



Roadrunner Express

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

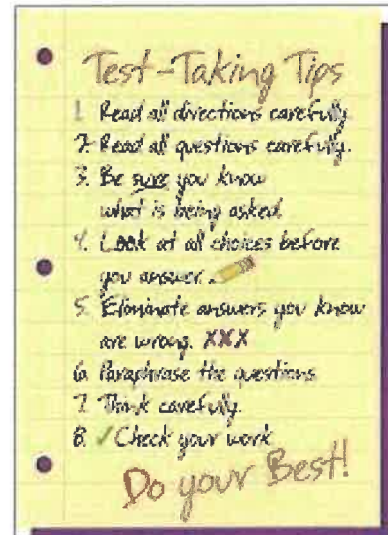
From Ms. Haire and Mrs. Sumner

Dear Parents,

May has arrived, and we are counting down the last few weeks of school. However, it is now time for our **students to tackle the FAST**. It's going to be very important for our students to put forth their very best effort and focus in order to do their best. They will need to use the strategies their teachers taught all year and take their time. Most importantly, they can't quit or give up even when the work gets hard. That's what it's all about – pulling that college level effort from deep within and persevering through the difficulties that come your way.

This year, our **ROADRUNNER RALLY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19th!** As Always, we have a great day planned thanks to our teachers and PTO members who have been working nonstop to make this the best one ever. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to handle various stations and games. Depending on your schedule, you can help all day or segments of the day. Believe me, we can use whatever time you can give. **If you can volunteer, please go to the LCS home page and complete the required volunteer application.** Then contact Ms. Welsh at 850-488-1074 to get 'plugged in' for your specific assignment.

Although school is almost over, please take a moment to talk to your children about being on their best behavior until the very last day. These last few weeks are very important. We will continue teaching and learning to get each and every person ready for next year. We expect everyone to continue making good choices!



Important May Dates

May 1-5	TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
May 4	SAC & PTO
May 5	Fresh & Fabulous Friday
May 19	ROADRUNNER RALLY!
May 23	Fifth Grade Graduation
May 22-24	Early Release Day-- Dismissal @ 12:20
May 24	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	REPORT CARDS (FOCUS)

Box Top News!

It's been said that April showers bring May flowers. With all that time inside from the rain, I'm sure some cooking was going on. Don't forget to scan those receipts!

Come One! Come All!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
850-488-1074



ROADRUNNER RALLY
MAY 19TH

Flyers coming soon!



Pre-K News

We have ended our study on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! The students are showing great interest in the 3 R's. When you are at home discuss the difference between "junk": Is it trash? Aluminum? Paper? Plastic? Pick up litter you see in your environment and discuss why it is important to recycle. We have also enjoyed reusing materials to make something new!

We are embarking on our Sand study. This study will provide students with an opportunity to learn how sand is created, where it is found, and how it is used. This study encourages students to explore a topic that is familiar and fascinating to them, and allows them to gather information, solve problems, and use their imagination.

Also, please continue to work with your child at home on the following skills that we are working on each day: letter/sound recognition, sight words, name writing, color/number/shape identification, rhyming words, object counting, syllable counting, following multi-step directions. Thanks for being active partners in our students' learning!

We are beyond AMAZED (but not surprised) at how much our students have grown this year! We have enjoyed forming relationships and bonds with your child.

The PreK Team

1st Grade

Wow—it is the LAST month of our school year! It seems like we blinked, and we are already preparing for summer. Your children have grown in so many ways this year...academics, behavior, and height!! It has been our pleasure working with your child this year. We encourage them to READ, READ, READ, over the summer to keep their skills strong and have a great start to second grade!

May will wrap up with the Ruediger Rally on the 19th! If your child enjoys festivals they will love the Rally. First grade teachers have also planned a fun day on the 18th for students demonstrating EXCELLENT behavior this year!

We look forward to hearing great things about your children in the years to come!

The First Grade Team



Kindergarten

This year has come and gone, and we are already approaching the final month of school. Our students have been blending and reading simple sentences. Please continue to read to students and allow them to read to you. In the next weeks, students will take their final math test, which is comprised of questions from all 12 chapters of our math curriculum. We will also do the final testing on letter names, letter sounds, and sight words. Please encourage your student to take their time on these tests. Although we are in the final stretch, we ask that you continue to encourage your child to work hard. Also, we want them to continue to be prepared and successful as first graders, so we strongly encourage them to practice their letter sounds, sight words, and to read over the summer. Once again, we appreciate your patience and involvement in your child's learning!

