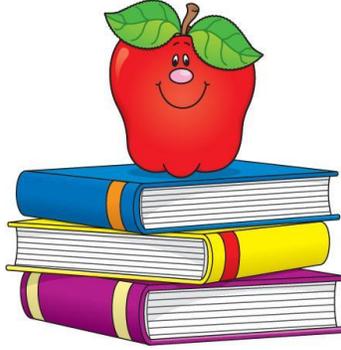


Welcome to Kindergarten!



Dear Families,

I wish to welcome you to Kindergarten at Bethlehem Elementary! This is an exciting time for both you and your child. The first day of Kindergarten will mark one of the most important milestones in your child's life. I am sure you are experiencing mixed emotions as your little one enters another year of school, or enters for the first time.

I am excited to get the school year started and on its way. I will do my best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, and also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily in kindergarten are the building blocks for your child's future success in school and in life! I believe that children need encouragement, consistency, clear expectations, and healthy boundaries.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a little bit about myself both personally and professionally. I grew up in Barrow County and attended Barrow County Schools. I graduated from Piedmont College in 2007. This is my 10th year teaching Kindergarten at Bethlehem. I live in Walton County with my husband, Jonathan, and our sons- Mason and Colton. Mason attends BES as well. He is in 1st grade!

Our classroom paraprofessional is Mrs. Audrea Parham. She has been at BES for several years first in PreK and now in Kindergarten. She lives in Barrow County with her husband- Barry, son- Dylan, and daughter- Hannah. (I actually taught Dylan in Kindergarten my 2nd year teaching! 😊)

I look forward to taking many adventures in learning with your child. I want your child to SUCCEED! I value your involvement and believe I can better teach your child when working in a partnership with you and your family. You know your child better than anyone, and I value all that I can learn from you! If you will take a few moments tonight to fill out the following survey and return it, it will help me with getting to know your child.

I invite you to be an important part of our kindergarten adventure! Located in the ABCs of our classroom you will find the link to our class website and Instagram account. Check in often to see new updates! If you have any questions, or at anytime need to discuss your child with me, please do not hesitate to call (770-867-2238), email (katie.edwards@barrow.k12.ga.us), or send me a note. It is going to be a GREAT year!

Warmly,

Mrs. Edwards

Child's Name: _____

Your Child:

1. What is the most important thing I should know about your child?
2. What is your child passionate about?
3. What is your child's favorite book?
4. What fears does your child have? (Big or small)
5. What is the best way to motivate your child?

You and Your Family:

1. What are you looking forward to with Kindergarten?
2. How would you like to be involved with your child's education?
3. What is something your family enjoys doing together?
4. Does your family have any special celebrations or traditions you would like to share with the class?
5. Who else lives at your house (siblings, pets etc.?)

Anything else you would like to tell me that will help me make this a successful year?