

ROADRUNNER EXPRESS

FOR RICHARD AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES



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Principal's Message...

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

The second semester is the time of year when learning expectations increase and concepts become more difficult. Students are expected to read and write for longer periods of time. Expectations at the state and federal level continue to increase and what we, as parents, learned in elementary school is no longer the same. Your child is also bringing home guided reading books that are at their independent level and ones that have been practiced with the teacher. This may cause you to feel your child is reading well and is on grade level, when that might not be the case. I encourage you to take advantage of our Parent Teacher Conferences on February 15th so that you have a full picture of your child's strengths and areas of challenge. There are other ways that you can stress the importance of school with your child and support his/her learning.

- ✓ Talk with your child each night about school and the learning that took place.
- ✓ Stress the importance of listening to and respecting the teacher and classmates. Behavior has been on a rise this year and we need your help in reinforcing our virtues.
- ✓ Visit the school's Web site and have your child practice some of the learning links.
- ✓ Read with your child each night and talk about the book(s) that you read.
- ✓ Help your child write letters to relatives or write a summary of what you read together.
- ✓ Practice math facts and talk about things like elapsed time. For example: We will have dinner in an hour and a half. What time will it be?
- ✓ Make sure your child is at school every day and on time. If your child eats breakfast, he/she should be arriving no later than 8:00 a.m. Attendance and punctuality helps your child see the importance you place on school and learning.

We look forward to our continued partnership this second semester!

Fondly,
Cathy Moore

February Events



5 OELPA Testing Begins



9 Parents' Night Out



12 4th Grade Iowa Testing all week



13 PTA Meeting



15 Parent Teacher Conferences



16 Valentines Exchange



19 NO SCHOOL



27 3rd Grade Iowa Testing



****THIS MONTH IS PENNIES FOR PATIENTS TO SUPPORT THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY**



Box Top Totals

Below you will find the totals for each classroom for January. This month we are just showing the January totals. Students receive small tokens from the PTA when they turn in 25 Box Tops in a bag. Remember to put your child's name and teacher's name on the envelope or bag. Keep those Box Tops coming!



Kindergarten:

Mabry: 35
Mader: 0
Watson: 5

1st grade:

Buskirk: 0
Mechlin: 0
Stone: 7

2nd grade:

Curry: 8
Goubeaux: 0
Kerrigan: 0
Lilak: 0

3rd Grade:

Castle: 5
Ernst: 0
Hazlett: 0
Liu: 0

4th grade:

Converse: 0
Endres: 0
Hansher: 92
Worstell: 0

Richardson: 28
Townley: 0
Sarand: 0
Trefzger: 0

PTA News

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!

Our PTA is dwindling during these colder months, but now more than ever is when we need more help. Our next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30p.m. We will be working on many upcoming events such as Staff Appreciation week, our spring fundraiser, and the end of the year Carnival. It takes many hands to make these events a success. If you haven't joined us before, please consider joining us this month for the planning and preparation of these great events.



PTA Membership: Have you joined the PTA?

Your \$6 membership helps support the many programs that PTA pays for at Richard Avenue. PTA sponsors grade level field trips, Valentine's Day treats, family nights, classroom supplies and much more! Please consider sending in your \$6 membership today!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sean Richardson, Outstanding Educator for the 2017-2018 school year. PTA selected Sean for his commitment to the special needs students at Richard Avenue and in our community. Some of the reasons given were:



- He serves on the board for the Grove City Buddy Ball and was instrumental in the development of this program for special needs students.
- He works hard for our intermediate cross categorical students and their families.
- He serves as the student council advisor, helping to promote our philosophy of giving back to the community.
- He is a positive role model for our students, families, and staff.

Thank you for your commitment to the students and families of Richard Avenue!

Congratulations to Becki Kintz, Helping Hands Recipient for the 2017-2018 school year. PTA selected Becki because of her dedication to the Richard Avenue special needs students and the community.

