

Roosevelt Public School

September Newsletter

2019



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Our Ongoing Commitment to Growth

This year, the top three priorities that we will be working on at Roosevelt Public School are to improve math proficiency, improve reading proficiency, and improve communication with our community.

Last year, our teachers attended many different trainings, learned many new programs, met many times to insure that we were aligning our curriculum so that there are no gaps, and aligned our vocabulary so that we are all using the same verbiage in both math and reading/language arts.

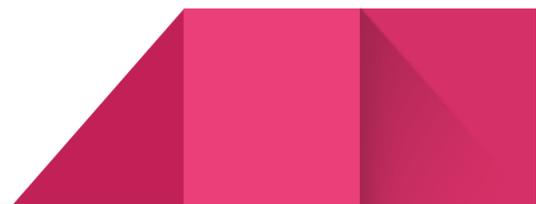
In math, we will be concentrating on the foundational skills such as number sense, place value, and math fact fluency. Being fluent in math facts means that students will experience less confusion. Math facts form the building blocks for

higher-level math concepts. When a student is fluent with their math facts, more of the brain is opened up for higher level problem solving.

In reading, we will be having a ninety minute reading block for students in grades K-4 where students will be reading at their reading level. In grades K-2, students should be learning to read. In third grade and beyond, students should be reading to learn. With this being said, we need to make sure that our students are gaining the foundational skills that they need in the lower grades.

In order to improve our communication with you, we are adding a few new things: a new website, a monthly newsletter, and the office is the first line of communication.

Annah Belisle, our secretary, and Brenda Voth, our technology coordinator, have been busy creating



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our new website. On the site you will find such things as our daily announcements, the monthly calendar, staff contact information, a link to PowerSchool, and a link to Flasher's athletic pages among other things.

Every month when you get your school calendar, look for our newsletter. The newsletter will highlight different classroom happenings, school projects, upcoming events, Title I news, and ideas on how to help our students at home.

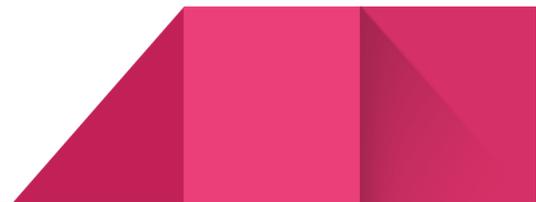
We are going to be working hard on making the office the first point of contact again. We know that with everyone having cell phones it has been easier to text whom you need to get in contact with; however, the

front office staff needs to be the first and last points of contact for everyone who calls or walks into our school for clerical reasons as well as safety reasons.

Staff in the front office focus on the details so that teachers can focus on the big picture, our students. Because of this, our office staff plays an important role in our school and have a major impact on school culture. Please go through the office if you need to get in contact with a teacher. The office will give the teacher the message, and have them contact you at their earliest convenience, if needed.

We also ask that if you are coming to get your child during school hours that you come into the school and sign your child out for safety reasons.

Thank you!



