



# Rodrunner Express

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*Reaching Every Student— All Day, Every Day, Every Way!*

*From Ms. Haire and Mrs. Sumner*

Dear Parents,

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, we find ourselves thankful for many things, including our staff members who were selected to represent us this year. Please join me in congratulating **Heather Daugherty**, our Teacher of the Year; **Shemeka Gray** for Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year; and **Sarah Pruitt** our School Related Employee of the year. We are so very proud of them, and I know you as well. Congratulations team!

I hope you were able to join us for *Camping Under the Stars!* Kids and families had a wonderful time visiting the book-themed tents and enjoying some reading time together. We had over 200 visitors, which is outstanding! Congratulations to Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Moore! They had the most students attend this event and will be treated to a PIZZA PARTY! Thank you for your enthusiasm and coming out to support your kids!

This year we have discovered another great way you can help earn money for our school. **Coca-Cola** has a program that allows us to input codes on their 2-liter bottles and 12 packs of cans. Located inside the caps of the 2-liter bottles and on the perforated section at the end of the cardboard cartons (it says that there are 12 cans), you will find special codes. If you send the caps, or tear off and send in the perforated portion of the carton to school with your student, we have a volunteer who will input the codes for us. You can also enter the codes yourself by going to [www.us.coca-cola/give](http://www.us.coca-cola/give). Each bottle cap earns 5 cents, and each perforated section brings us 15 cents. Although it doesn't sound like much, it adds up quickly! So please get your family, friends, and neighbors involved!

### Important November Dates

November 3	SAC (5:30) and PTO (6:00)
November 11	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
November 16	Progress Reports
November 16	Fall Picture—Retakes
November 17	Conference Night
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL
November 29	Students Return

### Box Top News

We have an eerie-sistible bonus for all our Target shoppers! You can earn extra cash by purchasing 4 Annie's products now through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't downloaded the BTFE app yet, you can earn extra points by using this **code RN44991L**, and scanning your first receipt. Once you're registered, you can invite others to help with your own unique code. Let's see how much we can earn this month!!

### Apples, Apples, and More Apples!

Whether you prefer tart Granny Smiths or sweet Galas, in-season apples are delicious and well-deserving of their "keep the doctor away" reputation. Bursting with beneficial plant nutrients—including illustrious polyphenols, which support heart health and may protect against cancer—apples also contain copious fiber and vitamin C. (Keep the skins on whenever possible, since they're a concentrated source of polyphenols and other nutrients.) Apples are a perfect snack on their own (wash 'em well), or you can mix them into oatmeal, baked goods, salads, and more.





### Pre-K News

We are having a BLAST in Pre-K so far this year!!! We have spent the month in our Trees Study. We have investigated topics such as: what comes from a tree, which is bigger, what are the characteristics of trees, who lives in trees and what food comes from trees. We have made predictions, about which tree has the largest circumference, is the tree bigger or smaller than you, and how does a tree feel. We have measured the circumference of trees. We learned new vocabulary words, such as circumference, heavier, lighter, lean, stretch, smaller and bigger.

We have enjoyed many stories, such as *Abiyoyo*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *The Grouchy Ladybug* and *Henny Penny*.

The children have settled into all the rules and routines of the classroom and school and their learning progression shows that. Keep an eye out for information about end of the nine weeks conferences.

One of our main goals is to help your child become more independent and gain confidence. As cooler weather approaches, they have an opportunity to practice independence with their jacket. Upon entering the classroom your child can independently take off their jacket, hang up their jacket in their cubby, put it on when leaving the classroom and even correcting it if it's inside out. Below is a list of things from Parents.com you can do to help your child increase his or her independence, and in return, make your life a little easier as well. Give it a try!

1. Expect more
2. Resist doing for him/her & see what he/she can do on their own
3. Don't redo what they have done
4. Let them solve simple problems
5. Assign a chore

Thanks,  
The Pre-K Team

### 1st Grade

Wow, it is already November! This year is moving by very quickly. Our first graders have been working hard on addition and subtraction strategies, phonics, and comprehension skills. Please continue to work on the homework packets that your child brings home and read every night to reinforce comprehension skills. Questions that you can ask while reading with your child can include: Who are the characters? What are the characters doing? Have the characters changed during the story? Is there a problem in the story? How is the problem solved? Why did the author write this story?

First grade teachers are requesting that you make sure to send the students to school with jackets, since the temperatures are cooling down and sometimes unpredictable.

Thank you for your support!  
The First Grade Team

### Kindergarten

Can you believe the first nine weeks is over? The students have learned so much! We cannot wait to see the continued growth over the next few months. Please remember to practice number words, color words, and sight words weekly. From this point forward, students will be receiving letter grades in Focus and will be receiving progress reports and report cards each nine weeks.

