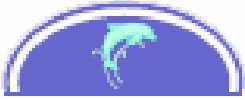


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Holidays are Coming!

It seems like yesterday was Meet the Teacher, and we were using the Cafetorium for the first time.

Time sure does fly when you're busy learning!

We're getting ready to take down the Halloween decorations, with Pilgrims and Indians waiting to take their place (and then of course, Christmas has already started cropping up around town).

The Holiday's at REA are the time when we most remember that we are a large extended family. And as a large extended family we help each other brighten the holidays. Our first bright spot will be the Holiday Food Drive, November 7th – November 18th. This Food Drive will be supplied by and provided to REA families, selected by Mr. and Mrs. Comardo.

Please check expiration dates prior to bringing food to the school.



MISSION STATEMENT

Reading Edge Academy is dedicated to launching children's academic careers with success, confidence and a love for reading.



To the Book Fair and Beyond ~ Thank You!!!!!!

Thank you to everyone that made our first book fair of the year a huge success. A great team of volunteers helped with advertising, scheduling, set up, working the book fair, picking up restock orders, take down, and doing whatever was needed.

The kids had a great time visiting the book fair, and are already asking, "when is the next one?" The next one is tentatively set for Feb. 6th – Feb. 10th with Annette Rohner as the Chairperson.

Thanks again to all the REA staff, volunteers, students and families for making our book fair a huge success!

Jill Wells, Book Fair Chairperson

Webpage Keep Everyone Informed

Come See the new and improved website!!! Monthly calendars, school lunches, and much more can be found on the website. Updated regularly, this will be a wonderful tool for communication!

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Getting In – Getting Out

Please remember that the school handbook stipulates that traffic on school property and Pond Court is 5 m.p.h. Also, using your mobile phone while driving your car on school property or Pond Court is against school policy. Both activities are grounds for additional volunteer hours being assessed to the families involved. Please drive slowly and wait to make phone calls when not on school grounds. Thank you.

Report on Past or Upcoming Events in the Newsletter, please contact Laurel Martin at Laurel@stephensmotorworks.com.
Notice: all submissions are subject to review, approval, and editing prior to inclusion.

10 Parenting Tips For Elementary-Age Children

(article has been excerpted from:
http://www.articlesbase.com/parenting-articles/10-parenting-tips-for-elementary-age-children-643814.html#.ToorO_Wuch8.email

Do you have a child between the ages of 5 and 9? That special season is a time of enormous growth and development and can be a whirlwind to observe. I am privileged to be parenting my fourth elementary-age child. Here are some of my favorite 10 parenting tips for early school-age kids.

1. It's a big world.

The first few years of school are exciting and stressful. Learning how to listen to adults besides mom and dad and being on their own for several hours each day is a tremendous leap forward in a child's life. As a parent, keep in mind this transition that your child is moving through, and be patient and understanding.

2. Give them your confidence.

A child this age often will doubt his abilities. Sometimes he will verbalize this lack of self-confidence; sometimes it stays his little secret. You can help him by sharing your own confidence in his abilities with him. Be matter-of-fact about his talents and express your utter confidence in him, even if you have your own set of concerns.

3. Be interested.

What is your child learning about in school? How did recess go? What is her favorite part of school? What is bugging her? Staying interested in your child's daily life goes a long way towards establishing a healthy on-going relationship.

4. Friendships count.

An elementary-age child is learning a lot about friendships. What works and frustratingly, what doesn't. They are also learning that families operate differently; what is a vital rule in your own family may not matter at all in another family. Learning that people do things differently is an important lesson at this stage.

5. Talk values.

This is the age to solidify what values are important to your family with your child. Ideas such as:

- We are kind. Why is this important?

- We are fair, even when others are not.

- We tell the truth, even when it gets us into trouble.

These important concepts MUST be cemented in your child now if you want him to live by them when he gets to the teen years.

6. Don't overload.

In this day of multiple after school activities, it's easy to pile on too much for the average primary-schooler. Her main "job" is school, so give adequate time, space, and support to homework. Once that is finished, free playtime is important at this age as most kids spend several hours a day sitting at a desk and being quiet.

7. Family time is a priority.

Daily dinnertime together, a weekly game night, chores done as a team, a quiet time reading or enjoying music together, playing sports as a family; any of these ideas and many, many more are great ways to foster a sense of family in your home. Make sure you make together-time a priority.

