



# Rodrunner Express

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

***From Ms. Haire and Mrs. Sumner***

Dear Parents,

Here's hoping all of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family and friends. Although our winter break is only a few weeks away, we plan to use every available moment to continue excellent, focused instruction for our kids. So far, our progress monitoring data looks very strong, with record numbers of kids earning hefty gains in reading and/or math. We need your support to ensure that this upward trend continues. During this exciting time of year, it is very easy to become distracted and lose focus on academics. You can help by talking to your child about the importance of hard work, determination, and concentration.

November was a busy month at Ruediger! We had a solid turnout for our Conference Night! Pre-K students celebrated Fall during their annual Fall Festival . They explored like scientist and enjoyed some wonderful hands-on activities together! From our staff to you and yours, best wishes for a safe and relaxing holiday season!



## Important December Dates

REMINDER	NO SAC & PTO in December
December 12-16	Holiday Spirit Week
December 16	End of the Second Nine Weeks
December 19-31	WINTER HOLIDAYS
January 1-3	WINTER HOLIDAYS
January 4	Students Return

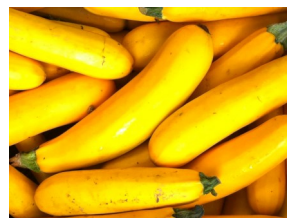
## Box Top News!

Happy Holidays! As we prepare for family and friends this holiday season, don't forget to collect and scan for Box Tops. It's so simple. Every time you go shopping for groceries or household items, scan your receipt. That way you can catch items without really looking for them. And, if you haven't downloaded the Box Top app, do so today.

***Thank you for your continued support!!***

## *Squash, Squash, and More Squash!*

As you begin planning your next holiday meal, consider squash! Butternut, acorn, kabocha, spaghetti, pumpkin...there's a winter squash for every occasion. These delicious veggies are loaded with nutrients, including about a dozen carotenoids (plant chemicals that the body converts to vitamin A), along with B vitamins, vitamin C, and minerals. Though high in carbohydrates, they're full of fiber and help to steady your blood sugar after a meal. Try butternut squash soup, roasted acorn or kabocha squash, and spaghetti squash "noodles" with your favorite sauce.





### Pre-K News

Farewell Dear Trees! Hello Bright Balls! As the days continue to fly by, we look back on all the wonderful things we have learned about the world around us. In pre-k, we completed the study of trees in our environment! When using our five senses, we observed and investigated questions such as: "What food comes from trees?", "Who takes care of trees?", and "How do trees change?" The children collected various tree parts (branches, sticks, leaves, acorns, pinecones) and integrated them into our learning. For example, the students used tree parts such as acorns, sticks and twigs to measure the length and height of objects, created patterns (acorn, leaf, acorn, leaf, acorn, leaf, etc.), and much more. Throughout our investigations, the children learned the importance of trees and caring for the world around us.

As we begin the final month of the year, we will start the ball study! We are excited to navigate this new adventure. We are so proud of the children!

The Pre-K Team



### 1st Grade

It is so hard to believe that we have made it halfway through the school year! First graders are showing significant reading growth according to their online STAR Early Literacy tests. We will also take the online STAR Reading test this month, which can be more of a struggle for first graders when they take it the first time. Make sure to read with your child, or listen to your child read, every night in addition to the regular weekly homework.

In math, we are beginning chapter 6, which is *Count and Model Numbers*. This is a great time to work on skip counting skills! During car rides, you can practice counting to 120 by 5s or 10s.

Since the weather is cooling down, please make sure your child has a jacket with them at school. On days that the temperatures drop below 44 degrees, we will not be playing outside. If your child has asthma or any other conditions that are affected by the cooler weather, please let your teacher know.

Thank you!  
The First Grade Team

### Kindergarten

Greetings Kindergarten Parents,

Can you believe this year is coming to an end? The students have been in school for four months and have learned so much. We cannot wait to see the continued growth over the next few months. We are almost done learning all of our letters and are working on blending them to create words! Please remember to practice number words, color words, and sight words weekly. We are also diving deeper into our comprehension skills and to help your child at home after reading to them, ask them some questions. To build their comprehension skills, ask them who the characters are, where is the setting, what happens first, next, and last? These are all great questions to help them recall what they have learned.

