

"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them."

Lady Bird Johnson

At Red Bank Elementary School, we're all about children. We believe that every child has unleashed potential and we are in the business of empowering children to be all that they can be. We recognize that every child is different, unique, and deserving of the best we have to offer.

We have paraphrased a quote from Mother Goose that we use as a goal - Making our good our better, our better our best. We accept children where they are emotionally, socially, and academically and we build upon their strengths and strengthen their weaknesses. There is only one way to go, and that is to grow.

As a faculty and staff, we pose this question as the focus for every decision, "What is best for children?" With that thought in mind, combined with the multitude of skills and knowledge of this experienced staff, we believe we have a refuge where children can feel secure to take the risks involved in learning. They know they are cared for and believed in. After all, they will live up to the expectations we have for them. We expect the best and nothing less and we're here to make that hap-

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Did You Know?

Red Bank Elementary is always working toward improvement. The faculty and staff have worked diligently to meet the needs of struggling students and we are currently discussing a standards-based approach to education.

In this model, students would be required to meet levels of proficiency in the standards before moving on to the next level of learning. This will work to ensure that every student can learn and progress at levels that are appropriately challenging for each individual. Rather than having the limited information revealed in an A, B, C, D, F reporting system, parents would know exactly what their child has learned according to each standard.

Additionally, we will help students become better learners and citizens by helping them evaluate their personal and social goals.

Our vision of Successful Learning for All has moved us to a greater focus on every ONE of our students needs.

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Respect

- ☆ **Welcome Greetings** - Staff greets students with a handshake or hug every morning.
- ☆ **Morning Meetings**- Classroom gatherings are conducted to build community and foster relationships between teachers and students.
- ☆ **Sunrise Activities** - Organized activities for students prior to going to class each morning.
- ☆ **Mentoring Program** - Matches identified students with adult volunteers from the community.
- ☆ **Positive Behavior Supports**- Promotes positive behavior throughout the school and encourages students to make the right choices.
- ☆ **Special Education** - Three special needs classrooms are integrated into our school community. We participate in Special Olympics and have a unified team.

Belong

- ☆ *At Red Bank Elementary, we utilize a variety of programs to guide, nurture and inspire our children to reach their maximum potential. Our school culture fosters these principles: Respect, Belong, Excel, Serve. This creates a haven in which all children are provided an atmosphere of respect and caring, encouraged to be responsible members in their community, and empowered to attain their academic best.*
- ☆ **Kool Kidz Radio Show**- Students produce a radio show to keep everyone "in the know" about events and activities

Excel

- ☆ **Response to Intervention (RTI) and Math Seminar** - Time allotted each day for targeted instruction in reading and math based on specific student needs.
- ☆ **Retesting** - To encourage ongoing learning, students are given the opportunity to retest after further learning and effort. "Failure is not an option".
- ☆ **Professional Learning Communities** - Teachers develop teams to collaborate and share best practices to maximize learning by all students.
- ☆ **Peer Tutors** - Collaborative learning experiences established between older and younger students.
- ☆ **HOPE Night** - Workshop for parents of first graders to receive tips and resources to help their children be successful in reading, writing and math.
- ☆ **Literacy Night**- Families come and enjoy a night filled with storytelling, puppetry, and good books.
- ☆ **Reading Goals Program**- Students set reading goals and celebrate their accomplishments each month.
- ☆ **Learning Goals**- Each student in grades two through five meet with teacher and administrator to set personal learning goals.
- ☆ **Leadership**-Students assume roles of leadership throughout our school such as safety patrol, announcement team, and recycling team.
- ☆ **The Leader in Me**- Promotes leadership and fosters greatness in each child.

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Habits of Happy Kids- We practice 7 principles to live by and practice applying it to our everyday lives.

- ☆ **Standards Based Learning**-Faculty and Staff have embarked on a professional journey to provide all students the opportunity for standards based learning.
- ☆ **Spanish Partial Immersion Program** -Students participating in this program are immersed in the Spanish language for their math and science instruction.
- ☆ **Fine Arts, Physical Education, Spanish** Each week, students participate in Music, Art, Physical Education, and Spanish (grades 2-5). Students have access to computers in classrooms and labs.

Serve

- ☆ **Parenting Center** - Parent and their toddlers can participate in fun learning activities led by a parenting specialist.
- ☆ **PTO Sponsored Events**- Includes family bingo night, family movie night, and parents night out.
- ☆ **Service Projects**- We participate in a variety of outreach projects such as Relay For Life, Pennies for Patients, Heavenly Hats, Special Olympics, and United Way.
- ☆ **Adult Education**—Classes are provided for adults who are learning English as a second language.
- ☆ **How Full is Your Bucket?**- We serve by filling each other's buckets with random acts of kindness and positive comments.