

# John Colemon Elementary Earns

## “Reward School” Award

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John Colemon Elementary was one of nine Rutherford County schools awarded “Reward School” for performing in the top five percent of Tennessee’s public schools for academic growth and progress — which is known as “value-added.” Schools can be recognized for being in the top five percent for either the performance or the progress categories — or for both categories. These schools are known as “Reward” schools.

“‘Choose to be the Difference’ is our motto. The teachers and staff of JCE have chosen to be the difference for our students,” said Ann Haley, principal. “We believe our students’ background and circumstances do not define who they are or their success in life. We have high expectations for ALL of our students. We believe in them and tell them frequently. I can’t say enough about our teachers and their dedication and hard work. People tend to think teaching is a job where you are finished before 3 each day, get long breaks around the holidays and get the summer off. That belief is nowhere close...the teachers at JCE come early and leave late, they work weekends and work during the summer preparing for their students. They care and the growth of our students show it. I would be remised if I didn’t say that I believe that the glory for this accomplishment goes to God.”

Mrs. Haley also expressed her appreciation for the support and guidance of Mr. Odom and his staff. She also was thankful for the Board supporting the new building stating, “It shows the students they matter and are valued.”