

TO: Charlie Glaes, Superintendent  
Vicksburg Board of Education  
FROM: Alyssa Thompson  
RE: 2016-2017 Annual Report

### **BULLDOG BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL**

The Vicksburg Community Schools Bulldog Beginnings Preschool celebrated its seventeenth year of operation. Forty-eight children enrolled, with sixteen at each of the elementary schools. We operated a full day program at each school. The program ran Mondays-Fridays from 9:00 AM to 3:40 PM.

The classroom staff was as follows:

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| Indian Lake: | Alyssa Thompson | Lead teacher      |
|              | Kylee Schlabach | Associate teacher |
| Sunset Lake: | Amy McLiechey   | Lead teacher      |
|              | Alicia Crandall | Associate teacher |
| Tobey:       | Katie Salik     | Lead teacher      |
|              | Dot Rowley      | Associate teacher |

- Thirty-nine participants were within 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- We serviced nine children who had identified speech and language delays and received services on-site through PET.
- We had 100% participation at parent-teacher conferences.

We continue to use the Creative Curriculum as our primary curriculum. We used the Creative Curriculum Gold Developmental Continuum as our research-based performance assessment. Additionally, we administered the PELI for the third year. This is a research project with DMG (Dynamic Measurement Group), authors of DIBELS. This Preschool Early Literacy Indicators assessment tool focused on alphabet knowledge, oral language, vocabulary, and comprehension. This took place mainly in small group settings and all scores demonstrated growth. This data guides our classroom experiences.