



JAGUAR TRACKS

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Principal's Reminders

"Thanks!" to all of our parents, teachers, and staff who make Ruskin the best school we can be!

Please remember the following:

- School starts early! Breakfast is served from 7:00- 7:35 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m.
- As always, bus safety is a top priority. Parents, please continue to remind your children about the importance of following bus rules.
- 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.
- If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or call the school at 287-2325.

Election Day 2008!

Election day is right around the corner and students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade WINGS have been learning about the major issues of the 2008 Presidential Election. They think it is important to make informed decisions about our next president,

so they have created posters and campaign signs to educate others about the candidates' positions on many important issues.

On Tuesday, November 4th, all students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will have an opportunity to participate in one of the United State's greatest privileges as they vote for their favorite presidential candidate in a mock election at school.



GOING FOR THE GOAL!

Mrs. Lucas class is "going for the goal" this year. She, along with her students created poster size contract stating their goals for this year. Then, she and her students signed their names on the contract making it "official". This is what one student had to say about the activity:

“We wrote our goals and said that we are going to do our best to reach them. Then we all signed our names, even Mrs. Lucas.”

Celebrating Success.....

Students can feel proud about working hard as they watch their “bug” move to a new flower on the AR wall. Each flower stands for a different point value from 5 points to 175 points. When students earn 200 or more points their picture will be displayed on the big green tree.



Good Character is Always in Style!

Students at Ruskin can also feel proud of showing good character. They are encouraged not only to practice good character such as showing politeness, patience, and respect, but they are also encouraged to find other people who show these qualities. When students or teachers see someone showing good character they can fill out a “fish” in the Media Center telling about the person they saw. Then Mrs. Dixon will add the fish to the Good Character wall.



Top Book Picks

- *The Perfect Thanksgiving, by Eileen Spinelli.*

This is the story about how two families, one that is near perfect and one that is far from it celebrate Thanksgiving in very different, yet loving ways. A.R level: 2.5.

- *The Berenstain Bears and the Prize Pumpkin, by Stan Berenstain*

Learn about the true meaning of Thanksgiving as you read about Papa Bear and the cubs competing for the top prize in the Thanksgiving Pumpkin Contest. AR 4.2

PTO Fundraiser News

The PTO candle fundraiser began on Tuesday, October 28th. All orders are due by December 1st. Candles will be delivered before Christmas Break. Remember, candles are always a nice gift for the holidays and all proceeds are spent to support the needs of our school. In the past, PTO has purchased items such as copy machines, picnic tables, and the school sign. Please support PTO by participating in the candle fundraiser.

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

Wake Up Brain!

Have fun with these Thanksgiving riddles:

Q. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A. Pilgrims!

Q. What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?

A. Lots of drumsticks!

Q. When the Pilgrims landed, where did they stand?

A. On their feet!

Q. What key has legs and can't open doors?

A. A Turkey!

Helpful Websites

For information on how you can become more involved with our school, go to 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

Lightspan is still available at home for Ruskin students. To visit the site, logon to: www.lightspan.com and fill in the following information:

Username: school1014

Password: ruskin

District ID: ware001

If you have questions concerning Lightspan, please email Mrs.Middleton at jmiddleton@ware.k12.ga.us

SPOTLIGHT ON... 3rd Grade

