

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

The 12 Powerful Words

For the 2009-10sy we will be working on the following words with student friendly definitions. Please incorporate these into activities at home:

1. Trace– List in steps
2. Analyze– Break apart
3. Infer– Read between the lines
4. Evaluate– Judge
5. Formulate– Create
6. Describe– Tell all about
7. Support– Back up with details
8. Explain– Tell how
9. Summarize– Give me the short version
10. Compare– All the ways they are alike
11. Contrast– All the ways they are different
12. Predict– What will hap-

Important Dates

- Fri., Aug. 28 Delta Dental
- Mon., Aug 31 Early Release
- Tue., Sept. 1-2 Dial Testing
- Tue., Sept. 1 Curriculum Night
- Thu., Sept. 6 Boy Scouts
- Mon. Sept. 7 No School
- Tue., Sept. 8 PTO Meeting

Back to School Edition– August 21, 2009

WELCOME BACK!

It is a pleasure to welcome you all back to Barbara C. Jordan School. The staff and I hope that your summer was relaxing, enjoyable, and invigorating! We are committed to making this school year the very best one yet for your children. As we continue to narrow our focus to improve student achievement, our dedicated teachers spent two days in professional development regarding Cooperative Learning and Differentiated Instruction. These teaching strategies are designed to assist teachers with specific strategies to help each child be successful. For more information on these

programs go to the following websites:

<http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/intech/cooperativelearning.htm>

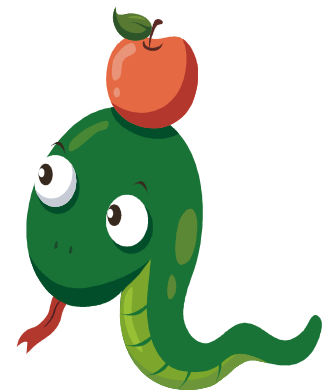
http://www.cast.org/publications/ncac/ncac_diffinstruc.html

NEW STAFF

We are happy to welcome a new staff member to Barbara C. Jordan. Ms. Christina Vitale will be our intermediate SSD teacher. Welcome, Ms. Vitale!

PTO

The Barbara C. Jordan PTO has a Vice President vacancy. Please consider serving on our



PTO as a way of supporting our school and our students. If you can help BCJ by serving on the PTO, please contact Ms. Jones at 314-304-5529.

What is PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports)?

Barbara C. Jordan utilizes a school-wide approach for discipline. PBIS is a way to improve student academic and behavior outcomes by ensuring that all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioral

practices and interventions possible. At BCJ we are:

Responsible, Respectful, Kind, Cooperative, and Safe learners.

Attendance Challenge

BCJ's attendance target for the school year is 98%. We will be raffling bikes monthly starting in August for students that are present everyday. Will your child help us attain our goal?