

Lockwood Elementary
2010-2011

B.A.R.K.

- B** - Be Safe
- A** - Appropriate Behavior
- R** - Responsibility
- K** - Kindness

Dear Parents:

I am excited to share with you that Lockwood Elementary is a MiBLSi school in its second year! The initiative helps schools create a "culture" where staff teach academic success and behavior success side by side. Last year MiBLSi and the Lockwood staff saw a dramatic change in our data and wonderful impacts to all students. Part of this process means we test your children in literacy regularly and adjust our teaching to match their level. We created a three tiered intervention process that reaches all students at their individual level of need. This may mean your child works with a literacy aide, a title one teacher, or maybe with a mentor. We frequently have volunteers in the building that are also trained.

- ✓ We believe that this commitment to MiBLSi for at least a period of ten years will continue to make a major positive impact on our students and our school.
- ✓ We believe that we need to teach behavior not just expect it to occur. If a child cannot read, we teach them to read. If a child cannot write, we teach them to write. If a child cannot behave, we.....teach them to behave. We need to teach, model and expect proper behavior.
- ✓ We have a positive reward system built into its foundation and we use positive tickets that will be sent home called "I got caught barking".
- ✓ We acknowledge positive behavior at a ratio of 5 to 1. That means we will have five positive contacts with a child for every one negative contact. We ask that you also try this at home and teach it to others.

We want our Lockwood students and staff to be caring, appropriate, responsible, and safe. This will be the touchstone for all that we do for the future. We are ready to make this commitment and we invite you to join us in the journey. We know that we will have successes and failures but we truly believe we need to take these steps to make our school the best that it can be. Please join us with your support! If you are interested in helping out please see Mrs. Powers the principal.