8. Celebrate the team.

Kids this age need to know they are a part of something bigger than themselves and the family structure can fill that need beautifully. Worshipping, playing, and working together are smart ways to build your family's strength for the years ahead as well as enjoy each other today.

9. Have a family "thing".

Drawing on parenting tip #8, decide on a fun hobby the whole family can enjoy and jump right in. You can bike, go camping, build model trains, raise bunnies, volunteer in your community, or investigate the stars together. Trust me, nothing will build family memories easier or better than a shared family hobby.

10. Teach personal responsibility.

This parenting tip is vital for your child's long-term well-being. And it's simple enough to instill. Chores, homework and learning new skills like musical instruments or sports activities are excellent ways to teach your school-aged child more and more about being responsible for himself and his possessions.



AUTISM SPEAKS
It's time to listen.

The REA family would like to thank everyone who has participated with the fundraisers for Autism.

Your support has already helped raise over \$500.00 with the bake sale, jeans day, and collection buckets in classrooms.

The money raised will go towards Research, Awareness, and Compassion.

Please continue your support with our next bake sale and jeans day on Nov. 10.

My goal is to raise more this time around. "Can we do it, Yes we can". Keep that change coming to the classrooms as well.

As of Oct. 27, 2011 Ms. Simon's class is in the lead for the cupcake party. The class that raises the most will win that party, so bring in that change, and help us make a change for Autism!

Thank you again for your continued support.
God Bless Mrs. McKinney

Reminder: Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy will be walking for Autism Speaks to raise awareness for Autism.

WHERE:

Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater and City Center in Port Orange, FL

WHEN:

Saturday, November 19, 2011

TIME:

9:00 am Registration and 10:30

Walk Starts

Contact: Mrs. McKinney

386/668/8911

Website:

<http://www.walknowforautismspeak.org/orlando/reakarinmckinney>

Family Night



Remember that another family night at Deltona Lanes is set for November 22nd.

The \$5.00 will cover rental of your shoes, and your two hours of lane time – 5pm – 7pm.

Be sure to check the online calendar for other Family Nights where not only can your family enjoy some quality time together, but you can benefit the school!

November Fun

Words to Search:

CAMPFIRE	CORNUCOPIA	CRANBERRY	ELECTION	FAMILY
GETTYSBURG	GRATITUDE	HOLIDAY	LEAVES	LOVE
NOVEMBER	PEACE	PILGRIM	STUFFING	THANKSGIVING
TRAVEL	TURKEY	VACATION	VETERANS	WISHBONE

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(November Word Search Solution will be in December Newsletter)

October Word Search Solution

Fall in Florida

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(Over, Down, Direction)

- AUTUMN (6, 10, W)
- CORN (16, 1, S)
- CROW (15, 5, SW)
- EQUINOX (7, 8, SW)
- FALL (5, 1, SE)
- FESTIVAL (1, 13, NE)
- FOOTBALL (14, 17, W)
- FROST (13, 18, E)
- GOURDS (15, 17, N)
- HARVEST (2, 1, SE)
- HAYBALES (17, 12, N)
- JACKOLANTERN (3, 1, SE)
- LEAVES (6, 6, NW)
- MIGRATION (9, 8, SW)
- OCTOBER (7, 11, E)
- PUMPKINS (11, 8, NW)
- SCARECROW (14, 3, S)
- SWEATER (11, 1, S)
- TREES (1, 15, NE)

November

A MONTH of HISTORY

- November 1 – National Author's Day
- November 2 – Cookie Monster's Birthday
- November 3 – Sandwich Day
- November 4 – National Candy Day
- November 5 – National Donut Day
- November 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 7 – Hug-a-Bear Day
(we recommend stuffed)
- November 8 – USA Election Day
- November 9 – Parade Day
- November 10 – Sesame Street debuted 1969
- November 11 – Veteran's Day
- November 12 – Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
- November 13 – Mom's and Dad's Day
- November 14 – National Clean out your Refrigerator Day
- November 15 – Pack Your Mom Lunch Day
- November 16 – Button Day
- November 17 – National Young Reader's Day
- November 18 – William Tell Day
- November 19 – Play Monopoly Day
- November 20 – Universal Children's Day
- November 21 – World Hello Day
- November 22 – Stop the Violence Day
- November 23 – National Cashew Day
- November 24 – Thanksgiving Day!
- November 25 – National Parfait Day
- November 26 – Charles Schulz's Birthday
- November 27 – Pins and Needles Day
- November 28 – Make Your Own Head Day
- November 29 – King Tut's Tomb opened 1922
- November 30 – Stay at Home Because

Dolphin Clicks (A.K.A. A Word from Our Teachers)

Coach's Corner

Parent Info:

*don't forget to have your student dressed appropriately for the cooler weather coming

*don't forget to please have their name written in all clothing items (sweatshirts, jackets, etc.)

