

# Friday Celebrity Newsletter

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*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."*

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

## THIS WEEK'S BEST PRACTICES . . . . .

- Students working on science fair projects.
- Teachers reviewing benchmark data to see what can be done differently to improve student achievement.
- Reading Specialist assisting teachers with completing intervention activities.
- Data walls being completed.
- Students reading and checking our library books.



**Let's Shout it Out!!!!!!**

**Special thanks to all staff for being on their duty stations on time and monitoring student movement.**

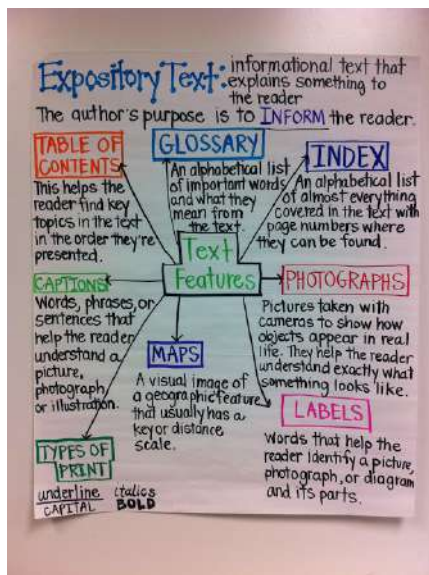
Special thanks to our instructional assistants for their flexibility during Curriculum Mapping.

Our students are taking an active interest in reading and taking Accelerated Reader test. Let's continue to encourage them to read and take test.

Remember, "Reading is the key that opens all doors". Special recognition goes to the following classes for reading the most books so far this school year: Mr. Hobbs' 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mr. Pitpit's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, and Mrs. Chlomoudis' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. The classes with the highest averages are: Mrs. Hardy's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mr. Pitpit's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mrs. Eley's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. The students have read a total of 5,497 books so far this year.

### Resource Corner

This Week's Topic: Reading Strategies



**Theme**: the message, or lesson, that the author wants you to learn from the story

**Common topics for Theme - "Big Ideas"**

- courage
- dreams
- kindness
- fears
- being yourself
- equality
- hope
- differences
- friendship
- hard work
- honesty
- love
- family
- jealousy
- never giving up
- doing the right thing
- acceptance
- achievement
- peace

**Ask yourself -**

- What did the characters learn?
- How did the characters grow or change?
- Why did the characters act this way?

**When you know the theme:**  
I know the theme is \_\_\_\_\_ because the text says \_\_\_\_\_.

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/english/elementary/reading/reading\\_vocabulary\\_strategies.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/english/elementary/reading/reading_vocabulary_strategies.shtml)

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/poetry-pre-reading-strategies>

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/help-students-analyze-text>

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/reading-workshop-overview>

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/jigsaw-method>

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/analyzing-text-as-a-group>



## **Just for Thought:**

**Sense of Urgency . . . . What is a sense of urgency? Peter Marshall sums it up in the following quote:**

**"Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen."**

As you reflect on the quote, think about where we are in education. More specifically, where are we in educating our students at Ahoskie Elementary School? Are we meeting the needs of all of our students- Boys, girls, black, white, exceptional, AIG, Hispanic, Asian, free/reduced lunch ? Are all of our students showing high student achievement? We can no longer be content and see what will happen at the end of the school year. We must be determined to make sure our students receive the education that they are entitled to. We must develop a sense of urgency to ensure that ALL of our students are reading proficiently. We cannot keep doing things the way we have always done them because we will get the same results. At Ahoskie Elementary School, we have a sense of urgency to show high student achievement. We must ALL work together to ensure that this takes place.



**From Ms. Scott**



I would like to thank all of you for your dedication and support at AES!!! As we walk around AES, let's all remember to **Be Responsible**, **Expect the Best**, **Always be Prepared**, **Respect Others**, and **Stay Safe!!!** Let's make 2012-2013, a year in which AES shines all over Hertford County and North Carolina!!!!

**Have a wonderful weekend!!!!**

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