

Jaguar Tracks

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Principal's Reminders

- The CRCT will be given April 27th through May 7th, 2009. This time is quickly approaching, so it is important to prepare now.
- Each day at school is an opportunity for your child to learn. It is important for your child to be present everyday to gain the knowledge and skills they will need to pass the CRCT. Please help your child prepare by having them present in school everyday this year.
- The Third Grade parent luncheon will be Thursday, March 26th.
- If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or call the school at 287-2325.

**** CRCT ONLINE ****

Your child can now go online at home and practice for the CRCT. To access this just type in the following address:

<http://www.georgiaoas.org>

This will take you to the login page. Your child has a ten digit state ID number as their login and the password is **password**.

Please send a note to your child's teacher to get his or her ten-digit login number.

If you need further assistance with the CRCT practice site please contact Susan Newman (287-2325).

CRCT Practice Site

The following website is also available to help students prepare for the CRCT.

http://www.gadoe.org/ci_testing.aspx?PageReq=CI_TESTING_CRCT

This website contains information about the purpose of the CRCT as well as Student Guides for each grade level. The Student Guide links on the right side of the web page provide information for parents about what students need to know at each grade level. Each link also provides tips and learning activities that parents can use at home to reinforce what students are learning at school.

"Spring Fling" is in the Air!

We are in the process of planning for this year's Spring Fling. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 11:00 - 2:00. If you would like to volunteer or have suggestions, donations, etc. please contact Jeannie Middleton at 287-2325.

Ongoing School Fundraisers

You can help raise funds for Ruskin by participating in the following

school-wide fundraisers. These will continue throughout the year.

- BoxTops for Education
- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Harvey's Receipts

Seussational Week

We will be honoring Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd through March 6th with a week full of fun activities. Join in the fun by participating in the following fun event days:

- Monday - *"My Many-Colored Day"*--- come dressed in as many different colors as you can.
- Tuesday - *"The Foot Book Day"*---Wear silly socks or mismatched shoes.
- Wednesday - *Sam-I-Am Day*- wear wacky tacky clothes.
- Thursday - *"Whoville Hairdo Day"*- come to school with a crazy hairdo.
- Friday - *"Cat and the Hat Day"*- Wear your Dr. Seuss Hat and T-shirt.

Helpful Websites

For information on how you can become more involved with our www.ware.k12.ga.us and click on Parent Involvement.

For homework help and fun learning activities, visit the following websites:

- <http://homework-help.aol.com/>
- <http://scholastic.com/kids/homework>
- www.iknowthat.com

We still have some Lightspan play stations available. If you are interested in checking one out for your child, please contact Mrs. Middleton in the Computer Lab.

SUPER SCIENCE PROJECTS

Ruskin WINGS students demonstrated their ability to apply the scientific method to answer questions about the world with the projects they designed for the South Georgia Science and Engineering Fair in Douglas. Students explored many interesting topics including the strength of different types of bridges, the effect of different stimulus on a person's reaction time, the effect of greenhouse gases on plant growth, the effect of the phases of the moon on human food cravings, the effect of Mentos on different soft drinks, the effect of sugar on the evaporation rate of liquids, and the ability of solar energy to power a fan.

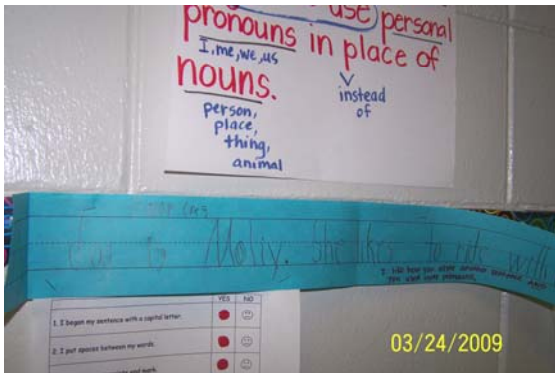
The projects earned red (2nd Place) and white (3rd Place) ribbons at the competition. Way to go!!



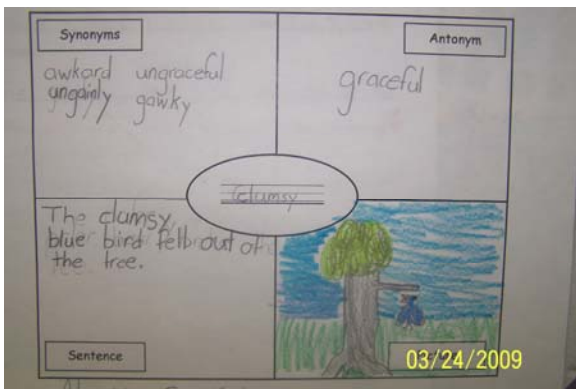
Look What We Are Learning!



Kindergarteners write about things that are taller and shorter.



First graders write sentences showing how they can use pronouns.



Second graders make their writing more interesting by exploring synonyms and antonyms.



Third graders prove that hard work and lots of practice pays off as they reach the summit of Multiplication Mountain.



Fourth graders compare and contrast sides in the French and Indian War.



Fifth graders display poetry showing that they understand rhyme schemes.