



Ruth Ditto Elementary School, Arlington, Texas

Ditto Ranger Roundup

Week of September 18th

2017/2018

Ditto Families,

Thank you for coming out to Spring Creek Spirit Night! It was fun to see many of our Ditto families. We're excited about the PTA fundraiser with World's Finest Chocolate. Thanks for your help! Next week we will have the book fair and Grandparents Day. We hope you can be involved.

Thank you for your support,
Karie Kuster
Principal

This Week at Ditto:

9/18-9/22 Scholastic Book Fair (see details bellow)

9/20 Grandparents day (Grades K, 2nd, 5th, 6th)

9/21 Grandparents day (Grades 1st, 3rd, 4th)

Coming in September:

9/26 Fall Picture Day

9/29 Micah Superhero Fundraiser begins

In The Classroom:

K: This week we are studying the letters *Nn* and *Mm* and their sounds. Our new sight word is "*the*". We are practicing reading, spelling, and writing this sight word all week long. During *science* we are exploring scientific tools and what it means to be a scientist. In math we are practicing sorting a variety of objects in different ways: shoes, buttons, shapes, classroom supplies, etc... We are trying to instill a love for *reading* within each child so please take a moment to read a little something together each day.

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

a, the, can, see, we, like

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

Tt, Ll, Bb, Hh, Ff, Kk, Nn, Mm

Thank you for being a part of your child's learning!

1st: Language Arts: identify and read at least 25 high-frequency sight words; use strategies to spell words; retell events in stories; make predictions; plan and develop drafts when writing; **Math:** identify, write, and sequence numbers to 20; compose and decompose numbers to 5; recognize, identify, and describe 2-D shapes; add and subtract to 5 using objects and pictures (with unknowns in all positions); **Social Studies:** explain the need for rules and laws in the home, school and in the community; identify the responsibility for authority figures in the home, school, and community; **Science:** review safety rules; explore science tools; sort simple objects based on characteristics

2nd: Hello all! We are up and running with a new year in second grade. We welcome all returning Rangers and new Rangers and we have a lot of both! We are all working very hard to have our classroom routines become second nature and get into the swing of second grade expectations.

Right now we are completing our first of the year testing which will help us know where to start with each of our children. As always, they are our first priority.

We are looking forward to having a fun and exciting year in second grade! Please feel free to contact us at any time via email, DoJo, or Remind. Notes in binders works as well.

Look for news on Field Day dates and t-shirt orders coming soon.

3rd: Third grade has gotten off to an amazing start this year!!! We are really looking forward to a great year with lots of fun projects and learning!

In *math*, we are working on ordering and comparing numbers. We will be learning how to round numbers in the next couple of weeks! Please keep practicing those math facts!

In *science*, we are learning the attributes of the 3 states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases.

In *language arts* we are continuing to learn about the elements of a story in reading, and are able to fill out a plot map. We are analyzing characters and discussing how they change from the beginning of a story to the end of the story! We are also working on inferencing using text evidence from a passage.

Vocabulary is fun to learn through our knowledge of *prefixes* and *suffixes*! We have worked on *synonyms* and will be getting to learn more about *antonyms*.

We are continuing to learn map skills/parts of a map in *social studies*. We are specifically practicing our cardinal and intermediate directions!

4th: 4th Grade will be conducting CogAT testing next Tuesday, September 19. We will begin first thing that morning, so thank you for having your child here on time and rested.

4th Grade *Field Day* is scheduled for the morning of October 12th. It is a 4th grade tradition to tie-dye a white T-shirt rather than buy a Field Day T-shirt. If we have any parents interested in helping dye the shirts, which has a target date of Monday, October 9, we would appreciate the help! Parents, you may send a white T-shirt to school for your child so we can have one available to tie-dye.

Social Studies: We are learning about the geography of Texas and will be researching the different regions of Texas in the coming weeks; *Math:* Next week we will be comparing and ordering numbers with digits in the hundredths place all the way to one billion; *Science:* We are continuing our study of "What Makes Weather?".

Language: We are building some of the technical skills, such as commas and capitalization, required to be able to write concise, well-written sentences as we build toward well-written essays.

5th: We have had a great start to the new school year! All of our new fifth grade students are very polite and well-mannered in the classrooms. The parent response and involvement is FANTASTIC!!!! We are so excited about working together with all our parents this year.

