Bayless Elementary School

Building Priorities

Student Learning and Growth

Our Goal

By the end of the year, our goal is to increase the number of students working at or above grade level and meeting their individual growth goals. We also want more students to meet or exceed state expectations in reading and math.

We Are

-Using i-Ready reading and math assessments to understand what each student knows and what they need to learn next.
-Providing small-group and individual support when students need extra help.
-Building strong daily teaching routines in every classroom.
-Strengthening writing by teaching students how to make a clear claim, use evidence, and explain their thinking.
-Strengthening early reading skills, including letters, sounds, and phonics.
-Giving teachers regular time to review student work and plan next steps together.

We Expect to See

-More students reading and doing math at or above grade level.
-More students meeting their individual reading and math growth goals.
-Stronger writing and problem-solving skills.
-Continued growth on i-Ready and Missouri state assessments.

How Families Can Help

-Read with your child or encourage independent reading each day.
-Practice math facts and problem-solving through games and everyday activities.
-Ask your child, "What did you learn today?" and "What are you working to improve?"
-Celebrate growth and effort, not just grades or test scores.
-Reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about progress or need ideas for practice at home.

Attendance and Belonging

Our Goal

Our goal is for Bayless Elementary to reach an overall attendance rate of 95% or higher. Regular attendance gives students the best chance to learn, build relationships, and stay connected to school.

We Are

-Reviewing attendance each month to identify students who may need support.
-Reaching out to families when attendance or frequent tardies become a concern.
-Creating individual supports for students who are having difficulty attending regularly.
-Recognizing students and classes for strong attendance.
-Working to make school a place where students feel connected and want to be each day.

We Expect to See

-More students attending school regularly.
-Fewer missed days and late arrivals.
-Stronger connections between students, families, teachers, and school.
-Students who feel supported and connected to their school community.

How Families Can Help

-Make regular, on-time attendance a priority whenever our child is healthy.
-Keep consistent bedtime and morning routines.
-Schedule appointments outside the school day when possible.
-Talk with your child about why being at school matters.
-Contact us early if your family is facing a challenge that may affect attendance. We want to help.