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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 **Shunteen Cineus**, our Teacher of the Year; **Nicole Jackson** for Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year; and **Paula Lay**, 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 will be able to join us for iMom on November 6th at 5:00 PM. We are so excited to add this monthly event to our calendar this school year!

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 4	School Pictures (new & retakes only)
November 6	iMom @ 5:00 PM
November 6	SAC (5:30) and PTO (6:00)
November 11	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
November 12	Progress Reports
November 19	All Pro Dad
Nov. 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL
December 1	Students Return

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Suspicious Activity Reporting

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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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 Insect Study. We have investigated topics such as: what are the characteristics of insects, where do insects live, what insects live in our community and who works with insects. We learned new vocabulary words, such as predator, proboscis, mandible, migrate and metamorphosis. We have enjoyed many stories, such as Under the Lemon Moon, Bravo, Chico Canta! Bravo! and The Grouchy Ladybug.

The children have settled into all the rules and routines of the classroom and school and their learning progression shows that.

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. Below is a list of things from Parents.com you can do to help your child increase his or her independence, and in return, make your life a little easier as well. Give it a try!

1. **Expect more.**
2. **Resist doing for him or her what he or she can do him/herself.**
3. **Don't redo what they've done.**
4. **Let them solve simple problems.**
5. **Assign a chore**

Thanks,
The Pre-K Team

1st Grade

Wow, it is already November! This year is moving by very quickly!

First graders have been working hard on addition and subtraction strategies, phonics, and comprehension skills. They have moved on from sounding out short three-letter CVC words to 4-5 letter words with blends.

Please continue to work on the homework packets that your child brings home and read every night to reinforce comprehension skills. Questions that you can ask while reading with your child include: Who are the characters? Where is this story taking place (setting)? What are the characters doing? Have the characters changed through the story? What is the main idea (if it is a nonfiction text)?

First grade teachers are requesting that parents check the agendas every night for important papers or messages from the teacher. Often times behavior is documented, or a note about homework. Please look over the homework before submitting it on the due date to make sure it is completed.

Thank you for your support!
The First Grade Team

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 learn and explorer animal habitats at the Tallahassee Museum in November. We are also going to see "The Nutcracker" at the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Please see the field trip forms 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

We are so thankful for our families! Thank you for your constant support. As we move through the second nine weeks, our scholars are growing into masters of the 3rd grade standards.

Please continue to help by practicing multiplication facts and reading at home each day.

Also be on the lookout for information about the Jacksonville Zoo field trip.

The Third Grade Team



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Happy Fall! Students are working hard in small groups. In Math we have been working on multiplication and division. Please continue to review multiplication facts nightly. In Language Arts we are working on vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Students have been showing improvement and I am so proud of their progress!



Ms. Harvell
3rd-5th

It's been a great first 9 weeks for my students in Kdg-2nd grade! We have been working hard to learn letter sounds and blends, sight words, and how to write complete sentences. Keep practicing reading with your child at home. You can take turns reading to each other, sounding out words that are difficult together. In math, we have been working with larger numbers, comparing numbers, and applying new skills to word problems. Be sure homework is completed each week so your child can get extra practice with these skills. I look forward to a great 2nd 9 weeks of working hard and learning!

Mrs. Ruane
K-2nd



4th Grade

Fourth grade is celebrating the end of the first nine weeks! Great job, everyone! Be on the look out for information about our St. Augustine field trip. Coming home will be the permission slip that needs to be signed and information about the cost and process to be a chaperone.

To start off the next nine weeks, in math, we are beginning area and perimeter, followed by our entrance into the world of fractions. All of these skills are made easier by knowing our multiplication facts. Please continue practicing them each night!

In reading, we are learning about poetry and text structure as well as theme and point of view. Keep reading each night to build fluency and background knowledge!

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 on multiplying and dividing decimals.

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 were 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. Here are the most recent winning classes:

1st grade Mrs. Anderson
2nd grade Mrs. Hall
3rd grade Mrs. Cineus
4th grade Mr. Davis
5th grade Ms. Alexander



Congratulations!! We will be having one more practice contest before our first BIG contest in December. The overall winning class for that competition will earn a pizza party AND dessert. Practice, practice, practice!!