

Jaguar Tracks



Ruskin

Principal's

Dear Parents,

We are off to such a FABULOUS year! I am so excited to be a part of the GREAT team at Ruskin Elementary School! I am so impressed by the "heart" of the faculty and staff at Ruskin. It is truly amazing! The team is dedicated to doing what is RIGHT for kids! We know that your children are the most precious gifts in the world to you. You want the very best for



them, and we do too! We are a family at Ruskin and embrace you and your children as part of our family. I truly believe that it takes the partnership of parents, teachers, students, and administrators working together to ensure your children have the best opportunity for success. I look forward to sharing our School Improvement Plan and our progress with you at PTO meetings.

We will also be posting our School Improvement Plan on our website as soon as it is finished. I encourage you to read it and make suggestions for changes or improvement. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I

am here to support teachers, students, and YOU!



Sincerely,
Kathy Stevens - Principal

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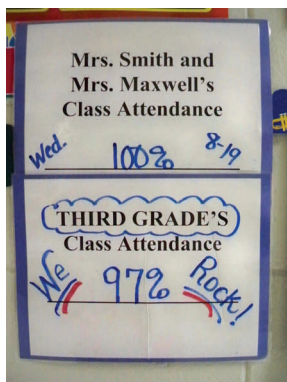
Students are trying to get back in the swing of things!



Things Happening at Ruskin

Along with some new faces here at Ruskin, we also have some new things happening at Ruskin.

When you come to the school, you will notice posted outside your child's classroom door that there is a at-



tendance chart with the percentage present for the day for each classroom. There is also a percentage for the grade level.

There will be a prize given to the class with the most students present.

Please help us keep these percentages high by having your child(ren) at school and on time everyday unless they are sick. Also, planning doctor appointments after school will help you child's classroom percentage.

Unless your child is here, they cannot learn so let's work together to make this successful.

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Ruskin is proud to welcome
**Kathy Stevens and James
Conoly to our school.**

We also have some new faces in new places around the school.

- Danielle Lucas has moved to first grade
- Abbie Sullivan and Tammy Young have moved to second grade
- Tammy Ammons has moved to fourth grade
- Tara Peacock and Karen Bowen

- are intervention specialists
- Carller Jones is our new Gifted teacher
- John Jones is our new custodian

*It's going to be a
FABULOUS YEAR!*

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School Hours:

- School begins at 7:40
- Students are late after 7:45
- Car riders are picked up at 2:28
- Please help us by letting the office know ***no later than*** 1:00 if your child's usual afternoon transportation will be changed. This will help your child's teacher make sure they are safe.

Discipline Policy:

- See handbook pages 21-30

Bus Rules:

- See handbook pages 17-19

Absences and Excuses:

- If your child must be absent, please send a note explaining the reason to your child's teacher the first day your child returns to school.

Dress Code:

- See handbook pages 32-33



Breakfast/Lunch Prices:

- Breakfast \$0.60 ~ Lunch \$1.00
- Reduced Price: Breakfast \$0.30 ~ Lunch \$0.30
- Prepayment is required when meals are eaten. There is a charge limit of \$10.00. A charge notice will be sent home by the student.

What We Offer: We are proud to offer Fast For Word, Reading and Math Academy, and Classworks. These researched based computer programs help build skills necessary to meet the standards presented in the classroom.

Helpful Websites:

- www.funbrain.com
- http://www.orgdot.com/abc/
- http://www.aaamath.com/
- http://www.4kids2play.nl/eng/

Parent Portal:

-In mid-September, you can view your child's grades and attendance through our Parent Portal located on our website: www.ware.k12.ga.us. Show your ID at the front office and you can access it anytime online.

Harvey's Receipts

-Instead of bringing in receipts this year, log on to <http://www.harveyseducationalrewards.com/> and register your Harvey's Hometown Rewards key to support Ruskin. If you need help, you can stop by the media center before school or after school and we will help you. We appreciate your support!



Box Tops for Education

-We are collecting Box Tops for Education. Please send your box tops to your child's classroom teacher.

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I am a very organized, planned person. I like everything to be in order and clean. I am outgoing and love to smile and like for people to smile. I love going to the beach and being adventurous.

**Can you
guess who
I am?**

I love to eat and will eat anything, but my favorite is ribs and I love Japanese food. My favorite drink is Sprite.

Twilight - Everyone adores Edward is my favorite book. I love funny movies, but my favorite movie is The Notebook.

