

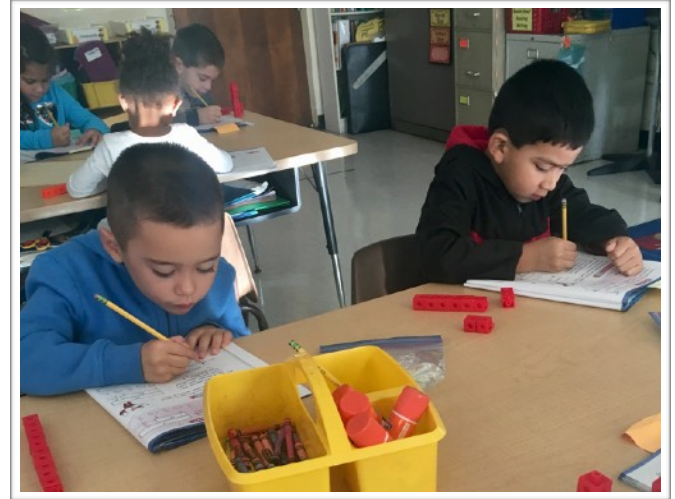
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BES News

Principal's Newsletter

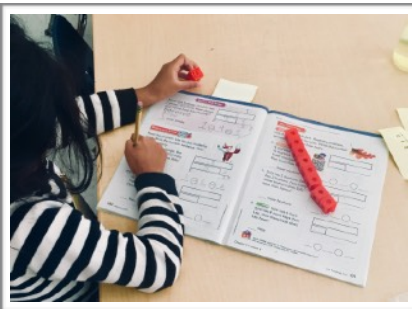
Learning Through Mistakes and the Power of Struggle

Notice the concentration of the first grade students modeling their sums and recording their answers with detail and intent. The red cubes serve as a tool to work through complex problems worded to build deep conceptual understanding of numbers and mathematical operations. Daily math instruction challenges students to access old knowledge while practicing with new skills to make decisions that will help solve real world problems in the future.



Whether it is here during math instruction, later during reading and writing, or out in the interpersonal interactions at recess, the struggles that children encounter and the mistakes they make help grow synapses and build connections in their brains. Put simply: **Children learn through their mistakes and the struggle deepens that learning.** At BES, we know that one of the most powerful messages we can send to our students is that mistakes are good! Making a mistake does NOT indicate that they are not smart or not a “math person”. We know that brains have an incredible capacity to grow and change and that each time a mistake is made, the brain sparks and grows—even if there is no awareness of why the mistake was made.

So join us in supporting your child in times of struggle by recognizing the learning opportunity. Encourage them to play with wild, creative ideas and solutions. Teach them to remain open-minded to different experiences and to forge ahead through difficulties. Our partnership will prevent the paralyzing fear of failure and will nurture courageous, creative, and thoughtful mindsets in our children!



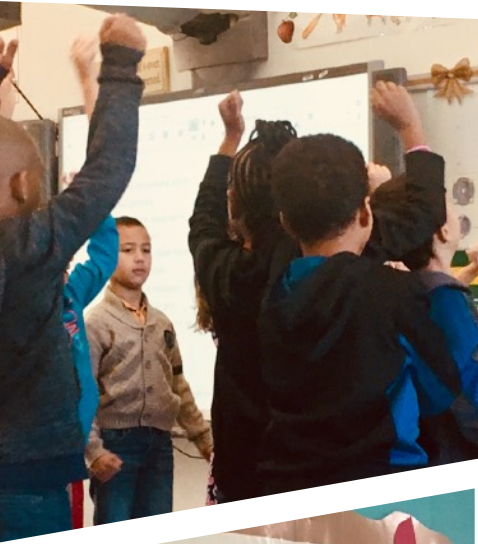
If you shop at Stop & Shop, please take 5 minutes to register your Stop & Shop rewards card = free cash for our school!

Visit www.stopandshop.com and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 13-digit Stop & Shop Card number and the School ID #.

Babylon Elementary #07256

You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

Contact babylonptatreasurer@gmail.com for assistance.



Social Emotional Curriculum

Our students are building a foundation for successful participation in learning through this month's unit of study. Notice the picture to the left of students singing along to a song that highlights the skills important for learning: *Listening to Learn, Focusing Attention, Following Directions, Using Self-Talk, and Being Assertive.* The second graders in Mrs. Poelker's class even invented movements to remember these skills! Next week, our focus is on using *Self-Talk*. This study builds on previous lessons and explicitly teaches the use of positive self-talk as a strategy for staying on task, following directions, and ignoring distractions.

Field Trips

The teachers at BES thoughtfully incorporate field trips throughout the year to enhance the curriculum offered to all K-2nd students. Our students are introduced to theatre, explore outdoor learning labs at State parks, visit community landmarks, museums, and more. This January, an in-house field trip called Starlab will bring the nighttime sky to BES through a planetarium experience. More information will be shared as we get closer to that event. Thank you to all of our parents who help support the success of all of our field trips.

Halloween Parade

A detailed letter was sent home this week about the annual Halloween Parade held at BES. We invite all parents to this festive event and count on your cooperation through the dismissal process. Additional copies of the letter can be found in the Virtual Backpack on our school website. Please be sure to read through the letter for information about costumes, parade times, and dismissal notifications.

Clubs

Club selections were distributed to all interested students today. If you did not receive your notice, please contact Ellen Smith at 631-893-7960. **We are excited to announce that beginning in November, we will be running a FLES Club at BES!** Students K-2 will be invited to explore Spanish language and culture by learning thematic vocabulary and phrasing taught through song, dance, conversation, and crafts. Further information and an interest notice will be sent home next week.



Upcoming Dates

- ★ **Oct. 31st** Halloween Parade 1:30 pm Front Circle
- ★ **Nov. 1st** School Photo Make Ups
- ★ **Nov. 3rd** Parent Food Tasting - 9:45 am - BES Cafeteria
- ★ **Nov. 7th** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Election Day
- ★ **Nov. 9th** BES Patriotic Sing-Along - 1:30 pm
- ★ **Nov. 10th** SCHOOLS CLOSED - Veteran's Day Observance

Don't forget to read the
flyers attached to our
eBlasts!

Mr. Davey

Principal

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Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Be Safe

