**Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports**



West Gate Elementary

**What does BARK stand for?**

**B**e Responsible **A**ppropriate **R**espectful and **K**ind

The goal of BARK is to give students the support and encouragement they need to be successful academically and behaviorally. It is a belief system that guides our whole school community.

**What is a quarterly goal?**

At each quarterly awards assembly, students work with their teacher to set a goal for the amount of BARK Awards their entire grade level can earn. They work toward this goal for the whole quarter as a grade level team. If they reach that goal at the end of the quarter, students are rewarded by the principal with a huge celebration!



**What is a BARK Award?**



Students work together to earn 30 bone stickers. When they reach the goal, an announcement is made and a sign is given to the class. Their picture is taken and hung in the hall.

The class chooses a reward:

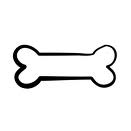
* extra recess
* lunch and a movie
* pajama day
* treasure box
* dance party, etc.

**What is Caught Being Good?**



If your child is showing extraordinary behavior at school, he or she may be given a sticker that says “I was Caught Being Good!” This means an adult saw your child doing a great job! Students are randomly called to the office to receive a prize from the principal for receiving this very special sticker. If your student comes home with a sticker, please ask what was done to earn the sticker!

**What is a bone sticker?**



Classes earn bone stickers for good behavior. They can earn them from teachers, principals, PE, Music, Art, Library, and cafeteria. When students make good choices they are awarded a bone sticker. The sticker is put on the classroom chart.



Once a class earns 30 stickers they have a celebration called a BARK Award.