



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 for another great year for our *Ruediger Roadrunners*! This year, we are celebrating learning with our new theme ... **BOOTS ON THE GROUND**... Where they live at? The first few weeks of school have been extremely smooth, with lots of learning taking place as we all get to know one another. You can rest assured that our staff is outstanding, and those who have joined us this year bring a wealth of experience and talent to our children.

With safety continuing as our top priority, we are fortunate to once again have our Classroom Behavior Specialist and Guardian on campus. In addition, we will continue to receive support from law enforcement officers to ensure maximum safety and security for our students and staff. With this in mind, please remember that parents must drop children off at the front gate instead of walking them to class. Remember too, that students may not be on campus before 7:45 as supervision is not available. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school safe for everyone.

To help us get off to a great start, all parents need to register in the FOCUS PARENT PORTAL. It will also help if you:

- Check your student's grades every week in Focus.
- Discuss grades and progress with your student - if it's important to you, it will be important to them too!
 - Check on homework assignments and make sure they complete it nightly.
 - Encourage them to read every night.
- Please get them to school on time so they can be ready for learning at 8:30.
- Please do not pick students up early except for emergencies. **Early pick up ends at 2:15.**

Important September Dates

September 1	NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
September 4	iMom (5:00)
September 4	SAC & PTO (5:30)
September 10	Progress Reports
September 24	All Pro Dads @ 9:00 AM
September 30	Fathers in Education

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Pre-K News

Wow! What an amazing first few weeks of school we have had!

The children are beginning to demonstrate understanding of the classroom rules and routines. We are jumping in with both feet, building relationships, being kind, and learning each other's names. We also went on a tour around the school to see our Media Center, the cafeteria staff and met Mrs. Vickie, and visited the office and met, Ms. Haire, Mrs. Sumner, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Woodson, Mrs. Christie, and Ms. Gardner. Our students are proving to be resilient!

They are following guidelines and doing it with a positive attitude! We appreciate you all working with us and getting your child to school on time! Remember to send in a change of clothes for your child. Here's to a WONDERFUL school year!

Thanks,
The Pre-K Team



1st Grade

First graders are off to a great start learning their rules and procedures. First grade has very high expectations for learning, and it is quite a big academic leap from kindergarten. Our class sizes are large, so we need students on their BEST behavior each day!

We have begun our reading, math and science curriculums. In reading, we are working on middle vowel sounds and decoding three letter words. Students need to be able to describe characters, settings and events in stories. Every week, we will be working on at least FIVE sight words. These sight words are a part of the spelling homework as well.

In math, we are working on counting to 100 and adding to 10.

The students are very excited about science! Currently, they are learning what it means to be a scientist and how to use their senses and science tools.

Please make sure you check your child's backpack for their homework, and provide them with one-on-one help if needed. Reading is a BIG part of first grade, so make sure to read with OR to your child every night. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher!

Thank you,
The First Grade Team

Kindergarten

The kindergarten students are off to a great start here at Ruediger Elementary! They are adjusting well to the new environment, teachers, and school/classroom rules and procedures. Here are a few reminders that will help the beginning of kindergarten move smoothly:

•When students arrive at school, they are to go directly to the lunchroom for breakfast. They will remain in the lunchroom and one of the kindergarten teachers will be supervising them until the teachers come pick them up.

•Please check your child's backpack every night for their folder. It will contain important messages from the teacher or school, class papers, and homework.

•It is important to complete and turn in the homework assignments because it gives your child more practice with the skills being covered in class.

•Make sure your child attends school regularly and arrives to school on time. When your child is late or absent, they are missing important instructional time.

• Please discuss with your child the importance of obeying school and classroom rules and following teacher directions.

Kindergarten Team



Second Grade

Welcome to Second Grade! We are off to a fantastic start with our routines, procedures, and academics. Please be sure to review your child's homework, and encourage at least 15 minutes of A.R. reading each night. Additionally, daily practice of sight words will improve fluency and enable students to read them with automaticity. It is very important that your child wears closed-toe shoes to school, especially on the days they attend P.E. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on or before 8:30 to receive breakfast and to avoid missing vital instruction.

Thanks!

Second Grade Team

3RD GRADE

Welcome to Third Grade! We are excited about the strong start our 3rd graders have made this school year!

In reading, students are learning about key story elements, characters, plot, setting, and theme. These skills will help them better understand and discuss the stories they read, both in class.

In math, students are diving into Chapter 4, which introduces multiplication. Practicing multiplication facts daily will make a big difference in building confidence and mastery.

We also encourage families to help students stay consistent with homework routines to reinforce what we're learning in class. We look forward to seeing our 3rd graders continue to grow and shine this year!

Third Grade Team



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Now that we are a couple of weeks into the school year, we are starting to get into the routine of working in small groups on reading and math skills. We are focusing on foundational skills, reviewing skills from last school year, and personal goals. I am excited to watch their growth throughout the year! Please reach out to me if you have any questions about your student or their IEP. You can email me at nicolette.ruane@leonschools.net.

Nicolette Ruane, Primary ESE Teacher



Hello Roadrunners! We have had an amazing few weeks of school and are so excited to begin a new school year with your child. Students are adjusting to the routine of working in small groups. We have started exploring our core curriculum. We are focusing on establishing foundational skills and practicing educational strategies. Thank you for your support during these first few weeks. I'm looking forward to a great year of learning and growth with your child. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need anything.

Mrs. Harvell, 3rd-5th ESE Teacher



4th Grade

We have hit the ground running! After just a couple of weeks, our fourth graders are used to the new procedures in their classrooms and a new classroom schedule.

Please check your child's backpack for any important papers and homework that is being sent home. Homework is sent home daily and is to be completed nightly and returned the next day.

Make sure your child is prepared for school each day with their materials and arrive on time each day. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30 am and any late students will be missing core instruction time.

As a reminder, don't forget to send in any dismissal changes in writing or call the front office to make any adjustments. Don't forget to sign up for Remind and Focus. We are looking forward to an exciting year with our new group of fourth graders!

Fourth Grade Team

5th Grade

Fifth grade is off and running! We are very thankful to begin a terrific school year. Our faces may look a little different but our rigorous instruction is still in place. It is very important for all students to be prepared and organized for each of the classes.

In reading, we are learning about text features in an informational text and figuring out Greek roots. In social studies, we are learning the states and their location on the map.

In math, we are adding and subtracting decimals and in science we are learning about states of matter.

We encourage parents to talk with your child each day to find out what they learned in class, what they feel good about, as well as what they are struggling with. Please encourage your child to complete all of their assignments each day. Homework is crucial because it is a great indication of your child's understanding of the skills being taught in class. We love when parents are able to see how much academic growth is happening with their child.

Fifth Grade Team

Physical Education Corner:

When coming to P.E.:

*Students can bring a water bottle. Otherwise, they will drink from the water fountain during class and at the end of class.

*Students cannot participate in P.E. if they have open toe shoes. Please contact your child's teacher for the monthly Special Area Schedule.

Tips on how to stay fit and healthy:

*Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer (when water isn't available) many times during the day and especially before eating.

*Be kind to your mind; make plans to watch less tv, play video games less, and put down that tablet. Use the extra time to talk with your family members, go on walks, or just sit on your porch and enjoy the fresh air.

*Drink plenty of water.

*Decrease the amount of fried foods and junk food you eat daily. Try adding more fruits and vegetables to at least one meal per day.

Coach Perry