Redo policy: If a student receives a grade that is below a 70, (that they turned in on time), they can correct and return the paper for a 70. All corrections must be done on a new sheet of notebook paper. Staple the new paper with corrections on top of the original paper. There should be a yellow slip of paper for the parents to sign explaining all the step by step procedures attached to any failing paper below a 70.

Absent policy: If your child is absent all the 5th grade teachers will collect their work for them. If you want to pick up the assignments that day please call the office by 10:30am and the work will be available for you to pick up by dismissal at 3:20pm. If you chose not to pick up their work they can collect all of their assignments from their first block teacher. They will have one day for each day absent to turn all assignments.

Conference: If you would like to schedule a conference for us to get to know you and your child better please feel free to call the office at 682.867.3100. Our conference time is 1:50- 2:40pm. We can do phone conferences

and after school conferences as well to accommodate a variety of schedules. You are also welcome to email us: mwalker4@aisd.net, sbently@aisd.net, ebay@aisd.net, sanderson@aisd.net, jsnyder@aisd.net.

5th grade science classes need donations for:

Clorox Wipes

Baby Wipes

Any type of small wind up toy

Any type of spinning top

Play dough of any color

We will give your child tickets for any donations they bring to class.

6th: Sixth grade is off to a great start. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate teacher:

Debra Farmer: dfarmer@aisd.net

Kelly Achilles: fachille@aisd.net

Kristi Carroll: kcarroll@aisd.net

Linda Charles: lcharles@aisd.net

Be sure to monitor your student's planner and behavior sheet. They should be signed over the weekend and returned to school on Monday.

Please be aware of the weekly **homework schedule:**

Spelling is assigned on Monday – due that Thursday

Vocabulary is assigned on Monday – due that Friday

Math is assigned every night – due the next day

Remind 101 – To receive 6th grade reminders please send a text to 81010 and put @ditto6 in the message.

Fall Book Fair:

Our first book fair will take place September 18-22!

We need LOTS of volunteers to help with book fair! Please email Kelly Watson if you can volunteer at im.thegirl@yahoo.com or sign up using the link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0c45a5af23a20-ditto>

When: September 18-22 **Where:** the Ditto library

September 18-21 – open 8:30am-3:55pm

September 22 – open 8:30-10:00am

Items may be purchased any day of the week.

Family Event: Grandparents' Day

Wednesday, September 20 – grades K, 2, 5,6

Thursday, September 21 – grades 1, 3, 4

The book fair is a great way to encourage reading, build your child's personal library and support Ditto. All proceeds go towards purchasing new books for our library and teacher classrooms!

CHECK IT OUT: You may shop ONLINE for books Sept 14-22 via the following website. Tell your friends and family so they may help us earn more books for our library!!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dittoelemsch>

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.

Field Day:

Just as last year Field Day has been moved to the Fall!! Yes, that's right! We are having Fun Fall Field Days in October !! Shirts are available for purchase now: you can return the form that was sent home or buy it online through the Ditto PTA website until Monday September 22!!

<https://squareup.com/store/ditto-elementary-pta/>

Attention 4th graders: it's been a tradition for 4th graders to do their own tie die shirts for field day. *Do not buy field day shirts* through the PTA website. Instructions will go home regarding their shirts.

Ditto Library News:

Welcome to another exciting school year at Ditto! Students will begin checking out books the 2nd full week of school; please help your child keep track of their library books. They are usually due within 2 weeks.

Parents may come every day *except Wednesday* between 7:55-8:10 am and 3:20-3:35 pm to check-out up to 3 books from our library in their own name. Items may be checked out for up to 2 weeks. We are excited to offer this service to our parents!

Please contact me at 682-867-3122 or jmurrow@aisd.net anytime during the school year if I can assist you in any way.

PTA News:

Volunteer of the Month: Congratulations *Iva Nall!* Thank you for your hard work!!!!

Party Fund: Please consider donating for the *party funds*. It is conveniently online this year:

<https://squareup.com/store/ditto-elementary-pta/>

Thank you *Chick-fil-A* (4412 Little Rd, Arlington) and Albertson's (Southwest Plaza) for the generous donations to our Tears & Cheers Breakfast on the first day of school.

There are two remaining yearbooks from last year. They are \$30. If you are interested in buying one, please contact our Yearbook Chair, Iva Nall, at doug.iva@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteer opportunities:

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.

Sign up to volunteer! Our next volunteer opportunity is next week during book fair. We need lots of volunteers to help out so we can raise money to purchase new books for our library and classrooms. To sign up, please see the link below to sign up to volunteer!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0c45a5af23a20-ditto>.

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