



Graceville Elementary School

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Our character trait for the month of January is discretion.

Roundup In Learning

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
January 26 *Report Card Day	January 27	January 28	January 29	February 1 *FCAT Writing Camp 4th Grade Students

“Paws-abilities” at GES

January

26 ~ Report Card Day

February

Black History Month

National Dental Health Month

1-8 ~ FCAT Writing Camp 4th Grade Students

9 ~ FCAT Writing

12 ~ Valentine Parties

I look forward to a different schedule. I continue to exercise each morning. I have more time to visit my grandchildren, children, and distant relatives and friends. I enjoy cooking new recipes and telling my husband, “I know you will like this one.” I am learning Italian (Sono studio italiano ogni giorni.) I tinker at the piano. My husband and I plan to travel. I stay busy.

However, my memories of GES and the people connected to the school linger dear to my heart. Thank you for such a wonderful “ride”.

Love,

Mrs. Barbara J. Mixson “Bobbi”

P.S. I encourage each student to consider the rewards of working with eager minds wanting to learn!



So Long...

Dear Students and Parents,
I have enjoyed being your principal for the past five years. I have served Jackson County for 35 years and will officially retire January 31st. Enough accumulated vacation days allowed me to leave the first day of 2010.

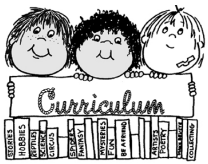
Before I even began school, I knew I wanted to be in education. I watched the yellow bus pass each morning and could not wait until I could ride it. At every grade, I wanted to be a teacher of that grade. I have enjoyed each new adventure: teaching for 21 years, being curriculum coordinator for 9 years, and being principal for 5 years. I have been blessed with a wonderful community, great staff, and especially, fantastic students and parents. Thank you!

Resource for Parents

The Florida Partnership for
Family Involvement in Education
www.floridapartnership.usf.edu

Worth Quoting

You just can't beat the person who never gives up.
Babe Ruth



1st Grade News

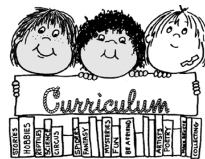
First graders are progressing nicely on their Madagascar Island of Learning. In November, the students enjoyed seeing real Indians when Mrs. Lisa Buckner came to show Indian artifacts and teach an Indian dance in native costumes. The children were able to taste Indian bread.

Students have been taking AR tests and most have met their first AR goal. Please be sure your child is reading his/her library book in order to do well on the tests. The goal for AR this 3rd 9 weeks is 4 points. This will require the children to take 8 tests and make 100 on each test.

During the 3rd nine weeks, lists 9-11 of the Dolch words will be tested. Remember to have your first grader- READ, READ, READ! Feel free to call and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Please remember homework folders go home each Monday and must be returned Friday. Check the communicator folders for notes and behavior checklist. Thanks for your help and support.

2nd Grade News

Second grade welcomes two new employees, Ashley Odom and Barbara Reese. Ashley will be helping Mrs. Kanen's students and Barbara will be working with Mrs. Mathews' students.



Students continue to read in Scott Foresman series. Please continue to have your child read to you each night. The more he/she practices reading, the more enjoyable it will be and skills will improve!

Students are still working with 2 digit addition and subtraction. Please allow your child to use manipulatives (for example: count with toothpicks, straws, coins, buttons, etc...) when doing math at home.

Second grade completed their Martin Luther King speeches and gave their presentations on Jan. 15th. Thank you to all the parents that were able to come and support the children.

New AR goals begin Jan. 20th. Your child needs to continue reading AR books and taking tests. Students should take two tests each week.



All-State Participants
Sierra Ennis and
Ziah White pictured
with Mrs. Karen
Bouton and Henry
Leck

New Faces at GES!

Natalie Ferrand

Natalie Ferrand is one of Graceville Elementary's newest employees. Mrs. Ferrand is a graduate of the Baptist College of Florida, where she received her Bachelors of Art in music. Her husband, Stephen, is a music minister. Natalie is happy to be working with the third grade classes as a paraprofessional.



Lina Hendrickson



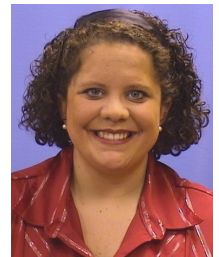
Lina Hendrickson is a graduate of Graceville High School, Gulf Coast Community College, and the University of West Florida where she completed a BS degree in Business Management.

Lina worked in the broadcast business for 18+ years with positions in sales, management and ownership. She is married to Everett Hendrickson, has four children, 18 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Lina returned home several years ago to care for her parents, Dr. Jack and Miss Hazel Miller. She has driven a school bus in Malone, Cottondale and is happy to be in Graceville working with Graceville Elementary and High School children and staff.

Ashley Odom

Ashley Odom is a 2003 graduate of Graceville High School and a 2009 graduate of the Baptist College of Florida. She is currently working on her teacher certification. Ms. Odom is excited to join the GES team as a paraprofessional in the 2nd grade classes.



Barbara Reece



Mrs. Barbara Reece has been employed by the Jackson County School Board for the past 15 years as a substitute. She and her husband, Tom, have lived in Graceville for 31 years and have raised 3 children. Barbara enjoys working as a paraprofessional and being part of the 2nd grade learning experience.