*don't forget to write us a note if your student has to miss P.E. for a day because of illness (doctors note if have to miss more than 2 days)

Skills/Activities in October

*Scoops- catching with an implement
(individually/partners)

*Soccer- passing/trapping, kicking a rolled ball, group games

*Fitness Stations- agility, strength, cardiovascular endurance

Sincerely,
Coach A. and Coach Harris



DOLPHIN ART NEWS



Artsonia Online Student Gallery
254 participating students!

Volunteers Needed! If you are familiar with digital cameras and would like to be an Artsonia photographer, please email me at:
pmaffucci@readingedgeacademy.org

(You can earn valuable volunteer hours, and get a sneak peak at budding artists' work!)

Artsonia gives children the opportunity to explore art and technology outside of class, reinforces previous lessons taught and celebrates their accomplishments with family and friends.

Be sure to check out our school booth exhibit at the Volusia County Fair & Youth Show. Students have done a great job. Fair dates this year are Nov. 3-13. We have also been busy making Holiday Cards for the Troops to honor our military and spread cheer!

Art work will be coming home soon!

Mrs. Maffucci

Music Rocks!!



My second through 5th grade classes have been rockin' out on Rock and Roll Rhythms this month. The Kindergarten through first have been working on sound poems with rhythm instruments. We have concluded this month with a round of Pumpkin Stew which has become a yearly tradition.

The Christmas Musical "Chris-myth Busters" is off to a great start. The students are singing beautifully and our actors are busy memorizing their lines. Remember, if you need volunteer hours, please let me know. The Christmas play is a great way to earn hours. The Christmas Musical is Thursday night,

December 15 at 7 pm at First Assembly in DeLand.

Hope to see you there!
Mrs. Burr
Music Teacher

Kindergarten Rocks!!

Thank you to all Kindergarten parents who helped the Storybook Parade be a great success!

Mrs. Toland's class show cased Chick-chicka-boom-boom.

Ms. Carol's class show cased One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

Ms. Lowery's class show cased The Cat in the Hat with Thing 1 and Thing 2.

Mrs. Norat's class show cased Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.

We had a blast!!

The kindergarteners are continuing blending, sounding out short three letter words, and working on learning more sight words. Please study the sight words and read daily!

For math, we have begun learning the basic 3 dimensional shapes. Feel free to send in things that define those shapes to share with the class.

As we head into November please be on the look out for information about our Thanksgiving plays and feast. Each class will let their parents know of the day and time their class will celebrate Thanksgiving. Thank you, also, for those who have sent in items for crafts and our Fall Festival!

Remember to keep sending in Box Tops and Campbell's Labels to help earn our school free things.

We hope everyone has an awesome Thanksgiving!!

First Grade

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is November already?

Time is flying by.

All the students are working really hard.

In Reading, we will be working on main idea, writing a report, re-telling events in order, irregular and proper nouns, as well as days, months and holidays.

We will continue to work on addition and subtraction in Math. The students received a project about habitats and just as a reminder it is due November 10th. Have fun with this project, the kids will love it.

We will be exploring neighborhoods in Social Studies.

We hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Gobble!! Gobble!!!
The First Grade Team

5th Grade

Hard to believe it is November already!

This month we will be attacking Algebra and Integers in Math.

In Science we are finishing up our unit on Weather and Climate.

Social Studies is getting more interesting with every chapter as we continue to learn more

about our nation's history!

Students will learn more about the original 13 colonies, studying differences in the lifestyles of New England, Middle, and Southern colonies.

Persuasive writing will be our focus early this month, and we will continue our normal routine in Reading with weekly assessments in vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension.

Please continue to use the class blog for additional information each week at www.rea5.blogspot.com.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!!
Thank you,
Ms. Carlson

Ms. Angel's 3 – 5 Class



Our class was busy in October learning about story elements. For the storybook parade, the students drew and explained characters, the plot, and the problem/challenge for Diary of a Wimpy Kid and The Black Stallion. Their amazing work was displayed outside of the classroom.

