

# ROCKET NEWS

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Our school received a 5 Star rating for the second year in a row on the Climate Star Survey. This is the highest possible rating.
- Did you know that our 5th grade students showed a 12% increase in Lexile Scores on the GA Milestones assessments.

**OUR STUDENTS ROCK!**

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing you and your loved ones happiness and full stomachs!

**Here's What Happening With our Rocket Scientists!**

**PBIS:** Our school is in the process of becoming a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports School (PBIS) This means that we are setting clear expectations for student behavior in all areas of the school including the classroom, cafeteria, hallways and bathrooms. Look around the school for the signage encouraging our students to be a STAR.



**Differentiated Instruction:**

This year we have begun a schoolwide literacy initiative that mirrors county expectation. For 45 minutes each day, students are receiving explicit reading instruction based on their current level of functioning and needs. This is referred to as our NBI/DI block. During this critical time, students are exposed to text at and above their current reading level in efforts to raise their Lexile level, increase fluency and vocabulary as well as assist in reading comprehension.

**Math Workshop:** We are continuing to teach math through the workshop model. This simply means the lesson takes place in three parts: opening, work-time and closing. Teachers model expectations, allow students time to work independently or in groups and then students lead the closing sharing how they solved mathematical problems. During the closing students show their understanding through their ability to explain their thought processes



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Stevi B's Spirit Night 4-8pm	11/16
Thanksgiving Break	11/20-24
Early Release (12:30 dismissal)	12/06
PTA Meeting w/ 1st Grade Performance	12/07
Breakfast w/Santa 9am-12pm	12/09
Rocket Choir Concert 7pm	12/12
Holiday Break	12/21-1/03



**WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK**

Please let us know your thoughts on your recent Parent-Teacher conference.

\*Did you find the information helpful?

\*Were your academic and behavioral concerns addressed?

\*What could be done differently to address your concerns?

Reach out to your child's teacher if there are any concerns or questions.