Some examples include:

- She is kind and caring to all students and provides outside supports to our special needs families.
- She serves on the board for the Grove City Buddy Ball league and even transports students so that they can participate.





FIRST SEMEMSTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to the following students that have perfect attendance for the entire first semester. These students were at school every day and were on time! We are so proud of them!

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| *Allyson Baldrige | *Kendall Bendele |
| *Briana Berindoave | *Brooklyn Ellis |
| *Shamar Gilbert | *Blaike Jackson |
| *Abigail Kennedy | *Dakota Kennedy |
| *Abigail Oxenrider | *Gabriel Parsley |
| *Brantley Webb | *Irene Zhang |
| *Josh Zhang | |

Parents of Walkers

If your child is a walker, we ask that you please talk to them about our virtues and common courtesy when walking home. We have received many calls about our students walking through the neighbor's yards, damaging neighbor's property, and/or problems occurring with our walkers after they leave the school grounds. Please talk to them about getting home safely on the **sidewalks**. In addition we are hearing from parents that many students are teasing, throwing things, hitting, etc. other Richard Avenue students. This is not acceptable and not what we continue to teach our students about compassion and respect for others. Your help in talking with your children and stopping this behavior is greatly appreciated.

Car Rider Dismissal Winter Changes

During the winter months when the temperatures are below 20 degrees, our car riders line up inside and are dismissed as their cars are called. We understand that this takes longer but are looking out for the safety of the children. If on a certain day you need your student quickly, you might consider parking in the side lot and coming in to check your child out. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Parents' Night Out
Friday, February 9th
5:00-9:00pm

Do you need a night out and someone to watch your children for a low price? The Richard Avenue PTA has your solution. PTA will watch your children (must be potty-trained) on February 9th while you go out to dinner, catch a movie, do some shopping, etc. If you're interested, please see the RSVP sheet at the end of the newsletter and reserve your spot today!



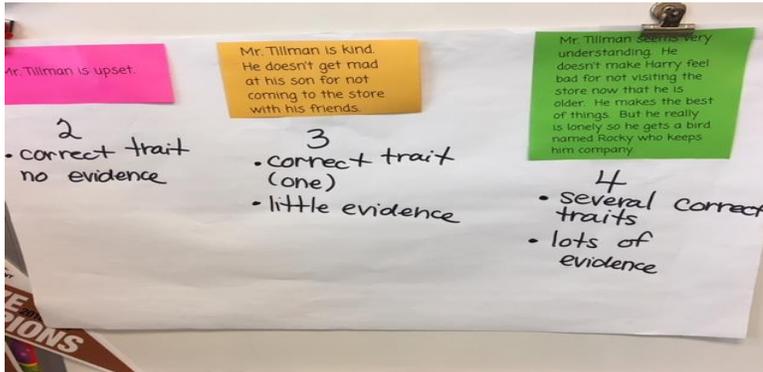
**February 1st
Is the
100th
Day of School**

**Donate
100 Pennies or \$1.00
to Pennies for Patients!**

Literacy Corner with Mrs. Cummings

Reading and writing go together like peanut butter and jelly, right? You can't really separate the two! One of the ways that we respond to books is what we call *Writing About Reading*. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade practice responding to stories that are either read aloud or read independently. This writing is an opportunity for students to show their understanding (comprehension) of the character's actions, the message of the story, the author's purpose in writing the story, etc.