I have been teaching for 3 1/2 years. Math is my favorite subject, but I enjoy teaching reading. When I am not at school, I love to SHOP!!! It is starting to become a problem. I also enjoy traveling. I am going to New York in December!!

Can you guess who I am?



Grade Level News



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is off and running this year! In Language Arts, the students are learning about tracking text, printing left to right and copying words. Math is a busy time as the students are learning about positional words and are soon to begin learning about geometric shapes. In Science and Social Studies, the students are learning about their street address, city, county, state, nation and continent. In addition, the students are actively learning sight words to their knowledge. Parents, keep tabs on your child's sight word knowledge as these words add up extremely quickly! Parental assistance is crucial for student success and your child needs you! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the curriculum.

First Grade:

In math the students are learning about positional words (above, below, in front of, behind, right, left, next to, up, down, near, and far), and two and three dimensional shapes. Please practice the doubles facts daily. In reading, the students are studying the narrative elements (character, setting, beginning, middle, end, problem, and solution). The students are now checking out AR books. Please take a few moments and read the books with your child. Ask him or her questions about the narrative elements. In language the students are learning about capitalization and punctuation. The spelling words and sight words are listed on the back of the behavior calendar. Please touch on these words with your child. The internet has a great website, www.Spellingcity.com, to practice spelling words. Just click on find a list, and search for username WareCounty. The stories are listed by grade level in alphabetical order. Ask your child to tell you the story for the week. It has lots of cool games created to help the students learn the

words they will be introduced to each week. The games go along with the story for the week.

Second Grade:

Second grade is off to an exciting start. In Science, we are doing experiments and learning about the properties of matter. In Reading, we are learning to compare and contrast characters, setting, and plot. We began with the yummy experience of comparing M & M's and Skittles candy. For Math, we began with problem-solving. In writing, we are writing narratives and sharing personal stories. Learning in second grade is sensational!



Third Grade:

Third graders are settling into their new classrooms. We are focusing our Reading skills on narrative elements, genres, word study, and author's purpose. In Language Arts, students are reviewing complete sentences and types of sentences, as well as parts of speech and writing skills. In Math, we are reviewing addition and subtraction facts. Please review these skills with your child. In addition, students are working on place value and number forms. Science skills are focusing on the



Scientific Inquiry Process. Students will also be exploring rocks, minerals, and soil this nine weeks. Later in the nine weeks, we will be exploring geography, government, and Paul Revere in Social Studies.

We would like to remind you to check your child's homework log and be sure that they are reading their AR books nightly. This helps your child become a better reader. We appreciate your support from home. It really does make a

difference!

Fourth Grade:

Fourth grade is rocking and rolling! In Math, the students are learning place value, rounding, and estimation. In Reading, we have been focusing on the importance of literary elements and will start comparing and contrasting characters and events in stories. In Language Arts, the students are learning sentence structure. In Science, our students have been learning about the different types of ecosystems. Soon, the students will begin learning about Native Americans in Social Studies. In addition, the students should be practicing their multiplication

facts at home and reading their A.R. book(s) every night! You can keep up with your child's assignments by checking his/her homework log each night. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the curriculum. Student success is our goal in fourth grade!

Fifth Grade:

Fifth grade has gotten off to a great start! In math students are working with place value and decimals. In Science, we are learning about matter. The Civil War is our big topic in Social Studies. Students should read orally to a parent each night and review notebook material for reading and language.

Parents, please remember to sign your child's agenda nightly and have your child read their AR book on a regular basis (20 minutes per night).

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us!



Please Note:

If you need to meet with a teacher, please email her and make an appointment so they will know to expect you. Many times, teachers have meetings after school and this will allow them the time you need to discuss your concerns. Thanks.



September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Last day of ITBS testing	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Holiday for students and staff	8 Holiday for students and staff	9 Fall pictures	10	11	12
13 National Grandparent's Day	14 Deadline for applying for free/reduced lunch	15	16 Social Studies and Language Arts Pre-Test	17 Reading and Math Pre-Test	18 Science Pre-Test	19
20	21	22 Autumn begins	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes:		

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There are three houses. One is red, one is blue, and one is white. If the red house is to the left of the house in the middle and the blue house is to the right of the house in the middle and the blue house is to the right of the house in the middle, where is the white house?



In Washington D. C.

What is the first thing a little snake learns in school? Hissss tory

What is the first thing a little gorilla learns in school?

The Ape B C's.

What did you learn at school today? Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow!

I'm not going to school ever again. Why not? The teacher doesn't know a thing. All she does is ask us a lot of questions!

Answer: Who am I? Linsey Johnson