

# Desert View's PBIS Newsletter

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## *Our End of the Year Testing Begins!*

### **Why is the iReady Diagnostic Important?**

Taking the Diagnostic helps us:

- Celebrate what you learned
- Know your progress toward goals
- Learn how much you need to know before the end of the year
- Get new lessons that are just right for you

### **Tips for successful test taking:**

- If you get to a question you have not learned yet, try your best.
- Do not rush, but don't spend too much time on any one question.
- Read each question and choice carefully.
- For Math--Show your work carefully.
- For Reading--Re-read each passage/read passages carefully.
- Check your work before going to the next question.
- Support but DO NOT help--encourage your child to stay focused and try their best, but do not help with the answers.
- Find a quiet place for your child to take the test--if possible away from distractions, electronics, etc.

### **How to encourage your child for the test:**

- Explain the importance of the test (see Taking the Diagnostic above)
- Celebrate your child's effort.
- Praise your child for the things they do well.

- "I can tell you're very focused. Keep up the good work!"
- "I am really proud of you, you did a great job."
- "It's okay if you don't know it. Make your best guess and move on to the next question."

### **Mrs. McMillan**

#### *Retiring*

Mrs. McMillan has made Desert View her home for the last 30 years! She has had experience teaching Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and a K, 1 and 2 combo! She has served in Leadership at our school many times and directed Honor Choir from 1997-2008! Mrs. McMillan herself used to sing with a group called the Sweet Adelines, she is reported to have a *wonderful* voice and often played the piano for her students.

Mrs. McMillan loves teaching about the world around us and always develops wonderful relationships with the students and families. We know she will miss the students the most, singing, talking, teaching and interacting with the kinders.

Mrs. McMillan is a wonderful gardener and spends many mornings working in her garden. She has two sons and one soon to be granddaughter. We will truly miss Mrs. McMillan at Desert View and we are eternally grateful to her years of dedication and service to the children in our community.

~Mrs. Wilson