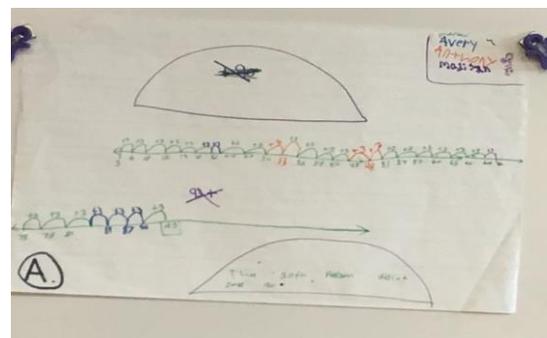
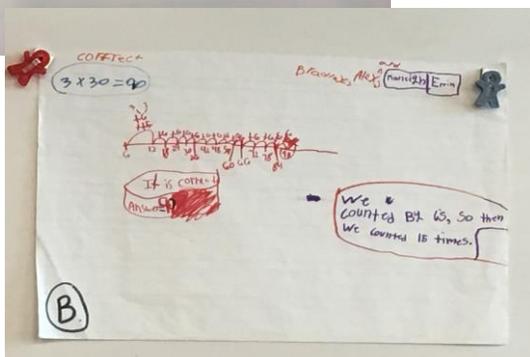
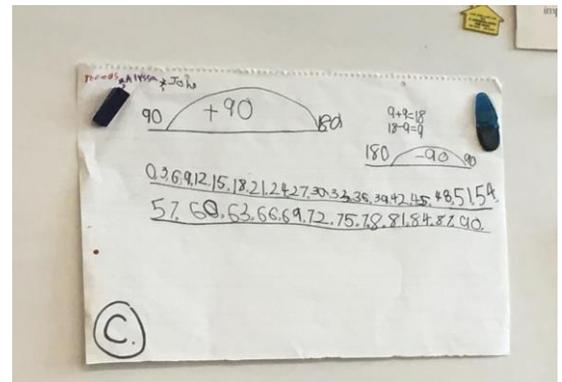
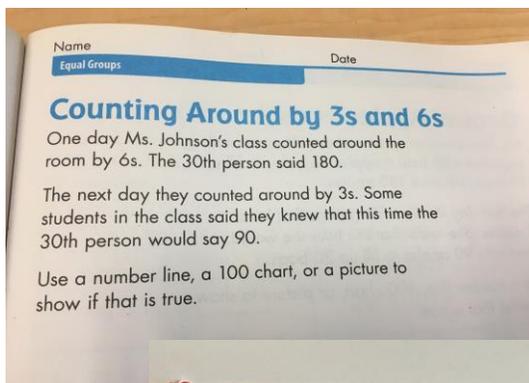
Although your child may have good oral comprehension of a story, writing can sometimes be more of a struggle. In the primary grades, students are writing these responses together as a class, while the intermediate students (grades 2-4) are writing these responses independently.



4th graders are working on improving writing about reading through the use of a micro-progression.

Math Corner with Mrs. Gomez

Working in small groups to solve a math problem allows students to listen, share, explain and self-check how they are thinking and solving a math problem. At Richard Ave. we value all student thinking and give praise to students persevering in solving difficult tasks. A third grade classroom has been working on sharing ideas and different ways to solve a story problem by grouping students together to share the thinking. The math work below shows how different groups solve the problem differently but also similarities in use of strategies and representations. The focus here was representation of the thinking process and also how the students went about solving the work.



Would you like to enjoy a dinner out while
Someone watches your children?



If you answered yes, read on! PTA has your solution!

WHAT: PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
FROM: 5:00-9:00PM

Here's what you need to know:

- ♥ PTA members will volunteer to watch your children from 5:00-9:00pm at the school.
- ♥ Children must be potty-trained and related to a Richard Avenue student.
- ♥ The cost is \$15 for one child, an additional \$10 for the second child, and \$5 for each additional child.
- ♥ PTA will provide one slice of cheese pizza, bottled water and the choice of an apple or orange.
- ♥ Children will make a valentine, play games, watch a movie, decorate a cookie, and dance.

Please fill out the form below if you would like to take advantage of this adult night out. Return the form and money to the school before Thursday, February 2nd

Parents' Night Out



Fill out one form per family.

List the children and their ages/room numbers that will be attending: (ex. Johnny Smith, 7, room 131)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Parent's Name

Phone number(s) where you can be reached on the 9th.

_____ I can help PTA this year and volunteer to watch children rather than take a night out.