

### Reading Is So Important

### How important is reading to your child?

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

### What benefits do children gain from reading?

- Children who read often widely get better at it
- Reading exercises our brain
- Reading improves concentration
- Reading teaches children about the world around them
- Reading improves vocabulary and language skills
- Reading develops a child's imagination
- Reading helps children to develop empathy
- Reading is fun

### What age should a child start learning to read?

Most children learn to read by 6 or 7 years of age. Some children learn at 4 or 5 years of age. Even if a child has a head start, she may not stay ahead once school starts. The other students most likely will catch up during the second or third grade.

#### How many minutes a day should I read to my child?

The more reading children do, the more quickly they will develop as readers. It is often recommended that beginning readers spend 15 or 20 minutes reading each day(in addition to the reading they do at school). However, the amount of reading a child does is most important, not the amount of time she spends doing it.

## Counselor's Corner

October is Bullying Prevention Month! Through stories, activities, and discussion, RPS students are learning how to prevent and respond to bullying and other hurtful behavior. The phrase "Stop, Walk, and Talk" can help them remember what to do when they see someone acting in a hurtful way. We encourage parents to ask students about what they have learned. You may even help them practice by giving them imaginary problems to solve, such as, "What could you do if someone calls you a mean name?" Talking through their response helps prepare students to protect themselves and keep our school safe.



### **Dates of Importance**

October 3—Pep Rally

October 8-10—Fall Break

October 12—Last day of quarter

October 16-PAWS night 6:30

October 16—LSGT Meeting 8:00

October 25-Report Cards Home

October 25-CIS Dinner

October 31-Halloween

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# WONDERFUL WORDS



Helpful links from the GA Department of Education

Parents are our partners! Study after study has shown that parent engagement is the number one factor in student acadeic success. Please take advantage of the Georgia Department of Education newsletters, videos, brochures, and countless other resources. This information is designed to help parents become better engaged in their child's education and future! The shortcut to their website is https://goo.gl/PVuyA6



We need bus drivers for our county. If you are interested in getting your CDL license and would like a part time job call the bus garage at 706 965-2913.

### MUSICAL MELODIES

We are having fun in music. Kindergarten learned a song in Spanish, first grade is singing and dancing, and 2nd grade is playing instruments.

We are off to a great start in music makers. The holidays are just around the corner and we can not wait to start spreading some holiday cheer. Looking forward to our concert in December.



## REGISTRAR'S REQUEST

The state of Georgia and Catoosa County request various documents for a student's permanent records. Please make sure RPS has a copy of all required documents. Student must have a current immunization record (3231), eye, ear, dental, form (3300) and also current POR (proof of residence). Thanks



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# TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC!



Our traffic seems to be getting better as the year goes on. Here are a few reminders to help things run more smoothly!

- Parents do not get out of your cars in the morning! The people on duty will help get your little ones out.
- Please have them ready to get out of the car. Book bag ready, seatbelt undone, hugs and kisses given, etc.
- Pull all the way up to the second

speed bump to unload in the morning.

• Have your child sit on the side of the car by the building for unloading.

Thanks for helping to make things run more smoothly!

## NURSE'S NOTES

Our mass Hearing and Vision Screening was held on Sept 28. Every first grade student was screened on this date. Other students were screened as needed. Results of the screening will be sent home if your child passed. If your child did not pass you will be receiving a phone call from the nurse. As always if you have any questions please see Nurse Cindy in Room 608.

Tentative date for next Dental Van visit: Friday, November 16



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"Building Pawprints of Lifelong Learners"

### GO TIGERS!!!



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become successful, lifelong learners.

Our Mission

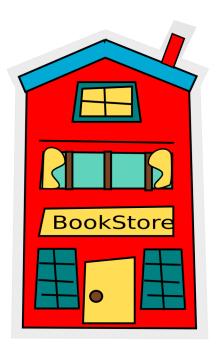
Ringgold Primary School will provide a safe, positive and

supportive environment that will inspire all students to

Our Beliefs
At RPS, we believe that EVERYONE:

- Is valued and supported
- Has responsibility for student learning
  - Can be successful
  - Has leadership potential
    - Is Welcome

Penny War is going on! Send in your spare change for the jugs in your child's room. This is for PTO Student Appreciation Week.



SCHOOL STORE
IS OPEN FROM
7:30-8:00 AM
EACH
MORNING!