

Rawlings Rockets News

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Encourage your child to take responsibility for learning

Setting weekly goals allows your child to take more responsibility for her learning. To help your child set goals and achieve them: 1. Ask her to identify one goal at the beginning of the week. It might be finishing a book she has been reading for school. 2. Have your child write the goal on a piece of paper and post it on the refrigerator or bulletin board. 3. Talk about how to accomplish the goal. Help your child break the goal down into smaller steps. For example, "You could read two chapters every day." 4. Check your child's progress in a few days. If problems arise, talk about possible solutions. If your child falls behind in reading, a 10-minute extension of bedtime might help her catch up. 5. Help your child evaluate how she did at the end of the week. Did she achieve her goal? Why or why not? Regardless of the outcome, praise your child for trying. Then set a new goal for next week.

Source: "Encourage your child to take responsibility for learning" Parents Make The Difference 28, (1 Oct. 2016) 4. Print.

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 18th Family Reading Night (5:30-6:30 pm) Dinner Will Be Served
- Oct. 19th-No School (Teacher Workday)
- Oct. 23rd-PICTURE DAY
- October 26th-Report Cards & Celebration of Character (8-9 am)
- Nov. 2nd-No School
- Nov. 6th-Election Day
- Nov. 12th-No School

Trait of the Month

October's character trait is **responsibility**.

Rawlings Rockets are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe! And during the month of October, we will have a special emphasis on Responsibility, our character trait of the month. Being responsible is doing what you are supposed to do, and following through with actions that you take, even when things become difficult. Responsibility involves planning ahead, persevering, using self-control, and always doing your best.

On **Friday, October 26, 2018**, we will recognize students from each class who have shown exemplary Responsibility, at the Celebration of Character ceremony. Families are invited to attend the Celebration of Character ceremony at 8:00 AM in the Second Stage area. Students receive certificates and refreshments are served after the ceremony.



Welcome to our new School Counseling Intern, Jessica Rutherford. Ms. Rutherford received her bachelor's degree from Flagler College in 2015 (psychology/sociology & criminology minor). After graduation, she moved to Jacksonville, FL to work for Mental Health America of Northeast Florida. She then began her master's degree in school

counseling at the University of Florida in the fall of 2016 and plans to graduate spring 2019. She has been working with elementary aged students for over six years having been a preschool teacher, child advocate, and presenter. She has experience working with all grade levels; but it is working with the elementary population that she truly found to be her calling. As a School Counselor, her primary responsibility is to promote the academic, personal, and social development of all students. She looks forward to offering support to the students, staff, families, and community. She is excited to be at Rawlings Elementary school this fall on Wednesdays and Thursdays as a school counseling practicum student.

Vision

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Student Spotlight

for last month's citizen of the month challenge:

- Eli Robinson
- Noah Upshaw
- Ta'syah Jones
- Alani Morten
- Cornelius Williams
- Destiny Forbes
- Jaimyla Reed
- Season Lowery
- Selena Sims
- Angel Ellerbe
- Zimeria Lewis
- Daisy Knight
- Ji'merria Carr
- Justina Johnson
- Nicholas Pierre
- Tyreque Brown

Ji'merria Carr
Citizen of the Month

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Your Future is Key. So Stay Drug-Free!

Take the Pledge!

- Parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
- We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
- We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
- We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
- We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

 Family Member Signature

October is also Anti-Bullying Month, with a special emphasis on saying No to drugs during Red Ribbon Week, October 23 - October 31st.. The national motto this year for Red Ribbon Week is "Life is your Journey. Travel Drug Free." Rockets, let's use our guiding voice to check whether a situation or choice is safe, and let's use our personal power to stand up for ourselves and others. Remember that SNAP can help you to recognize your body cues when you are in a situation where you may be afraid, excited, or unsure what to do, stop, identify your hard thoughts and come up with a cool thought, and then, make a plan. A good plan helps you feel like a winner, make your problem smaller, and no one gets hurt.



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