



Ruth Ditto Elementary School, Arlington, Texas

# Ditto Ranger Roundup

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Week of October 2nd

2017/2018

Ditto Families,

Thank you so much for supporting our Spring Creek nights a few weeks ago. We're grateful to get a check for over \$2,100.00 this week. We appreciate your support and love partnering with Spring Creek again this year.

Thank you also for helping with the PTA chocolate sale. Please turn in any money you may still need to return. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped organize and run the sale. Prizes will be Friday, October 6th for students. Have a wonderful weekend and thanks for your continued support.

Karie Kuster  
Principal

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## This Week at Ditto:

10/04 Chick fil-A Spirit night

## Coming in October:

10/09 Columbus Day – No School

10/12 Field Day (1,2,3,4 *see times bellow*)

10/13 Field Day (K,5, 6 *see times bellow*)

10/20 Early Dismissal (12:20pm)

10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week

10/27 Halloween Parade

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## **In The Classroom:**

**K:** This week we are studying the letters **Uu** and **Pp** and their sounds. Our new sight word is "**in**". We are practicing reading, spelling, and writing this sight word all week long. During **science** we are exploring the five senses. In **math** we are working on numbers 6-10. We will begin our **RANGER ROUND UP** this week! Each day students will get to travel to a classroom to meet with a teacher and a new group of Ditto rangers to work on letters, sounds, spelling, and correct letter formation.

So far your child should be able to identify the sight words:

*a, am, the, can, see, we, like, in*

You can also quiz them on the following letters and their sounds:

*Tt, Ll, Bb, Hh, Ff, Kk, Nn, Mm, Ii, Rr, Uu, Pp*

*Keep encouraging your student to read with you at home! Thank you for supporting your child's education!*

**1st: Language Arts:** retell events in stories; make predictions when reading; use letter sound knowledge to determine unknown words when reading; **Math:** read, write, recognize, and sequence numbers to 50; solve addition and subtraction problems up to 10 with unknowns in all positions; **Social Studies:** understand the difference between wants and needs; identify examples of goods and services in the home, school, and community; **Science:** identify different forms of energy.

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**Field Day Colors:**

Johnsen - yellow  
Pinson - clover green  
Stone - deep pink  
Jerkins - neon blue  
Cain - red

**2nd: Field Day** is coming up on Thursday, October 12 from 12:30 - 3:15pm.

T-Shirts are available at [dittopta.com](http://dittopta.com):

**T-Shirt Colors:**

Fleck - green  
Horn - red  
Lowe - orange  
Shepard - deep pink

Parents, please **read** with your children each night, whether you read to them or they read to you. It makes a tremendous difference in growing their fluency!

**Math facts** are a necessity - try quizzing the children as you drive in the car - they are a captive audience!

*Thank you for support each and every day.*

**3rd: Math:** We are continuing to learn how to round numbers to the nearest ten thousand! We will begin to learn how to multiply by using different strategies such as repeated addition, arrays, area models, and skip counting. We will also be learning a wonderful strategy for solving addition and subtraction word problems! Learning this amazing strategy will help your student when we get into multi-step problems!

**Reading:** Learning how to write a good summary from a story, and making good inferences using text evidence are two skills that we will keep working on this coming week. We will also begin reading and writing poetry, as well as, learning how to write a narrative essay!

Please continue to initial your student's planner each night. We appreciate you working with your student on their math facts, and reading with them!

**4th: Science:** We are wrapping up our weather unit and starting to learn about matter, mixtures and solutions.

**Social Studies:** We have completed our comprehensive study of Texas symbols, regions, key cities, and will begin to learn about how Texas gained independence.

**Language Arts:** 4th grade spends a lot of time understanding writing elements, concise word usage, and skills that hopefully will help our students express themselves meaningfully.

**Math:** We have spent a great deal of time on place value and decimals and will continue with adding and subtracting using these concepts..

**5th:** Ms. Walker & Mrs. Bray are offering extra tickets for flashlight donations!!!

We would like every 5th grade student to have **ear buds** to keep in their zipper binder. Fifth grade has 4 mobile lab carts to keep in the classrooms. This will allow for technology to be used more frequently in all subject areas. We do have class sets of large head phones but it is more sanitary and convenient if each child has their own set of earbuds. Please have them carry the earbuds in a small bag or container in their binder to avoid tangling the wires.

Every 5th grader at Ditto can access **spelling units** for the year at the following address. No username or password is necessary. Use this tool as a way to study for weekly spelling tests.

