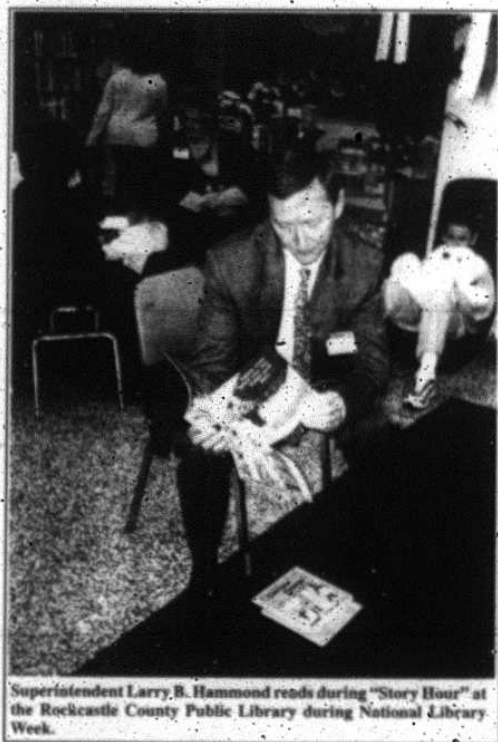


Superintendent's Comments

As we rapidly approach the close of this school year, the Rockcastle County Board of Education and the administrative team would like to pay tribute to the teachers of Rockcastle County. We fully realize the team must function as a whole. Effective planning must occur. Facilities must be conducive to the learning environment. Partnerships are essential to ensure every child has the maximum opportunity to receive a quality education. Finances must be orchestrated to make it happen. But most importantly, knowledgeable and well-trained teachers with an opportunity to teach and a genuine desire to make the difference in the lives of every child must be employed. We feel this is occurring in Rockcastle County and credit must be given where credit is due (TEACHERS).

May 6 through May 12, 2001, has been designated as Teacher Appreciation Week. This is due in part to the realization that a continuation of our democracy rests upon our teachers and their dedication. We realize our teachers are living up to high expectations. As reflected by our 1999-2000 assessment results, our teachers are doing a GREAT job. All five schools within the system were in rewards, resulting in a very successful district. Our teachers, community partners and the administrative team strive to develop a plan whereby continued success is ensured. The plan is inclusive of various aspects of child development as segmented from preschool to primary, primary to intermediate, intermediate to middle, middle to high and from high school to post secondary adult life. The teachers within the respective schools meet the consolidated plan objectives, resulting in visible and measurable means of success.

Our theme for the 2000-2001 school year has been "Taking The Time" and during this week I encourage you to recognize the professional teaching staff within Rockcastle County. Join with us in expressing appreciation for a job well done and take the time to share in Teacher Appreciation Week.



Superintendent Larry B. Hammond reads during "Story Hour" at the Rockcastle County Public Library during National Library Week.



Rockcastle County Board of Education, front row from left: Dr. George W. Griffith, Chairman, and Terry Burton. Back row from left: Michael Burdette, Sam Stallworth and Martin Vanzant.