The Kindergarten Team





Second Grade

Wow! Can you believe we are already in May? We only have a few more weeks until summer. Let's finish strong!

In reading, we are working in unit 3. This unit includes a combination of previous skills taught. Such as, main idea and key details, compare and contrast, and sequencing. In math, students are moving on to data. Reading, understanding, and creating graphs.

Parents, please be sure to review all homework with your child each night. Homework is good practice, and it helps to re-enforce skills taught in class. You are encouraged to log into FOCUS regularly to view your child's grades. Thank you for your continued support at home.

The Second Grade Team

3RD GRADE

Welcome to the LAST full month of the school year! We are so proud of all that we have accomplished during this year. While we are near the end, it is NOT over yet. Please encourage your students to stay focused and always display good behavior. We still need for them to be well rested each night so that they can be alert and attentive during school hours.

In reading, we will be continuing practice of all our third-grade skills. Reading teachers will also be supporting the upcoming MATHFMB tests by practicing their basic facts and other skills with our scholars. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE ALL MATHFACTS WITH YOUR STUDENT AT HOME. KNOWING their math facts will help them to excel and use less time during the FMB.

As always, we appreciate your support as we work to finish preparing your scholars for the 4th grade. Thank you all for an amazing school year!

THIRD GRADE TEAM



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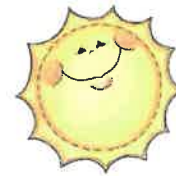
K-2nd

Happy May Roadrunners! As we inch closer and closer to Summer, I want to share some at home activities that could benefit your student.

Reading books and talking about them with your student is a great way to expose them to reading and comprehension skills. Flashcard games are also a great way to stay fresh with sight words and math skills. We all know kids love the computer, there are dozens of helpful academic websites out there. (ABC Mouse, Prodigy & PBS Kids)

It is so important that we practice our skills to prepare for the next school year! Let's keep up the great work!

Mrs. Gargan



3rd-5th

Welcome to a Marvelous May! Students are working very hard as we prepare to start state testing! I am confident our Roadrunners will knock it out of the park! Please help them by ensuring they get plenty of rest. Hope you all have a super summer!

Mrs. Harvell



4th Grade

The 4th nine weeks is here! It is hard to believe that we are getting down to a very busy time of the school year. We have our final progress monitoring testing coming up. ELA FAST will be Tuesday, May 2nd. Math FAST will be Tuesday, May 9th.

Please make sure that your children are doing their homework each night to keep up with the skills and strategies that they will need to be successful.

Our Roadrunner Rally will be taking place next month, keep a look out for a flyer to be sent home soon with all the details .

Fourth Grade Team

5th Grade

Testing! Testing! Testing!.....Get ready because the time has come for our 5th graders to show all that they have learned during this roller coaster of a school year. We are reviewing up until the very last minute so that our kids can feel prepared to do their very best. Please take time to look over homework each night and discuss what your child is learning or studying in class. Remember attendance and arriving to school on time are very important. Along with testing, we also have lots of fun things planned: field trips, Roadrunner Rally, and Graduation. All of these things are a privilege so we want to make sure that our behavior and work ethic are still on target.

5th Grade Team

K-5th VE

We can't believe that we are already in the month of May! It has been a joy working with our students and families. We will be rounding out the school year by focusing on earth and space science, the water cycle, and American history. We will also be focusing on IEP goals. Please keep an eye out for any information about Water Day and other end of the year activities.

Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Gallegos

SPECIAL AREA

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep!"

This year in Art we have been on an EPIC journey through the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Students in K thru 5th grade have been learning each one and then making a project that focuses on that Element or Principle while sometimes incorporating past elements. From the Wiggly Worms (K- movement) to the Majestic Mariposas (2nd- Line, Patterns, & Symmetry), the Warm/Cool Landscapes (3rd- Color) to Dragons Love Tacos (4th Texture & Form), the Japanese Pagodas (5th- Contrast/Emphasis) and so much more, students have been using new materials and creating masterpieces while integrating art with other subjects and having lots of fun along the way! We are almost wrapped up with this year's art curriculum, just a few projects left and summer will be here soon, I have really enjoyed making art with my roadrunners and I hope they did too!

Ms. Kidd ~ Art K-5 Ruediger Elementary