



# Roadrunner Express

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

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from a wonderful and restful holiday break! Now that everyone is settled in, you can be sure that we will continue to teach to the top and celebrate the reading and math progress of our children. As the state assessment draws near, remember that this is the time of year when focus, persistence and determination are critical. Please talk to your students about the importance of not giving up, even when the work gets difficult. In addition, you can help your children prepare for success by remembering the following:

- Check their agendas and grades daily.
- Make sure homework is completed correctly and turned in.
- Read for 20 minutes every night.
- Be at school every day - on time and for the entire day.
- Focus on academics, hard work, and effort.
- Ask questions when you need help.
- Concentrate on appropriate positive behavior.



## **Important January Dates**

January 8	Students Return
January 11	SAC & PTO
January 15	NO SCHOOL - MLK Holiday
January 17	Report Cards Available in FOCUS
January 24	ALL PRO DADS
January 25	Family Literacy Night
January 22-26	Celebrate Literacy Week
Jan. 29-Feb. 2	Book Fair

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## **Immune-Boosting Nutrition**

It's the season for colds and the flu, but you can help protect yourself with these nutrients. Proteins such as lean meats, poultry, eggs, beans, nuts and seafood aid in healing and recovery. Vitamin A helps protect against infections by keeping your skin and tissues healthy. Eat sweet potatoes, broccoli, carrots, spinach, red bell peppers, and eggs. Vitamin C helps form antibodies that fight infection. Try citrus fruits, strawberries, papaya, red bell pepper, and tomato juice. Vitamin E is an antioxidant that helps neutralize free radicals that can damage cells. It can be found in nuts, nut butters, seeds, and vegetable oils such as sunflower or safflower oil. Zinc helps immune system functions and aids in wound healing. Whole grains, lean meat, poultry, seafood, milk, beans, seeds and nuts all contain zinc. There is a smaller amount of evidence that suggests that vitamin B6, folate, selenium, iron, prebiotics, and probiotics can also be beneficial in boosting immunity. So eat a variety of healthy foods every day! For more info, visit: <https://www.eatright.org/health/wellness/preventing-illness/protect-your-health-with-immune-boosting-nutrition>

**Suspicious Activity Reporting**

<https://getfortifyfl.com/>



**Please be sure you are able to  
log into FOCUS  
to check your child's grades.**



### Pre-K News

*What an amazing first half of the school year we have had! We have learned so much already!*

*We are still diving deep into our study on Buildings! We have looked at all sorts of different types of buildings and discussed the best materials to use when building. Students used different shapes to make our own buildings to display in the classroom.*

*In math, we are continuing to recognize shapes and their attributes, counting 1-20, identifying colors and comparing items.*

*We appreciate your support in your child's education! Remember, you can take every day activities and turn them into learning opportunities: setting the table (one-to-one correspondence); nature walk (discuss colors, shapes, sounds); driving (look for letters, shapes, etc.)!*

*The Pre-K Team*

### 1st Grade

Happy New Year! This begins our second half of the year, and we will be working towards getting our first graders ready for second grade. For some of our students, we will begin to encourage them to read their weekly reading test on their own but will help as needed. This is a big adjustment! To help your child do the best they can on their reading tests, we recommend reading each night with or to your child for at least 10-15 minutes. This will build their stamina for longer stories. Reading tests account for 80% of their reading grade and consist of a variety of questions such as five comprehension questions, phonics, and a writing prompt.

In math, we are continuing to work on place value and review addition and subtraction facts. Students can practice these skills in the car while riding around.

A few reminders—please remember to send your child with a jacket on cooler days, and wear shoes appropriate for P.E. days. Also, check agendas for notes from the teacher. Homework should be worked on and completed by the assigned date in order to keep the learning going at home and with one-on-one assistance.

### Kindergarten

**Greetings Kindergarten Parents,**

**Happy New Year!! We are excited to welcome our students back for a successful second semester. In reading, we are focusing on letter names, letter sounds, sight word recognition, blending, writing and reading simple sentences. Please ensure that you are working with your child to review sight words each night. In math, we will begin working on learning about ordering and comparing numbers up to 20.**

**Here are just a few reminders that will help us all! Please make sure your child has a jacket, as temperatures will continue to drop in the coming months. Daily folders are to be reviewed and signed every night and returned to school on a daily basis. Thank you for all that you do to help your child each day.**

**The Kindergarten Team**





## Second Grade

Welcome Back! It's hard to believe that the first semester of the school year has come and gone. Our second grade scholars have learned so much already this year.

Our reading curriculum, Wonders, has offered students the opportunity to read and explore a variety of texts, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. We are thrilled about our upcoming unit using the Junior Great Books program.