Staff Spotlight

Jerry Erdahl	Kayla Tatro	Mary Erdahl	Macey Kleinjan
<p>Mr. Erdahl is our new superintendent of schools.</p>	<p>Mrs. Tatro is our new English language arts and social studies teacher.</p>	<p>Mrs. Erdahl is our new counselor and part time Title I teacher. Her birthday is August 27th.</p>	<p>Mrs. Kleinjan is our new 7th/8th grade vocational education teacher and FFA advisor. She grew up around Seymour, Indiana and graduated from Mandan High School.</p>
<p>His birthday is September 9th.</p>	<p>Her birthday is September 22nd.</p>	<p>Mrs. Erdahl graduated from high school in Green River, Wyoming where her favorite teacher was Mr. Bill Thompson, and her favorite subjects were math and psychology.</p>	<p>Mrs. Kleinjan's favorite teacher was Mr. Axt and her favorite subject is agricultural education.</p>
<p>He was born in Wolf Point, MT and grew up in Montana and Washington.</p>	<p>Kayla grew up near Carson, North Dakota and went to Grant County High School where her favorite teacher was Mr. Hefle, her vocational agricultural teacher and FFA advisor.</p>	<p>Mrs. Erdahl has been married to Jerry Erdahl for 31 years. They have one daughter and three sons. Mary's hobbies are reading, crocheting, and Pokemon-Go.</p>	<p>Mrs. Kleinjan's family consists of her husband, three cats, and a dog. Her favorite childhood memory is showing market lambs and Angus heifers in 4-H.</p>
<p>He graduated from Eisenhower High School in Yakima, WA.</p> <p>His favorite subject is physical education and Mrs. Treat was his favorite teacher.</p>	<p>Mrs. Tatro is married to Jacob Tatro. They have one dog and two cats</p>	<p>She loves her family and hates to watch what she eats.</p>	<p>She loves watching "The Office" on repeat! She hates to wash dishes.</p>
<p>Mr. Erdahl's favorite childhood memory is going to his grandparents in Plentywood, MT.</p>	<p>Kayla loves dessert and hates washing dishes.</p>	<p>Mrs. Erdahl's dream vacation is camping on the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. Welcome to the pack, Mrs. Erdahl!</p>	<p>Mrs. Kleinjan's dream vacation is exploring somewhere new.</p>
<p>His family consists of his wife Mary, daughter Katie, and sons John, Scott and Frisco.</p>	<p>Her hobbies include reading, gardening, ranching, baking, hunting and traveling.</p>	<p>Welcome to the crew, Mrs. Kleinjan!</p>	<p>Welcome to the crew, Mrs. Kleinjan!</p>
<p>Mr. Erdahl enjoys hunting, fishing, trapping and woodworking.</p>	<p>Mrs. Tatro has always wanted to be a teacher.</p>		
<p>He loves spending time with family and his dream vacation is camping in the mountains. Welcome to the family, Mr. Erdahl!</p>	<p>Her dream vacation is laying on a beach in Belize.</p>		
	<p>Welcome to the clan, Mrs. Tatro!</p>		

READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home



20

min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home



5

min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home



1

min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>

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Math Games

Memorizing multiplication facts is an essential part of elementary education. A student who has mastered multiplication gains a solid foundation for achievement in mathematics throughout high school and beyond.

Math games for kids and families are the perfect way to reinforce and extend the skills children learn at school. A game can generate an enormous amount of practice – practice that does not have kids complaining about how much work they are having to do. What better way can there be than an interesting game as a way of mastering them?

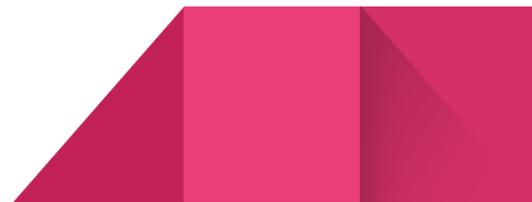
Give these games a try:

Buzz (try this game in the car, or while everyone is doing the dishes, etc.)

This game is used to review a specific fact family. The leader chooses a number between 2 and 9. The leader says 1, the next player says the 2, and so on. When they reach a multiple of the number chosen, the player says “buzz” instead of the number. If a player forgets to say buzz or says it at the wrong time, he or she is out. Play continues until the group reaches the last multiple of the number times 10.

What’s Your Number?

On a piece of paper write a multiplication problem that your child is having a hard time remembering, (e.g. 7×8). Pin it to the child where he/she can easily see it. The child no longer has a name. When someone wants to speak to him/her, they must call them by their answer (e.g. “56”).



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Break My Eggs

Write numbers in the bottom of egg cartons. Write 1 through 6 in the top row and 7 through 12 in the bottom row. Put two buttons in the egg carton. Close the lid.

Player #1 shakes the carton and multiplies the two numbers together. If Player #1 gets the correct answer, he/she gets a point. Player #2 shakes the egg carton and does the same. After 20 rounds, or 10 minutes, the player with the most points wins the game.

These activities are from Math Games and Activities: [Memorizing Multiplication Facts Game](#)

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Labor Day - September 2nd -NO school
- ❖ Grandparents Day - September 5th
 - Lunch at 11:30 CT with activities to follow
- ❖ Early Out - September 25th - 2:50 CT
- ❖ Vision Screening - (K, 1, 3, & 5) September 25th
- ❖ Title I Community Gathering September 26th
 - **Supper at 6:00 CT with information and activities to follow**

Mission: *Roosevelt Public School in partnership with the community provides students with the skills and experiences that empower them to reach their full potential as independent thinkers.*

Vision: *We promise to provide a diversified curriculum and a school environment that fosters self-esteem and respect for individual differences.*

