

# R.O.A.R Report

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**Mission Statement:** *Is to be a school community where all learners (students, staff and parents) are valued and continuously strive to achieve our personal best.*

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On-Line Family Handbook – <http://www.rimrockfamilyhandbook.weebly.com>

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December 20, 2017

## Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 25 – Monday, January 8 – Winter Break

**Monday, January 15 – No School – Holiday**

Thursday, February 8, Monday, February 12 and

Tuesday, February 13 – Conferences – 4:00 – 8:00pm

**Thursday, February 15 – No School – Teacher Plan Day**

Friday, February 16 – No School – Comp. Day

## Focus on Learning

### First Semester Reflection

It is hard to believe this Friday is the midway point for our school year. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming students and families to our first day of school. So much has happened since August:

- Students in kindergarten are **READING** and working on Snap Words;
- First graders are making ten, using doubles and near doubles;
- Second graders are listening with understanding and empathy;
- Third graders are composing and decomposing numbers to find products;
- Fourth graders are becoming persistent and applying knowledge to new situations;
- Fifth graders are working with fractions and building equivalencies as well as adding and subtracting these quantities.

Everyone is developing ROAR behavior, building positive mindsets, practicing “self-talk”, developing goals and using feedback to reach them! We have been very busy this first semester and are excited to dig even deeper and develop more knowledge second semester!!

## Focus on Safety

### Reunification Drill

On Wednesday, November 29, our staff worked with our District Security team on the details of our reunification

plan. In the event that we would have to alter our dismissal of students (meaning a normal dismissal would be unsafe, or that we needed a dismissal at an unusual time due to an emergency or loss of water or power) we have a detailed plan for reunifying your children with you.

Based on our brainstorming and work with the Security Team, here are the procedures you would follow:

- Line up at the exterior library door – have your identification with you;
- Proceed into the library and complete a short form for EACH child you will be picking up;
- Proceed to the tables within the library with your forms and identification;
- Wait in the computer lab for one of our runners to bring your child(ren) to you.

As you know, we are VERY large, this procedure will take time and a lot of patience. Know that with the support of our District Security team we have streamlined this process and that our goal is ALWAYS to keep your children safe.

Our hope is that we never have to engage in this process, but if we do, know that we are ready!

## Focus on School Community and Culture

### Season of Giving

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting our community. Our can food drive and our Toys for Tots toy drive



were both a huge success!! In addition, our community supported several Rim Rock families through our Angel tree. And, one of the greatest gifts of all is time. At this point in the year, our community has given us just under 600



volunteer hours!! It is amazing to be a part of such a giving and caring community!!

## ROAR Behavior Recognition

Check out our November winners on our Facebook page!!! Kindergarten – Leia K, 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Kamden R, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Wyatt J, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Nolan S, 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Waylon C, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Sailor S.

Mrs. Bennett won our staff drawing! Each month we post our winners on our Facebook page – make sure you are following us!

## Counselor Corner

December's counselor lessons continued to focus on emotional awareness. We read a book called *How are you Peeling?: Foods with Moods* by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers, to identify different emotions. We also worked on drawing what different emotions look like. Additionally, we discussed personal responsibility, which is a district social and emotional learning focus standard for the month of December. To address personal responsibility, we read *But It's Not My Fault* by Julia Cook. We talked about how expectations and responsibilities promote a safe and productive environment. We also discussed that there are positive and negative consequences for each choice and action.

**Why is being responsible important?** “When we act responsibly, or do the things we are responsible for doing, we have a positive consequence. A consequence is what happens as a result of our actions. When you are responsible, you have a positive outcome and you get the positive consequence for a job well done. If you are irresponsible, you feel the pain of a negative consequence for a job done poorly or not at all.

Being responsible leads to more trust and freedom because people know they can count on you to do the things you are expected to do. Being responsible can also be a big part of keeping you safe.”

(excerpt taken from:

<https://talkingtreebooks.com/definition/what-is-responsibility.html>)

**How can I help promote personal responsibility at home?** “At empoweringparent.com, counselor Megan Devine, suggests parents [create a culture of personal accountability within their home](#), which means that everyone in the family is responsible for their own behavior and actions.

This means everyone must follow house rules and expectations and will be held accountable for how they behave during arguments. The idea is that by setting a culture of accountability, kids avoid that negative pattern of justifying their behavior with excuses and learn instead to take responsibility.

Here's the breakdown of what we need to do:

- **Set consequences:** If your child doesn't live up to their responsibilities or follow the rules there has to be consequences. As a parent, you must set these beforehand so your child knows about them. You also must stick to them when they do not follow the rules.
- **Make rules/consequences very clear:** Children are great at maneuvering out of responsibility. Close the loopholes. For example, if there is no pushing or shoving allowed between siblings, then that is the rule, no matter what the reason or who started the altercation. If pushing occurs, then that child has to deal with whatever consequence was previously agreed upon. Period.
- **Discuss what they can do:** Don't just say that they are not allowed to push their sibling when they are angered, but suggest actions they are allowed so they can deal with those feelings. Kids often don't know what the right response actually is, so give examples of what they *can* do, like talk to mom or dad, remove themselves from the situation, drawing a picture of how they feel, or let out their feelings by kicking a ball around the yard or riding their bike.
- **Remind or cue your child:** If you see your child about to dump out the toy box remind them that they will have to pick everything back up when they are done. Cue them about the expectation and what actions they will have to take to be accountable for their actions.
- **Be consistent:** Accountability cannot be a “sometime” rule and be respected. Set the expectations and stick to the consequences you set. Don't spout out a consequence you will not enforce. I used to be very guilty of that one. It sounded great to say, “No playing outside after dinner,” until it was actually after dinner and I really wanted them to play outside.”
- (excerpt taken from: <https://afineparent.com/building-character/personal-accountability.html>)

## Last Call for Lost and Found



We have lots of forgotten jackets and sweatshirts in our cafeteria foyer on our lost and found rack. Please come visit before our December break because we will box them up and donate them on Friday, December 22.

**Happy Holidays!! See you all in 2018!!!**