In math, we are continuing with 2-digit subtraction and what it means to re-group, before heading into 3-digit addition and subtraction. Wow!

Be on the lookout for information about our upcoming field trip to Godby High School. Please continue to encourage daily A.R. reading at home. We want all of our second grade scholars to achieve their A.R. goal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks! Thank You.

The Second Grade Team

## 3RD GRADE

Happy New Year Third Grade! We are turning up the heat this half of the school year in order to prepare for the end of the year.

For reading, please continue to read 30 minutes nightly. We will be taking STAR and IReady benchmarks when we return.

In math, please continue to practice multiplication facts nightly as well complete nightly homework.

Also, upon our return we will begin a new homework model.

Final payment for the Jacksonville Zoo trip is due JANUARY 22nd.

The Third Grade Team

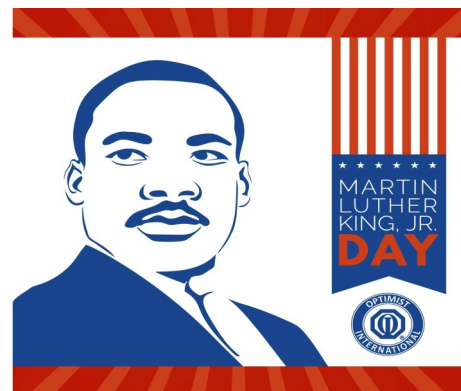


## ESE

We have had a fantastic first half of the year. Our students are making a ton of progress that can be evident on their IEP goal progress reports.

Once the winter break is over, we will be hitting the ground running. In January, we will be learning about states of matter, the planets, poetry, and the history and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Gallegos





### 4th Grade

Welcome Back! Now that we have all had a little break, it is time to come in full blast to finish the second half of this school year.

We will continue to strengthen our reading skills as we venture into finding themes in stories, folktales and poems.

In math, we are continuing with fractions! The addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division skills that have been previously taught will greatly benefit our students with helping them to get a full understanding of fractions.

Keep encouraging your students to complete homework each night. This is assigned to reinforce a child's learning of a skill taught. We appreciate all that you do to help us with ensuring that your child gets the best education possible.

**Fourth Grade Team**

### 5th Grade

**Now that we have had a nice little break we are going to hit the ground running.**

**In math, we will move right into fractions for the next three chapters.**

**Mrs. Atkins and Ms. Norman will focus on text structure, main idea, and argumentative writing.**

**Science is always interesting. We will continue our unit on the solar system and then move on to the water cycle.**

**We are also getting ready for our 2<sup>nd</sup> progress monitoring with the FAST test. Please make sure your child is prepared and has replenished all of the supplies that he or she needs to be ready to go!**

**Fifth Grade Team**



### SPECIAL AREA—MRS. GRAY—READING COACH

We are halfway through the school year. Certainly, we are looking forward to an amazing second semester. We will **Celebrate Literacy Week January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**. The goal of the annual week celebration is to promote literacy and encourage students to establish excellent reading habits. Therefore, we will have several fun-filled activities during that week such as a book character parade, buddy reading time, and a “get caught reading” contest. Please look for a more detailed list to come out very soon.

We are looking forward to our **Book Fair coming on January 29th - February 2nd, 2024**. It will be a perfect opportunity to add more books to your child's personal library at home.

We are so excited about our ongoing **AR (Accelerated Reader) Program** that is designed to motivate our Roadrunners to increase their reading and vocabulary comprehension and guide them to read independently. There is a proven link between strong reading skills and academic success, great readers make great students. Therefore, below you will find ways you can help your child at home:

- Promote reading at home: encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes each night
- Ask your child about current book they are reading and ask about their AR points
- Congratulate them when they do well on an AR quiz and they reach their AR goal
- Take your child to the public library and obtain a library card, so they can check out printed books of interest to them
- Cheer your child on as they read and start growing a reader today





## ESE

### K-2nd

Happy 2024, and welcome back! This month, we will be placing extra emphasis on student IEP comprehension and sight word goals. Reading stories at home before bed and asking various "who, what, when, where, why" questions is a great way to practice comprehension skills. Sight words can be practiced at home with flash cards. It is so important that these skills be practiced at home and at school. We will continue to work on all grade level curriculum and IEP goals. Here's to the New Year!!

Mrs. Gargan

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### 3rd-5th

**Happy New Year Roadrunners! I hope you had a restful break filled with family fun. This begins the second half of the school year and I hope students are ready to get back in the swing of learning. We will be continuing to work on building curriculum skills and working on IEP goals. Students have learned so much and shown such progress. We are pushing them to continue to do their best every day. Please continue to work with your child at home and we thank you for your support.**

Mrs. Harvell