We are hard at work learning addition and will be moving on to subtraction in the next few weeks! Let's remember the importance of coming to school regularly and on time. We want to make sure that students excel in all subject areas, so please make sure that your students are in class and ready to learn at 8:30. In addition, please ensure that students have jackets in their backpacks and an extra set of clothes in a ziplock or grocery bag so that all the clothes are contained together .

Thank you for all your hard work and support!  
The Kindergarten Team



## Second Grade

The weather is starting to cool off! Please encourage your child to wear a jacket to school. Second grade students have been exploring different strategies while working with 2-digit addition in math. Keep reviewing those basic addition and subtraction facts at home! In reading, our scholars are working hard to identify the main topic and key details of a text. When reading with your child each night, ask them questions. Who are the main characters? What is the story mainly about? How are the actions of one character affecting the outcome of the story? Being able to analyze a text is a skill that is expected of all third grade students. So let's start working on it now!



Thanks, Second Grade Team

## 3RD GRADE

HAPPY DECEMBER TEAM 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE! Can you believe that we are in the LAST MONTH of 2022? We are just about half way through the school year. Our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. VanAmburg, has joined us. Please help us to make her feel welcome as she joins our Ruediger family. Now that classes are well balanced, we will be continuing to pick up the pace and increase the rigor of instruction. Please remind your scholars to stay focused and always give their best. We are always here if you have questions or concerns.

Here are just a few reminders to help your student continue towards a successful school year. Please make sure students arrive to class on time each day and are well rested. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30 each morning. Thank you in advance for your support.

Curriculum Updates: In reading, we will be working on text structure, analyzing illustrations, related words, figurative language, and strategies to strengthen reading comprehension. In math, students will be working on rounding and place value. Please continue to practice flashcards for multiplication and division and read with your student at home daily. We encourage each family to get a free public library card and check out some books for at home reading. Let's finish this first half of the year strong!

The Third Grade

## ESE

**Happy December Roadrunners! Students are continuing to work on vocabulary, reading comprehension and writing skills as we move through Unit 2 in language arts. Students are continuing to work on multiplication and division in mathematics. We are also working hard on IEP goals. I hope you have a wonderful holiday break!**

Mrs. Harvell



The first half of this school year has flown by and as we move into December, we will be working hard on benchmark assessments and as always, our IEP goals. Additionally, we will be learning all about traditions from around the world. We will also start to look at *Big Ideas* that include measuring and geography around the United States. Keep an eye out for information regarding our *Winter Classroom Celebrations* that will be coming home shortly.

Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Gallegos



### 4th Grade

Fourth graders have just completed division! We are heading into the world of factors and multiples! We have started finding the factors of a set of numbers along with their multiples. We will be comparing, ordering, and finding common denominators so get ready! Please continue quizzing your child on their multiplication facts. They have all done an amazing job being quick with those multiplication drills.

In reading, we are finishing up our focus on animal adaptations and looking back into the text to find the main idea and those key details that support that main idea. We are now heading into unit 2 of Savvas and will continue exploring new vocabulary, spelling words, and refining those reading skills.

We look forward to a wonderful winter break and can't wait to get back to learning and growing together!

The Fourth Grade Team



### 5th Grade

Read! Read! Read! We need our 5<sup>th</sup> graders reading every night, so they can come back to school and take AR tests. This helps increase vocabulary, background knowledge, and comprehension. The pay-off is much greater than the task. In reading, we will continue to work on informational text and then onto text structure review and suffixes. In Science, we are working on *Electricity* and then moving on to *Forces and Motion*. Take time to strike up a conversation with your child about these topics. Math will be continuing to teach all the possibilities of working with decimals. We have learned how to round, add, subtract, multiply, and also how to divide decimals 6 DIFFERENT ways. Talk about deepening our knowledge!!!

As we are getting near the middle of the school year, ask your child if he/she needs to replenish any of their school supplies. Some of our students are running out of space in their journals and HAVE YOU SEEN THEIR FOLDERS???

The Fifth Grade Team

*Happy Holidays*

### SPECIAL AREA—MRS. WOODSON—GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Plans are underway for RES Christmas Connection. If your family is going through a hardship (loss of income, job, home, etc.) and needs holiday assistance, please, contact Mrs. Colson or Mrs. Woodson for more information about this program. Families who have not been recipients of RES Christmas Connection for the past two years are encouraged to inquire about this program and are eligible for assistance.

