interact with one another sets the tone for how we respond to all the stimuli we receive every day. Preparing children to practice self-awareness and self-management will have long lasting effects. Hello and Goodbye start and end the day at school. This is a great time to interact with students, but we need to teach our children that they should reciprocate the greetings that they receive.

Setting clear expectations, rooted in daily behaviors (both school and home) and routines help our children to protect self-esteem and offer all of us many opportunities to recognize children for appropriate behavior. Modeling behaviors, such as respect, is crucial to building relationships. Children respond to those people with whom they feel there is trust. We must invest time to listen to their voice. Every action is a message to the adults about a need or desire. Allowing them to share through voice or behavior can tell us a lot and change the way we view them. Through small, thoughtful intentional gestures, we can build positive relationships!

Having said all of that brings me to the point that we, as adults, must strive to build relationships also. School personnel need to build relationships with parents, just as importantly parents need to build relationships with school personnel. When students hear parents speak negatively about school personnel, they develop negative attitudes and relationships with school personnel and therefore, many times, get in trouble. If a child addresses a concern to parents about school personnel, parents should discuss it in private, not in the presence of the child, and request a meeting to address it with school personnel. Adult conversations with adults will eliminate students trying to address adult matters, thus causing the student difficulties in the school setting. Building relationships produce positive climate at home and at school.

Barbara C. Akon
Principal



Mission

To provide a clean, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.

Vision

We envision our school as a "Successful" or (above rated) school. We hold ourselves accountable for implementing, with fidelity teaching and learning processes that will enable all students to achieve academic growth.



Happy New Year

Congratulations

Parent of the Month

Angie Okojie

Such a proud moment to have such a worthy teacher to be chosen as parent of the month. Mrs. Okojie goes above and beyond to make sure all students receive positive feedback, encourages motivation and inspires success for all students.



Teacher OF THE MONTH

Tramainia Hooper

A top performing teacher who handles educating students as her number one priority. She is an outstanding team player who not only supports the district's initiative to grow students, but has the data to prove that she does it with pride.

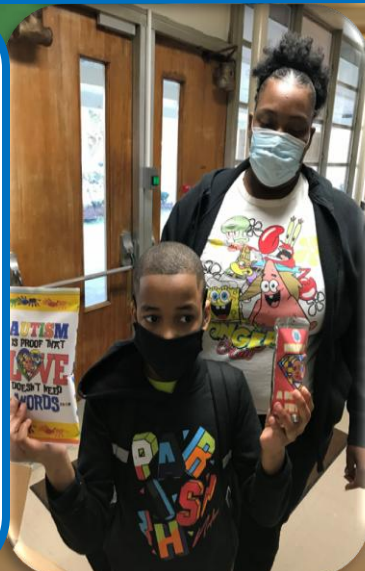


The month of December not only brought a close to the first semester of the school year, it also solidified the end of the teaching experience for 4th grade student teacher, Matty Jones. To culminate her experience, her cooperating teacher, Tramainia Hooper, and the 4th grade students, presented her with a number of items to begin her teaching career. Congratulations Ms. Jones and we wish you the best as you enter the realm of educating students.



Good Bye!

Before leaving for his new school, second grader, Logan McCain, stops by one last time to say goodbye to his classmates. He also took time to bring an awareness to autism. We will miss you Logan and we wish you great success!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

How do you show your leader how much you appreciate her compassion for all students and her undying support for each of her staff members? Well, at AW James you shower her with love on her birthday.





AW James' faculty and staff were reminded of the dreams they all were awaiting as the Christmas break vastly approached. They were invited to participate in the following schedule of dreams for the much needed time away from school. Dec. 6th - White Christmas, Dec. 7th - Candy Cane Christmas, Dec. 8th - Blue Christmas, Dec. 9th - Buffalo Christmas, Dec. 10th - Grinchy Christmas, Dec. 13th - Black Christmas, Dec. 14th - Camouflage Christmas, Dec. 15th - Country Christmas, Dec. 16th - Cozy Christmas, and Dec. 17th - Merry Christmas. Students joined in on a Grinchy and Cozy Christmas.