[www.spellingcity.com/sheremieb](http://www.spellingcity.com/sheremieb)

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***Binder organization tips:*** Every student should have a binder with a zipper bag in the front. The zipper bag needs pencils, sharpener, black & red pens, map pencils, and scissors at all times. (All their extra supplies can be kept at home or in their locker, preferably in an old zipper bag or a Ziploc bag.) Behind the zipper bag should be a sheet protector that holds their assignment sheet. After the assignment sheet, they should have the HOMEWORK tab. All homework and correct and returns for any class should be behind this tab. That is the tab parents need to look at every night. Next is Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science. Graded papers for each subject go behind the tabs for those subjects (not in the pockets of their dividers) and will stay there for an entire six weeks. They should be able to turn their binder upside down without any papers falling out.

We are excited to implement a web-based curriculum for all subjects called ***MobyMax*** in our classroom. MobyMax is tailored to your child's individual needs, and I think you will be very impressed by how fast your child will excel while using Moby. Moby's features include:

- Placement tests that accurately identify where your child excels, and where his or her "missing skills" are
- Targeted instruction to "fill in" those missing skills
- Systematic review sessions that ensure that your child retains 100% of what he or she has learned.

Best of all, your child can access Moby from your home computer at any time.

***Login steps for Student:***

1. Please go to [www.mobymax.com/signin](http://www.mobymax.com/signin)
2. Enter School Code: tx2198
3. Enter Username and Password. Your child's username and password was glued into their Math journals. Once logged in, your child will immediately start the lessons and begin improving his or her missing skills. You can sign in as a parent as well by selecting "Parent" from the drop-down menu and entering your child's username and password. You will be able to monitor your child's progress and even send messages to the teacher.

*Thanks so much for all your help in getting our kids ready and starting a very full fifth grade year. We look forward to a productive year together!*

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**6th:** We are in need of *plastic bottles* of any type for ***Science***. Please send these to school with your student by Friday, October 6th.

Please continue to send in ***Points Day*** donations. Our first Points Day is this Friday, October 6th. The yellow note we sent home listed suggested items.

Parents, please monitor student grades on Parent ***Self Serve***.

If you would like to subscribe to the 6th Grade ***Remind*** texts, text @ditto6 to 81010. This is a one-way communication system that allows us to send general reminders to 6th grade parents.

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## **Message from the Nurse:**

*Welcome back to school!* I hope that it is a great year for everyone.

Please take the time to send an extra set of clothes for your child's locker. Accidents just happen. It might be body fluids, food spills, wet slides, or a fall in the mud. I do not have clothes in the clinic. So, to prevent your child from having to sit in the clinic in wet or soiled clothes, please send something for them to change in to.

**6th graders** will need to have more immunizations before entering 7th grade. It is much easier if these are given before 6th grade is over. They cannot register at Junior High unless the record is current. Some of the students have already received these and turned them in to me. Thank you! If you have not, the required shots are a Tetanus booster and a meningococcal vaccine. The state has added a stipulation this year - incoming 7th graders will need to have the MCV vaccine given on or after the 11th birthday, and the record must indicate MCV4, Menactra, Menveo, or MENACWY.

*Thank you for your help in both of these issues.*

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## **Field Day Schedule:**

### **October 12th:**

**3rd Grade:** 8:30-11:15am

**4th Grade:** 8:45-11:30am

**1st Grade:** 12:15-3:00pm

**2nd Grade:** 12:30-3:15pm

### **October 13th:**

**5th Grade:** 8:30-11:15am

**6th Grade:** 8:45-11:30am

**Kinder.:** 12:15-2:15pm

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## **Ditto Library News:**

Our Scholastic book Fair brought in over \$14,100 in merchandise and we earned over \$900 for teachers' classroom books and over \$3,600 in books for our library! Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, especially Mrs. Kelly Watson, Rainey Armstrong and Kristin Jensen for making our book fair run so smoothly, and thanks to all who purchased items to help earn more books for Ditto!

Our students will be taking part in several reading incentives programs, the first one starting October 1st, which is called "**Book-It!**" and is sponsored by **Pizza Hut**. Students who read a certain amount of time each month will receive a coupon good for a personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut!

The **Battle of the Books** is a district-wide **4th and 5th grade reading program** sponsored by the Arlington ISD school librarians. The students read 8 specific books during the fall and then take a test in early December to determine which students will represent Ditto at the February 10th (tentative date) district-wide competition. 4 representatives and 3 alternates from each grade level will be coached with Mrs. Murrow before the competition to "prepare for battle!" A letter will go home soon that has more information.

Please continue to encourage your child to read to you and/or be read to daily! Please email me at [jmurrow@aisd.net](mailto:jmurrow@aisd.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

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**Volunteer information:**

Are you a 2017-2018 AISD approved volunteer? Fill out your application at <http://www.aisd.net/community/volunteer/> . Please don't forget to submit a copy of your driver license.

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