

TO: Charlie Glaes, Superintendent
Vicksburg Board of Education
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RE: 2013-2014 Annual Report

B4K PRESCHOOL

The Vicksburg Community Schools B4K Preschool celebrated its fourteenth year of operation. Thirty-four children enrolled. We operated both a morning and afternoon session at Indian Lake Elementary with sixteen students in the morning class and eighteen students in the afternoon class. The program ran Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:45 PM to 3:45 PM. Alyssa Thompson was the lead teacher and Kylee Schlabach was the associate teacher. Jamie Long was the afternoon aid to help provide support for the two additional children in the afternoon. These two children transitioned from the ECSE classroom allowing for an inclusion arrangement. Here are some highlights from this year:

- Thirty one participants were within 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- We serviced four 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 and supplement with Pearson's Open the World of Learning (OWL) program. OWL is a comprehensive early literacy program that develops early literacy skills through rich, integrated content and works well with our primary curriculum. We used the Creative Curriculum Gold Developmental Continuum as our research-based performance assessment. As you can see from the attached documents our students demonstrated significant growth in all developmental domains. Additionally, we piloted the PELI. 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 had positive results. Graphs are attached displaying the results from fall to spring in each category.