



Roadrunner 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 **Stephanie Gallegos**, our Teacher of the Year; **Brandisha Ganzy** for Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year; and **Conalisa Hall** our School Related Employee of the year. We are so very proud of them, and I know you are as well. Congratulations team!

I hope you were able to join us for **Curriculum & FAST Family Night**. Families learned exactly what the FAST is all about, how kids earn their scores, and the kinds of challenges they will encounter on the reading, math, and science tests. Thank you for your enthusiasm and coming out to support your kids! We had over 100 visitors, which is outstanding!

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. 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 2	SAC (5:30) and PTO (6:00)
November 8	Mobile STEM Lab (6:00)
November 10	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
November 15	Progress Reports
November 16	Conference Night
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL
November 27	Students Return

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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 latter portion of last 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, and who lives in 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 first 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.

Thanks,
The Pre-K Team

1st Grade

This year is moving by very quickly! Our first graders have been working hard on addition and subtraction concepts and strategies in math. We often play math games like "Around the World" to help with their fact fluency in a fun way. There are friendly math fact competitions as well across the five classes.

In reading, the students have been reviewing multiple phonemic sounds every day and practicing sounds, spelling patterns, reading informational texts and finding the main idea, as well as sequencing the texts. Please continue to work on the homework packets that your child brings home and read every night to reinforce comprehension skills. Questions you can ask while reading with your child include: What was this story all about? What happened first? Who are the main characters? What are the characters doing? Have the characters changed during the story? Is there a problem the characters have in the story? How is it solved?

The 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.

Keep an eye out for fieldtrip forms to be coming home—our first fieldtrip is in November!

Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten

Can you believe the first nine weeks is over? The students have learned so much! Your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule a parent/teacher conference to discuss your student's progress. Starting the second nine weeks, students will be receiving letter grades in Focus and will be receiving progress reports and report cards each nine weeks. Please remember to regularly log in to Focus to keep track of your child's progress.

Let's also remember the importance of coming to school regularly and on time. Math begins promptly at 8:30am, so when your child is late or absent, they are missing important instructional time. 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.

In reading, we have just completed Unit 1: Going Places and will begin Unit 2: Living Together. Progress Check-ups are given at the end of the week's lessons. They have 4 sections: sight words, phonics, listening comprehension, and writing. It is important to review and practice the week's sight words and letter sounds with your child at home to better prepare them for this assessment.

In math, we have learned about the numbers 0-5 and comparing groups of objects (same, greater than, less than). We will begin learning about numbers 6-10. Please have your child practice writing numbers 0-10; review the number words- zero, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten; and review the concepts of groups having the same, greater than/more, and less than/fewer.

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.

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



2nd Grade Team

3rd Grade

Hello Third-grade family! We are rocking into our second nine weeks of third grade.

In math, we have completed our multiplication and division chapters and are jumping right into area and perimeter. Even though we are not actively teaching multiplication, students still need to practice their multiplication facts EVERY night. This is the year students need to memorize all their multiplication facts.

In reading, we are working hard on learning skills and strategies to improve our comprehension, such as main idea, key detail and text features. Students should be reading for 30 minutes and studying their spelling words EVERY night.

If you have not made the first deposit of \$25 for the Jacksonville Zoo trip Please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher.

The Third Grade Team

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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 your continued support at home.

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

Fourth grade just finished their division chapter. Next up is, area and perimeter.

In reading, we are working on chronological order and summarizing a text. We practice new prefixes along with new key vocabulary terms. We are about to close out our first unit in Savvas and start writing. We are going to dive into expository writing and practice writing multi paragraphs. This practice will help prepare the students for the end of the year writing test.

If your child is interested in attending our field trip to St. Augustine, please make sure the deposit has been paid in order to hold your child's spot on the bus. You can make a full payment for the trip at any time or if you are following the payment plan, please ensure the next payment has been made by the correct dates.

Please take the time to look over your child's homework nightly. Homework is reinforcing what we are learning in class and is a support that helps your student to be able to independently practice the skills learned. Thank you for your continued support this year!

The Fourth Grade Team



5th Grade

As the 2nd nine weeks gets underway your child is deep into the 5th 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 and context clues. This is another reason why reading AR books and taking those tests are so important to help build background knowledge and comprehension.

In social studies, we are still learning our states and this month is Native American History Month.

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. SINCLAIR—MATH COACH

Math Facts Contests in Full Swing! At Ruediger, we are all about the FACTS! Each of our 1st through 5th graders was given a set of addition or multiplication drill cards at the beginning of the year. These aren't just flash cards, they're RAINBOW Flash Cards. Each color represents a different addition or multiplication strategy. In order to be successful in math tasks involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and even fractions, student must know their facts. Eventually these facts will be memorized, but that doesn't happen overnight. Until the facts are memorized, we have these strategies to fall back on. Ask an Intermediate student about the Twins strategy, Double It Double It, or Back Up & Add to 9. Our Primary students are just starting to learn their addition strategies. They'll be using strategies like Ten Friends, Counting On and Doubles. In order to encourage everyone to practice their facts we will be having periodic Math Fact Contests throughout the year. Grades 2-5 had their first contests October 2-4 and 1st grade on October 20. The winning classes were:

1st grade Mrs. Mills

2nd grade Ms. Smith

3rd grade Mrs. Daugherty

4th grade Mrs. Golibersuch

5th grade Ms. Norman

The highest overall class average for grades 3-5 was **Mrs. Norman's 5th grade class**. Congratulations!! We will be having several more contest before our first BIG contest in December. The overall winning class for that competition will earn a pizza party AND cupcakes. Practice, practice, practice!!