

Celebration of Excellence

Employee of the Month

CIS – Bailee Rash

College attended: Stephen F. Austin State University

Years in education: This is my 3rd year of teaching. I have taught 5th grade at Center Intermediate for all three years.

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration? My husband would be my greatest supporter and inspiration. He always encourages me to be the best I can be. When I come home after a bad day (which every teacher has now and again) he reminds me of why I do what I do. He never complains when our Sunday afternoon consists of sitting on the floor cutting out material for the next week's lessons.

Why did you choose to become an educator? My Mom played a big role in why I chose to teach. I can remember going to her classroom after school and playing with all of the "teacher toys". As I got older, I really wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. I was able to see that every child didn't grow up like I did. I wanted to be there for children who didn't come from a loving home.

What makes a good teacher? I believe that to be a good teacher you have to have many qualities. A teacher must have patience, a love for learning, be flexible, and have lots of energy. The most important quality is being flexible. If you aren't, one little thing can ruin your entire lesson or entire day. Working with children, you never know what will happen or how your lesson can take a left turn right when you think your lesson is going great.

A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve? I believe every teacher always has a list of things that he/she wishes to improve. One of the most important for me is having engaging lessons that really get the students' minds working. I want my classroom to be a place where their minds grow through engaging, fun, meaningful activities.

What do you love about CISD? I love working at Center Intermediate School. It has such a good environment for teachers. I don't think I would have been as successful my first year of teaching if I had been teaching somewhere else. Everyone is willing to help any way possible. Also, the students are always put first. I believe that is why our school is so successful.

From around campus:

“She shares materials, ideas, lesson plans, and listens. She is an effective leader: does not pass judgment, encourages, shares what she practices but does not insist that one do things her way. She has a kind heart and is an excellent role model for all teachers.”

“Bailee is the true epitome of a team player. She keeps the students' best interests in the forefront of her mind as she encourages and leads her team throughout the planning and implementation of their curriculum. She's never one to turn down an adult or child with a ‘quick question’.”

