



JAGUAR TRACKS

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Principal's Reminders

Welcome back to school! Thank you for helping get this year off to a *GREAT* start. Together we will make this the best year ever for our students!

Please remember that school starts early! Breakfast is served from 7:00-7:35 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. If your child is a car rider, please have him or her at school in time to finish eating breakfast before the tardy bell rings.

As always, your child's safety is a #1 concern for us. You can help ensure that all students have a safe bus ride to and from school by reviewing the bus conduct rules with your child often. You can find the bus rules and the bus discipline policy in the Ware County School's Elementary Handbook for Students. Each child received a copy of the Handbook at the beginning of the school year.

Show Some Character!

Showing good character is not a hard thing to do. Students learned the importance of making good choices and showing good character during a recent presentation at our school by Planet Kids.



Planet Kids Character Education Assembly

Open House 08-09

"Thank You" to everyone who came out for our Open House. Together we will make Ruskin the best it can be!



Labor Day At Last!

By: Aaran Leviton

Yes, finally! Relieved from our labors! It's great isn't it? But who exactly founded Labor Day? It is still undecided but it was either Peter McGuire or Matthew Maguire. And when was the first one? It was over 100 years ago on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. That's about all you should know for Labor Day. Oh, I almost forgot, Happy Labor Day!

RESPECT

By Joey Timmons

You here it one million times a day but do you ever really think about it? That's right, respect. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. This is what it means. It means to have regard for other people. Don't only think about your self. Many kids do not have as much respect as they should. For example, we should show respect for our teachers and they will show respect for us! So remember, RESPECT!

Jiggy Jaguar's Jokes

By: Taylor Johnson

What did the jaguar cub say to its mother about the vegetables she cooked? Mom! I artiCHOKED just smelling the asparagus and now you're RASIN the roof over broccoli. What do you think I am a BROCCOdile?!!!

Where do the pirates eat their beef on Fridays? At an RRRRRRR rated MOOOOOvies!

Jiggy: Hey, Barko! What's your favorite pepper? Barko: HOOOWLAPINIOOOOO (Jalapeno)!!!!

DEAR ANDY

By: Paulina O'Berry

Dear Andy,

I'm doing a project on monkeys for school. I don't know where to look for information on them. Where do I need to look for information about monkeys? Please help me, Andy. Thank You.

Your Friend,
Information Seeker Sam

Dear Info,

You should look online, in an encyclopedia, or in a book about monkeys. If you need help again write back. Your welcome Info.

Your Friend,
Andy

Top Book Picks

By: 5th Grade WINGS

If you are looking for a good book, check out one of the following:

- *The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System, by Joanna Cole.*

Mrs. Frizzle blasts her class into orbit for some out of this world science fun.

Come join her to learn some fun facts about the solar system. AR level: 3.7.

- *So, You Want to be President, by Judith St. George.*

Find out what it takes to be the president of the United States. Also, learn interesting facts about presidents throughout history. A.R level: 4.8

- *Arthur Meets the President, by Marc Brown.*

Have you ever wanted to meet the President? If so, you like reading about Arthur's adventures at the White House.

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Thank you for participating in BoxTops for Education last year. We will continue to collect BoxTops this year. To participate, just clip the coupons from marked packages and send in to your child's teacher.

Parent's Corner

Help your child develop important reading skills by following these simple and fun tips:

- Read aloud a story to your child. Ask your child to retell parts of the story. Or, ask him questions while you read. *Examples:* "What do you think will happen next?" "Why do you think that happened?"
- After you have read a story together two or three times, skip a word or two. Ask your child to fill in the missing word or words. Rhyming stories work really well for younger children.
- Make a mistake! Your making a mistake teaches your child that it is ok and it makes reading less scary for them. Soon, they will begin helping you correct your mistakes and theirs.
- Have fun reading with your child! Make a goofy face or change your voice to show the character's feelings- sad, happy, excited, etc. Your child will learn to love reading when they know that it will be a special time when they can have fun with you.
- Helping children understand patterns will help them with basic math skills. You can help by pointing out patterns all around them such as the colors of the tiles on the floor in a store or the colors on a cereal box. For a tasty

way to get children interested in patterns, use pieces of dry cereal to form a pattern and ask, "Which comes next in the pattern?" Then, have them create a new pattern for you.

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

Wake Up Brain!

See if you can change the CAT into DOG by changing just one letter on each line.

CAT

DOG