White Christmas



Buffalo Christmas



Grinchy Christmas



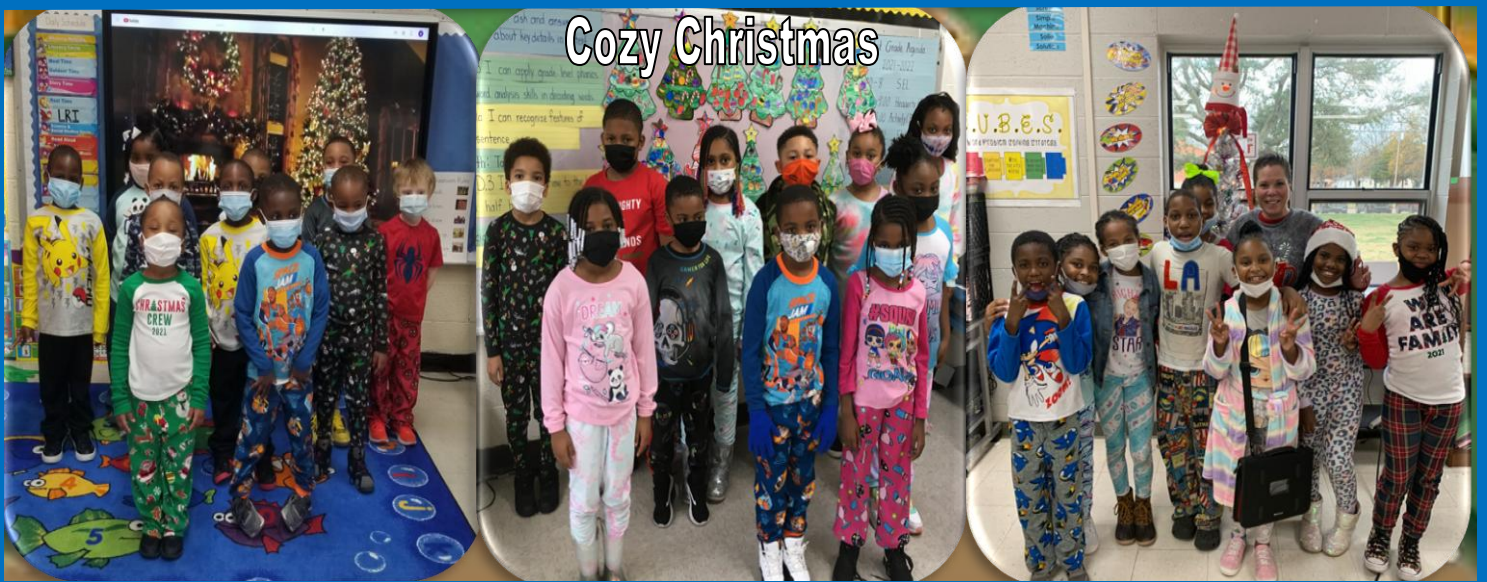
Camouflage Christmas



Country Christmas



Cozy Christmas



Word of the month

Responsibility is doing the things you are supposed to do and accepting results of your actions.

Responsibility

- ➔ Doing what is expected.
- ➔ Choose between right and wrong.
- ➔ Be accountable.

Season's Greetings

The dynamic team players on the fourth and fifth grade hall closed out our Christmas Theme by showing how a real teaching squad could come together to display the true spirit of Christmas. As a follow up to their Halloween costumes, these ladies got together and came up with the unique idea of dressing up as a team of teaching elves. Hats off to each of you. You looked fabulous! Our custodian, Mr. Phillips was not far behind in spirit as he showed off his Santa attire. We thank everyone for their spirit of cooperation and participation.



Jan. 7th



Jan. 13th



Jan. 17th

DATES TO REMEMBER



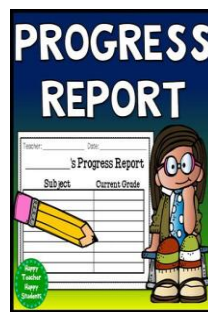
Jan. 18th



Jan. 26th



Jan. 24th-28th



Feb. 1st-4th



Feb. 14th



Feb. 14th-18th



Feb. 21st