In science we have been studying Earth's movement, the stars, and planets.

Don't forget that our space projects are due **Friday, November 18th**.



Upcoming Events

- Nov 7 8 – Holiday Food Drive
 - Nov 7 – Donate a \$1 for Autism – Wear Jeans on the 10th
 - Nov 10 – Bake Sale for Autism/ Wear Jeans
End of Grading Period
 - Nov 11 – Veterans Day
NO SCHOOL
 - Nov 16 – Report Cards Sent Out
 - Nov 19 – Autism Walks
 - Nov 22 – Bowling 5-7pm
 - Nov 23–25 – Thanksgiving Break
 - Nov 28–Dec 2 – Santa Shop
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- As access to new technologies expands, and the internet becomes a bigger part of our children's lives at ever younger ages, locating safe and educational sites is more critical than ever. This list is not meant to take the place of a parent verifying that the content is suitable for their child, but it is a good starting resource for those new to turning to the web for educational motivation.

Top 10 Educational Kids Web Sites

1. Kids.gov
Easy-to-navigate and most comprehensive children's portal designed for K-12. Offers categorized, reviewed and annotated links to a variety of respected educational, commercial and fun learning sites. A sampling of topics includes careers, music, fun stuff, computers, homework, money and health.
2. FEKids and Fact Monster
FEKids and Fact Monster are part of the Family Education Network. Kids start with a fun interface with plethora of homework help behind it, including Fact Monster, and fun learning games for kids

K-8th. Another focus is kids' issues, such as family, friends, and changing anatomy.

3. PBS Kids

One of the easiest-to-use, educational kids' web sites where kids learn by having fun. Many games and activities are centered on favorite PBS TV shows, such as Arthur, Zoom, News Flash Five, and tools, such as The Democracy Project.

4. Ask for Kids

Kid-safe search engine powerful enough to handle the most difficult homework questions. Useful tools and categories included, such as biographies, math-help, world atlas, dictionary, almanac, and clip-art as well as games and news.

5. Federal Resources for Educational Excellence

FREE makes it easier to find educational resources with a centralized site of more than 1,500 learning resources, from dozens of federal agencies. Begin your search with the Subject Map, Special Collections or search by topic.

6. MSN Encarta

This leading educational program offers encyclopedic information and many learning tools in one place including, homework help, top-ten lists, quizzes, and an extensive multimedia center. Site offers a useful collection of articles for parents and students.

7. NY Times Learning Network

Get your kids interested in news, reporting writing,

vocabulary, and understanding world events. Kids can submit letters to the editor, ask reporters questions, learn new words and sharpen their skills with crossword puzzles and quizzes.

8. NASA for Kids

What kid would not enjoy learning from this stunning site? Games, activities, stories, and a kid's club, along with space videos, are just some of the offerings. How about making a space shuttle out of a hot dog?

9. National Geographic Kids

From preschool to preteen, this leading educational kids web site provides both online and offline fun. Unique activities such as create a motion ocean or make a fortune cookie. Learn from, animal videos, games, fun science, and more. Try the sitemap to view all the areas.

10. CoolMathForKids.com

If a fun and easier way to learn math exists, this is the site. Kids from 3 to 100 will find lessons, study tips, games, puzzles, and explanations that make sense! Special selections for preschooler math through pre-calculus. How about the geometry of crop-circles?

"Raise a Reader"

Reading Edge is registered in a reading contest, "Raise-a-Reader," which encourages our parents to encourage our students to read, with the winning school getting \$5,000 for their library.

The contest runs from November 7, 2011 through January 30, 2012 with parents/legal guardians logging on to our school page on the contest website to record minutes read by their students.

Please encourage your students to read, and then log in their minutes that they have spent reading.

Samsula is also entering this contest, so THE RACE IS ON !

IMPORTANT CONTEST INFORMATION

*Website for Home Page for contest:
www.parents.com/raise-a-reader

* Link for parents/students/staff to check minutes:
www.parents.com/reading/readingedgeacademydefl

Clorox – A Bright Future

Clorox Power A Bright Future Program - Provide Android or iPad Tablet Computers for Students.

Please help Reading Edge Academy win this \$50,000 grant by telling friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to vote every day up to Dec 9th. Anyone can vote, provided they are 13 years of age or older.

The only criteria for winning is having the MOST votes. We can do this!!

Vote for your favorite entry (REA!) between 10/24 and 12/9 at powerabrightfuture.com

