

R.O.A.R Report

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Shared Vision – Rim Rock nurtures and equips mindful, engaged and empowered learners!

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

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April 11, 2018

Upcoming Dates

Friday, April 13 – Spring Picture Day

Tuesday, April 17 – 6:00 – NEHS Induction Ceremony

**Thursday, April 26 – 4:15 – School Advisory Meeting
– Conference Room**

Wednesday, May 2 – 4:00 – 8:00 – Spring Conferences

Thursday, May 3 No School – Plan Day

Friday, May 4 No School – Comp Day

Focus on Learning

Class Placement Information

Your thoughts and opinions about your child are important to us when making decisions regarding classroom placement for next year.



Our priority is your child's academic success. Creating classrooms that facilitate exemplary learning environments involve a process based on sound educational criteria. Factors that contribute to a balanced, dynamic and academically sound classroom are:

- assessing the teaching/learning styles of teacher and child,
- equal split between boys and girls,
- personalities of students in the classroom,
- special needs of each child, and
- academic needs of students.

Teachers spend hours determining the best placement for each child. If you would like to share your thinking and give us information to add to our process, you are welcome to complete a form at our front office. We will have placement information forms available for your input in the office **April 23 through April 27. To be considered, all forms must be completely filled out and returned by 4:00 pm on April 27.**

Our teams for next year are as follows:

Kindergarten: New Hire
Mrs. Bricker
Mrs. Franklin

1 st Grade:	Ms. Pewters Mrs. Bingham Mrs. Clark Mrs. Butterfield
2 nd Grade:	Mrs. Steele Ms. Helms Ms. Arevian Mrs. Myers
3 rd Grade:	Ms. Moncy Mrs. Roberts Mrs. Duprey Ms. Williams
4 th Grade:	Ms. Nicholson Ms. Ripple Ms. Schaefer Mrs. Holloway Mrs. Hoffman
5 th Grade:	Mrs. Bennett Mrs. Rayside Mrs. Tran New Hire New Hire

You might notice that Mrs. Mixon, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Slipka and Mrs. Wheatley's names are not on our staffing list for next year. Mrs. Wheatley has decided to take some time to be a mom and concentrate on her family, Mrs. Mixon is relocating to North Dakota **AND** Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Slipka have both decided to retire at the end of this year: I know you will join us in celebrating all of these ladies and wishing them well with their new life decisions and adventures!!

In addition to these changes, we will also be saying good bye to Mrs. Younger who will be staying at home as well next year to be a new momma (through adoption)!! With her move, Mrs. Kalenian will be sliding over into our Enrichment position.

Our motto this year has been Embrace Change – the end of year always challenges our abilities in this area – we all know that our community will continue to be student focused and geared up to “nurture and equip mindful, engaged and empowered learners!”

Focus on Safety

BE ALERT

As we move into spring, more of our students are walking, riding and wheeling to school. In addition, as our learners are getting on and off the buses, they are using our sidewalks and crosswalks. Please be EXTRA diligent in checking for students as you drive around the area; especially as you approach a stopped bus. Remember, when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is out, traffic BOTH ways should come to a stop.



Thank you for keeping our learners SAFE!

Focus on School Community and Culture

ROAR Behavior Recognition

Check out our February and our March winners on our Facebook page!!! Kindergarten – Gio G., Easton M. 1st grade – Max J. Zach W., 2nd grade – Trindon H. Thomas O., 3rd grade – Lydia W. Landon R., 4th grade – Caden C. Nora P., and 5th grade – Sofia R. and Stone W. Each month we post our winners on our Facebook page – make sure you are following us!

Cafeteria News – Milks are A-La-Carte



Have you received a call lately about an outstanding balance in the cafeteria and wondering how that could be the case? Many students and families do not realize that Milks are an A-La-Carte item. What does that mean? It means anytime you get an **extra milk**, or **just a milk**, it costs you \$.80 – EVEN IF your child is on free/reduced lunch status. In order to not pay extra for a milk your child **MUST** get an **entire lunch tray**.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice White, our cafeteria manager.

Counselor Corner – Mrs. Walke

For the month of April, lessons will focus on personal safety as a part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The purpose of these lessons is to encourage children to talk to trusted adults (parents, teachers, etc.) if they have concerns about safety.

In March, we focused on perseverance and positive self-talk. We discussed the meaning of perseverance and talked about how positive self-talk helps us to do our best and not give up, even when it gets hard. Additionally, we addressed how positive self-talk/growth mindset makes us feel good, try harder, and become a better learner. We discussed that learning

anything new takes time and practice. Adding positive self-talk or an affirmation to your day can help you meet your goals and improve your self-esteem.

Here are some ideas for promoting **perseverance** at home: Taken from:

(<http://www.reachinginreachingout.com/documents/ram-keeptrying-tipsheet-poster-oct20-12-final.pdf>)

When parents keep trying and offer encouragement, children learn to keep trying, too. Learning from mistakes helps us grow and keep trying as we face life's challenges.

SHARE your 'keep trying' outlook and patience with your child...

- **Offer encouragement**
"I think you can do it. Keep trying."
"You really want to learn how to do that."
"Let's see how much you can do."
- **Show them that mistakes are OK**
"Everyone makes mistakes. That's how we learn."
"That's OK. Mistakes help us know what to do differently the next time."
- **Tell them progress takes practice**
"You may not get it right the first few times, but that's OK. It takes practice to learn new things."
"You kept trying to put the puzzle together. And, look, you only have a few pieces to go!"
- **Talk about how you keep trying**
"First, I get the broom, and the dustpan, then I sweep, and then I put the dirt in the trash can."
"I am so glad I kept trying. Look, I learned how to fix the lamp."
- **Point out people or characters who keep trying**
"Look at the baby learning to walk. She keeps falling down, but then she gets back up."
"The little red engine kept on trying. It was hard, but he finally got up the hill."
- **ASK your child about trying...**
"How about trying again? I think you can do it"
"What do you need to help you start?"

PAUSE and THINK about different times you can encourage your child...

- When your child is playing
- Learning something new
- When s/he is frustrated or discouraged

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