



# STUDENTS ACHIEVE DRAMATIC GAINS IN KINDERGARTEN READINESS AT BEN HILL COUNTY SCHOOLS



Ben Hill County Schools, a recipient of the Georgia Striving Readers Grant, is receiving positive acclaim from grant officers for its transformative, countywide PreK-3rd grade reading initiative, **“Cane Readers, powered by Footsteps2Brilliance.”**

In less than 5 months, students have achieved an average 237% improvement across all 8 measures of the PALS reading assessment.

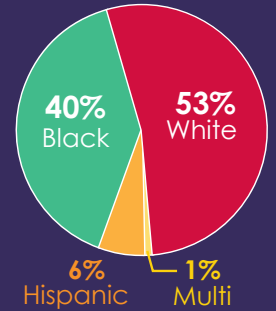
*“This improvement in foundational literacy means we are shifting our curriculum plans to cater to increasingly on- and above-grade-level reading students!”*

*Dr. Haralson, Superintendent, Ben Hill County Schools*

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**95%+** Free/Reduced Lunch

**47%** Minority



FOOTSTEPS2BRILLIANCE  
ACHIEVEMENT DATA



**32,245,486**  
WORDS READ



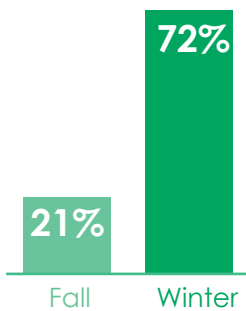
**83,283**  
BOOKS READ



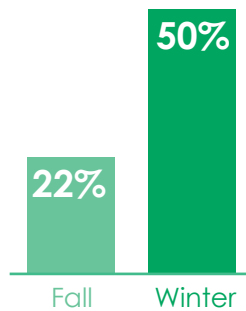
**8,379**  
LITERACY HOURS

## 2019 PALS PROFICIENCY RESULTS

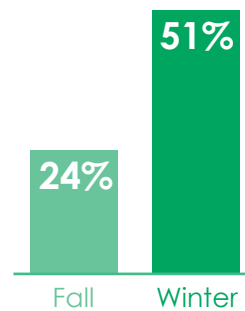
LETTER SOUNDS



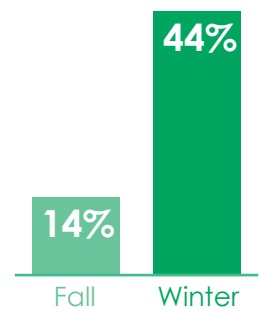
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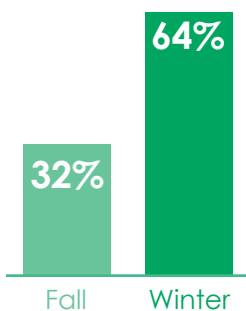
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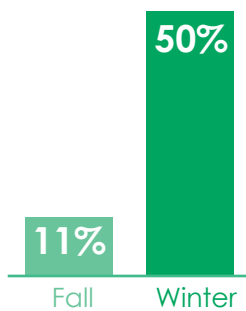
PRINT AND WORD AWARENESS



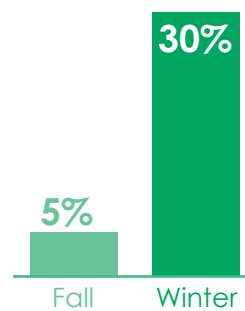
NAME WRITING



NURSERY RHYMES



RHYME AWARENESS



BEGINNING SOUNDS

