



Roadrunner Express

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

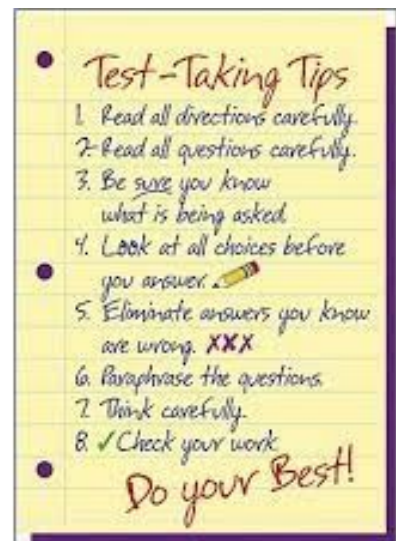
From Ms. Haire and Mrs. Sumner

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 17th!** 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 2	SAC & PTO
May 17	ROADRUNNER RALLY!
May 21	Fifth Grade Graduation
May 22-24	Early Release Day– Dismissal @ 12:20
May 24	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 17TH

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Pre-K News

We are on our unit on 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

Wow—it is the LAST month of our school year! 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. We want these rising second graders to continue to be successful, so we strongly encourage them to READ, READ, READ, over the summer vacation as well as 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 17th. If your child enjoys festivals, they will love the Rally. First grade teachers also have a special day planned to celebrate a wonderful year.

Thank you for all of 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!!! As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, we want to extend a warm thank you to all parents for their unwavering support!

Just as a reminder, our FAST testing dates are scheduled for May 1st and 2nd.

Also make sure you have marked your calendars for our upcoming rally on May 17th, where we'll celebrate the achievements and spirit of our students.

As the summer break quickly approaches, we encourage students to keep their minds sharp by reading and practicing multiplication. Together, let's make the most of these last moments of the school year, and prepare for an amazing summer ahead!

THIRD GRADE TEAM



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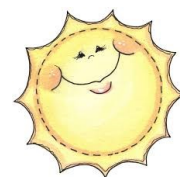
K-2nd

Happy May Roadrunners! As we inch closer and closer to Summer, I want to share some at home activities that could benefit your student.

Reading books and talking about them with your student is a great way to expose them to reading and comprehension skills. Flashcard games are also a great way to stay fresh with sight words and math skills. We all know kids love the computer, there are dozens of helpful academic websites out there. (ABC Mouse, Prodigy & PBS Kids)

It is so important that we practice our skills to prepare for the next school year! Let's keep up the great work!

Mrs. Gargan



3rd-5th

As another school year comes to an end, I want to say I am so proud of the growth students have shown! I also wish to thank parents for all your support. As we move through these last few weeks, we will continue to practice core skills. In reading, we are working on fluency and reading comprehension. In math, we are working on subtraction with regrouping and multiplication. Please remember to touch on these skills at home this summer to help our kids get ready for next year. Enjoy your summer!

Mrs. Harvell



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: field trips, 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

K-5th VE

We can't believe that we are already in the month of May! It has been a joy working with our students and families. We will be rounding out the school year by focusing on earth and space science, the water cycle, and American history. We will also be focusing on IEP goals. Please keep an eye out for any information about Water Day and other end of the year activities.

Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Gallegos

SPECIAL AREA

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep!"
This year in Art we have been on an EPIC journey through the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Students in K thru 5th grade have been learning each one and then making a project that focuses on that Element or Principle while sometimes incorporating past elements. From the Wiggly Worms (K- movement) to the Majestic Mariposas (2nd- Line, Patterns, & Symmetry), the Warm/Cool Landscapes (3rd- Color) to Dragons Love Tacos (4th Texture & Form), the Japanese Pagodas (5th- Contrast/Emphasis) and so much more, students have been using new materials and creating masterpieces while integrating art with other subjects and having lots of fun along the way! We are almost wrapped up with this year's art curriculum, just a few projects left and summer will be here soon, I have really enjoyed making art with my roadrunners and I hope they did too!

Ms. Kidd ~ Art K-5 Ruediger Elementary