Let's also remember the importance of coming to school regularly and on time. Math begins promptly at 8:30am. We want to make sure that students excel in all subject areas. In addition, please ensure that students have jackets in their backpacks, an extra set of clothes, and that they are turning in their daily folder every day. Remember to look for homework, and please ensure your child has it ready to turn in when it is due.

As always, thank you for your continued support this school year!



The Kindergarten Team



## Second Grade

The first nine weeks of the school year has come and gone. Please be sure to check in with your child's teacher to discuss their progress in second grade.

We are going on a field trip! Our second graders are going to see "The Nutcracker" at the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Please see the field trip form provided by your child's teacher.

Please encourage nightly A.R. reading. We want all of our STAR second graders to achieve their A.R. goals. **Read! Read! Read!**

The Second Grade Team



## 3rd Grade

THIRD GRADE EXPRESS!!! It's hard to believe that we are already well into our second nine weeks of THIRD GRADE! We have been working REALLY hard at learning new skills. Now that we are adjusted to being in a new grade, we are picking up the pacing and intensity of instruction. It is very important that your scholars are here on time daily and well rested. We are always here if you have new questions or concerns. Curriculum Updates: In reading, we will be learning about descriptive language, diphthongs, parts of speech, syllable patterns, central idea, related words, argumentative writing and strategies to strengthen reading comprehension. In math, students are working on division. Please continue to practice flashcards for multiplication and the new division strategies being learned. All students should have a set of rainbow flashcards.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving break at the end of the month, the third-grade team would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to you for entrusting us with your most precious gifts. We are thankful for the teamwork (parents and teachers) in helping your child become the best they can be. Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving break.

The Third Grade Team

## ESE

Hello Roadrunners! We are addressing math and reading IEP goals in our small groups daily. Each day we improve. In reading, we discuss vocabulary, work on fluency and comprehension. We learn strategies in math for multiplication and division. Please read and practice nightly. I am thankful for you and your student!

Ms. Harvell

*Happy November! In small group, we are continuing to work on grade level curriculum and individual IEP goals. We are approaching the Holiday season. During our Holiday breaks, it is important that your student practices their skills at home. Reading together and going through sight word flash cards are great ways to keep their skills fresh!*

Ms. Gargan

**In the month of November, we will continue to learn about life cycles. Additionally, we will learn about maps and following directions. We will also be introducing concepts such as money, recycling, and keeping the environment clean. Please note that as the temperature starts to change, it's a good idea to put your child's name on the tag of their jackets or sweaters for easy identification.**

Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Gallegos



### 4th Grade

**The fourth-grade classes just finished multiplication strategies for 2 digit x 2 digit and are moving into division. Keep studying those multiplication facts, it makes these tougher 4<sup>th</sup> grade concepts easier. Next up is multiples and factors! In reading, we are finishing up unit 1. In this unit we have learned about biographies and nonfiction text. The classes have been working with main idea, details, sequence and context clues. We have improved our writing skills by fixing sentences and adding in missing details or information. Keep studying those definitions and spelling words weekly. They are tested on spelling words weekly, and vocabulary words are tested on their assessment.**

**If your child plans to attend our two fieldtrips, St. Augustine and Dragons Love Tacos, please make sure deposits are paid and money has been turned in to the teacher. Our St. Augustine trip deposit deadline is the end of October. Your student must have their deposit paid in order to attend the trip. Our Dragons Love Tacos money must be paid in full by November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Fourth Grade Team**



### 5th Grade

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks gets underway, your child is deep into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. In math, we are working with decimals and money. We are using those real-life skills right here in the classroom. Science is beginning Unit 6, which covers Energy and Electricity. In reading, the focus will be on informational text as well as author's purpose. This is another reason why reading AR books and taking those tests are so important to help build background knowledge and comprehension.

Please encourage your child to always be on their best behavior as well as put forth 100% effort. Homework is assigned to help your child practice the skills we are doing in class, so please invest in your child's homework and conversations.

The Fifth Grade Team



### **SPECIAL AREA—MRS. BODIFORD—MEDIA SPECIALIST**

As we come into cooler weather, do you know what that means? It's time to snuggle up to your child with a good book! According to the Department of Education, the more students read or are read to for fun on their own time and at home, the higher their reading scores, generally. We have thousands of books to choose from in Ruediger's library and more each month! Did you know that you can stream music and movies free with a Leroy Collins Public Library card in addition to checking out books? They also provide free tutoring and much more! Check them out at [www.leoncountyfl.gov/library](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/library) for all the amenities they offer.

Ms. Brown does a fantastic job with the children's musical performances; they are now back at Ruediger! The children are excited, and so are we! Be sure to keep your eyes out for announcements from your teachers. We look forward to seeing the highlight of Ruediger again!

