

# Student Recognition at Cahaba

At Cahaba Elementary we take pride in focusing on student growth; academically, socially and emotionally. We believe that students' effort in these areas should be acknowledged and celebrated throughout the school year in a variety of ways.

## Daily:

Each Homeroom teacher recognizes students with exceptional work ethic and effort by naming them as "Star Students" - Classrooms are rotated throughout the year. Pictures of the "Stars" are posted on the Cahaba Face Book and Instagram pages and honored during morning announcements.

## Weekly:

Throughout the week students have the opportunity to earn a "husky paw" for making exceptionally good choices. "Husky paws" are given out by staff member for just about any behavior that an adult would like to reinforce and their use is adapted throughout the year. "Husky Paws" have been used for, but not limited to: good cafeteria manners, completing homework, exceptional hall behavior, volunteering for class chores, setting good examples during arrival and dismissal etc.... Each homeroom teacher draws a "husky paw" winner on Fridays for recognition. The students' names are read on the intercom and they wait outside their classrooms for the Husky Paw Prize Patrol to come by for them to choose their small, kid friendly prize.

## Monthly:

We believe students have the capacity to learn and develop character traits that equip them to navigate relationships and the challenges of life, while positively impacting the world around them.

Each month we focus on a Character Trait. At the end of the month, each classroom selects one student who best represents that trait and the students are celebrated by having their name read during morning announcements, invited to a special recognition with a treat and certificate, and their picture is displayed in our cafeteria. In addition, our PTO host a Pacesetter Breakfast to honor our students.

## Celebrating the end of the Nine Weeks

At the end of each grading term we celebrate students' achievements at our "pep rally style" celebration. Students' names are called to acknowledge the following areas:

- All Students named as Pacesetters during the grading period
- Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders that made All A's for the grading period
- Fifth Graders who served as CES Dogs
- Class SuccessMaker Champions – selected by the teacher using the teacher's criteria
- Class AR Champion – selected by the teacher using the teachers criteria
- Students reaching Millionaire Status through the AR program
- Husky Hero – chosen by the teacher as the student who showed the most growth during the trimester
- Students named to the Cahaba Wall of Fame
- Any other music or art awards given during the trimester

### End of the Year Celebrations

To close out the school year we host a more formal celebration and invite guests of students being recognized to attend. Recognitions for Academic Achievement, Exceptional Effort, Character, Academic Growth, Music, Physical Fitness, Art, and Technology are highlighted.

### The Cahaba Wall Of Fame

The Wall of Fame is located outside the Cahaba Cafeteria and recognizes students who meet at least two (2) of five (5) Milestones: Millionaire Status, more than 40 hours of SuccessMaker Math, more than 40 hours of SuccessMaker Reading, 90% or higher on AIMSWeb Reading Assessments, 90% or higher on AIMSWeb Math Assessments. Honored students create pictures of themselves to be displayed on the wall. Inductees are recognized on during morning announcements, at our end of the nine weeks celebrations and EOY celebrations.