

Best Practices for B.E.A.R. Project

Selecting Students ~ If you see an expectant mother in the building explain the program to them and ask them to notify you when the baby is born. If you see a new baby visiting the school, ask the parent who the sibling is and explain the program.

Make Contact with Parent(s) ~ Very important to make contact with the parent before sending home a sibling bag to make sure it is welcomed and there are no other issues or concerns to consider first.

School Assemblies ~ Present students with their B.E.A.R. Program Bag and have them take the oath in front of the whole school. This will help raise awareness about the program and students will begin coming to staff to let them know they are going to be a big brother or sister.

Bulletin Boards ~ Start a bulletin board in September with the pictures of the students and their sibling(s) and have them sign a pledge that states they will read with the baby. This board stays up all school year and you can add to it every month.

Newsletter Recognition ~ Add the names of the student(s) that received a B.E.A.R. bag and acknowledge them for reading with their sibling.

Reading Party ~ Host a party at the end of the year and invite all the recipients of B.E.A.R. bags and READ!









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