

THUNDER RIDGE RAPTOR REVIEW

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RAPTOR PARENT TIP OF THE MONTH:

HOW TO RAISE A READER

Our amazing teachers plan whole group and small group lessons to teach, intervene, and extend students in the Five Basic Literacy Skills: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, and Comprehension. We are seeing great progress in our Raptors as we continue to work with them at school.

Often, parents ask how they can help at home. Sometimes teachers will send home activities or suggestions. Lexia is another great resource. Here are some tips found on: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/10-things-you-can-do-raise-reader>

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Look for new books and authors your child may enjoy

Organize an area dedicated to reading...

Visit the library...

Encourage your child to talk about what he's read

Talk to your child and sprinkle interesting words into your conversation

Offer a variety of books

Read with your child every day

Expand your home library to include magazines and nonfiction

Ask questions if you are concerned about your child's development

Decide to raise a reader!

RAPTOR LAPTOR

Our Raptor Laptor is one of our favorite Thunder Ridge traditions! We are hoping for good weather and look forward to cheering on our students as they run or walk around the field. This is our only fundraiser as a school, so we have some incentives for students as we collect donations. Prizes include gift certificates to the school store, Hat Day, Eat Lunch Outside, Minute to Win It recess games, and our grand prize is an Animal Extravaganza & Petting Zoo! We will collect donations through October 12th.

WHO HAS SCHOOL PRIDE? WE DO!

This last month, Thunder Ridge was invited to join in Westlake's Homecoming parade. Student leadership led Raptor students, teachers, administrators, and parents into the stadium while smiling and chanting the "Funky Raptor". We were even able to get a mascot picture with some of our nearby elementary schools!) Go Raptors!



KEY DATES

Oct. 1st-5th: Fitness Week
See PTA Newsletter for details

Oct. 2nd-5th: Book Fair

Oct. 3rd-4th: Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 5th: Raptor Laptor

Oct. 12th: 1st Grade Raptor Reading

Oct. 18th-22nd: Fall Break (No School)

Oct. 23rd-26th: Red Ribbon Week
See PTA Newsletter for details

Oct. 23rd-31st: Ghostly Greetings

Oct. 26th: 4th-6th Spelling Bee at 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 31st: Halloween Parade at 9:30 a.m.

Come to the gym to watch our Raptors walk through in their Halloween costumes :) Details for pm kinder will come later to those families.

THANKS!

Thank you to all the amazing ladies that helped get our Take Home Reading Library ready this year! It is beautifully organized and will help many students. Thanks!

FAQ'S

What time does school start?

A track: 8:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
B Track: 9:15a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
AM Kinder: 9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
PM Kinder: 12:35 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

What happens on Mondays?

Students get out an hour early so teachers can collaborate.

A track: 1:15 p.m.
B Track & PM Kinder: 2:30 p.m.
AM Kindergarten: no change

When does my child have recess and lunch?

Lunch Schedule 2018-2019

Grade (Teachers)	Recess	Wash Bell	Lunch
3rd (4 classes)	10:55-11:11	11:11	11:13-11:30
6th (3 classes)	11:10-11:26	11:26	11:28-11:45
1st (4 classes)	11:18-11:33	11:33	11:35-11:55
4th (3 classes)	11:33-11:49	11:49	11:51-12:08
5th (3 classes)	11:42-11:58	11:58	12:00-12:17
2nd (3 classes)	11:53-12:08	12:08	12:10-12:30
SMG (3 classes)			12:20-12:50
Giant Steps			12:25-12:50

What do I do if my child is sick and I need to excuse an absence?

- ▶ Call the office at (801)610-8727
- ▶ Or Email: putykanski@alpinedistrict.org

Why do I need to come to the office and show I.D. when checking out my child?

We have your child's safety in mind. As per ASD policy, please be prepared to come in with your I.D. Thanks!



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. JENSEN

Happy October, Raptor Families! October holds so many fun events. Check out the calendar so you don't miss a single one!

Our students and teachers have been hard at work. As I have walked into or passed by classes, I have seen kids creating videos about math, collaborating through Google classroom, studying butterflies, and so much more. These are students who are engaged deeply with all content areas. I really love to see the collaboration that they do. These kids know how to manage conflict when they might not always agree on something....including first graders! During October, we will focus on collaboration as the first of the 6 C's. Here are some of the skills that the students will develop as collaborators:

- Respectfully listen to others and contribute my own ideas.
- Learn to problem solve and adjust plans as a group.
- Create and adjust plans to meet goals.
- Be accountable to complete my part of the group project.
- Ask good questions to generate ideas and give feedback.
- Reflect on the collaborative process as a group.

These kids are engaging in deep and meaningful ways with their classmates and with the content. I am thrilled about what these skills will do for them. And I am so proud of them!

As always, thanks so much for your continued support!

ONE FLAG, TWO FLAGS, RED FLAG... GREEN FLAG



Many of you have noticed that we use colored flags to help students know where to go in the morning. Red flags near the doors mean it's an inside morning. This will be due to inclement weather because of cold temperatures, hard or heavy rain or snow, or poor air quality. Also, underneath our American Flag, we hang one of the following three flags to signify air quality:

- **Green:** All students can enjoy outside recess
- **Yellow:** Students who are sensitive to poor air quality, especially those with asthma, should stay indoors.
- **Red:** All students need to stay inside