



Roadrunner Express

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

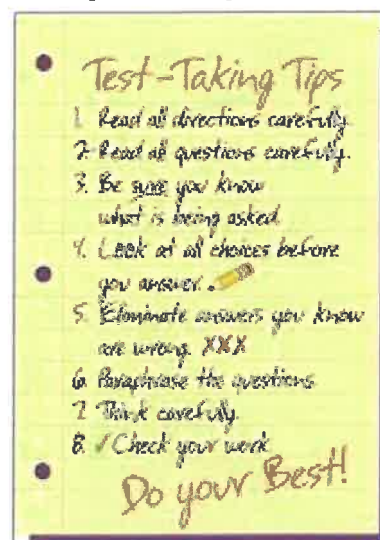
From Ms. Haire and Mrs. Sumner

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	SAC & PTO @ 4:30 TIME CHANGE
May 1	New Worlds Reading Family Event @ 5:30
May 5-9	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
May 16	Kindergarten End of Year Program
May 19	ROADRUNNER RALLY!
May 21-23	Early Release Day– Dismissal @ 12:20
May 22	Fifth Grade Graduation
May 23	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

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Suspicious Activity Reporting

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Pre-K News

We are currently learning all about clothes! We have explored features of clothes, and how to take care of our clothes. We are investigating how to clean our clothes, using the washing machine, or a washboard. We are drying our clothes, using either the dryer or our clothesline. We are using clothespins to hang up clothes on the clothesline in the classroom. We will explore what we do to mend our clothes. We will also continue formal letter sound instruction.

In math, we will sort clothes, to get them ready for washing. We want to be sure we do not end up with pink socks. We will make patterns while weaving too.

At home, talk about it. Talk with your child about his or her day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:

*Did you work hard today?

*What did you do that was hard today?

Encourage them that it gets easier with practice. Encourage them to keep trying. Share a time when something was hard for you, and what you did. Thank you for your continued support and help from home.

The PreK Team

1st Grade

We have reached the last month of first grade! It seems like we blinked, and we are already preparing for summer. Your children have grown tremendously....in academics, behavior, and height! It has been our pleasure working with your child this year. Many students came to us reading very few words and now are fluent readers! We want them to continue to be successful in second grade, so we strongly encourage them to Read, Read, Read over summer vacation, and practice their basic math facts in order to start off strong in August.

May will wrap up with fun and celebrations. The Ruediger Rally is coming on May 19th. If your child enjoys festivals, they will love the Rally!

Thank you for all your support this year! We look forward to hearing great things about your children in the years to come.

The First Grade Team



Kindergarten

It's hard to believe we are entering the final month of school! This school year has gone by so quickly and our kindergarteners have learned and grown so much!

In reading, we are learning about long vowel sounds, blending and reading simple sentences. Please continue to encourage your child's love for reading by reading with them and allowing them to read to you.

In math, we are finishing up chapters on addition and subtraction to 10 and will begin learning about numbers 11-20. Please practice writing and recognizing numbers 11-20 with your child to help prepare them for the next chapter.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be completing our end of the year testing. Please encourage your child to take their time and try their best on these tests. Although we are in the final stretch, we ask that you continue to encourage your child to work hard; and follow teacher directions and classroom rules. To better prepare your child for first grade, we strongly encourage them to practice letter sounds and sight words; and to read over the summer. Thank you for all of your support in making this year a successful one for your student.

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 5. 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 geometry and measurement.

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. Thank you for your continued support at home.

The Second Grade Team

3RD GRADE

Hello Third Grade Families! Can you believe it's already May? This school year has flown by, and we are so proud of how much your children have grown—academically, socially, and emotionally. It has truly been a fantastic year, and we've loved every moment of learning and growing together!

As we head into our final month, we have several exciting events and important dates to keep on your radar:

***FAST Testing** – Our final FAST assessments will take place on **May 6th and May 8th**. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives to school on time. We can't wait to see all the progress they've made!

***Roadrunner Rally Field Day** – Get ready for some fun in the sun! Our annual Field Day will be held on **May 19th**. This is always a highlight of the year, full of games, laughter, and school spirit!

***End of the Year Party** – Details are coming soon! Be on the lookout for information about our class party. It's a great way to celebrate all the hard work our students have put in this year.

***Early Release Days** – We will have **half days on May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd**. Please plan accordingly for pick-up times.

***Last Day of School** – **Thursday, May 23rd** marks the official end of the school year! Thank you for your ongoing support this year. It's been a joy partnering with you and watching your children thrive. Let's finish the year strong!

With Gratitude,
The Third Grade Team



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K-2nd

As we come to the end of the school year, I realize that it has flown by for me because I have enjoyed working with your children so much! My Kindergarten-2nd grade students have worked hard and learned so much this year. We will continue to work on reviewing skills learned this year. You can practice at home with flashcards, reading books together, and talking about details throughout the story, and using educational websites (PBS Kids, ABC Mouse, Starfall, etc.). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at ruanen@leonschools.net.

Mrs. Ruane

3rd-5th

Hello Roadrunners! We are in a final push as we finish the year. We continue to work on IEP goals. Please encourage your student to continue working at home and try their best at school. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Harvell

K-5th VE

We have made it to the last month of the school year. Parents, we thank you for being a part of our team this year. In May, we will have several end of the year celebrations and events. Be sure to keep checking your children's backpacks for important updates and information. This month, we will be reviewing everything we've learned this year. We will be focusing on IEP goals as well as mastering academic skills. This is going to be a very busy month so be sure that your child is in attendance every day.

Mrs. Whitley, Mrs. Gallegos & Dr. Morsching



4th Grade

It's May! We are busy, busy, busy! This is a fun and exciting time of the school year. We will be taking our final PM3 testing for reading and math. We are closing the gaps in our final lessons and standards.

With all of the entertainment coming in the next few weeks, we have to remain focused and remember that school is not out yet and we have some big things to finish up. Rules still need to be followed, homework still needs to be completed, and behavior still needs to be on target.

We will spend the next few weeks getting our fourth graders prepared for fifth grade. We will be tackling some math skills that your child will need next year as well as covering some background science topics. Please remind your child about how important it is for them to continue to be their best!

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: celebrations, 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



SPECIAL AREA

Hello Roadrunners! This year in art, we have been traveling the globe learning about art on every continent with my *Global Art Passport*. We have already visited Africa, Asia, North America, wrapping up Europe and moving on to South America. Artists are exploring many new ideas, concepts, and materials. Kindergarten is learning how to do many new things- scissor skills has been the big focus in many projects both past and upcoming. Building on those skills from last year, 1st and 2nd grade are currently making art from South America and Europe, including Spanish Bulls, Icelandic Turf Houses, Russian Dolls, and Double Decker Busses with Value backgrounds. Our awesome 3rd and 4th graders are just wrapped up Greek or Italian Islands (3rd) and Eiffel Towers (4th). Last, but certainly not least, 5th grade are currently working on birds from the Galapagos Islands in South America. It has been a whirlwind adventure making art around the globe, can't wait to see what next year holds!

Ms. Kidd ~ Art K-5 Ruediger Elementary