Gene M. Reed, Jr. Elementary School PTA

Reed Eye Opener

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Thank YOU, Reed 2019-2020 Teachers and Staff!!

We appreciate and love you!
Thinking back on my experience at Reed Elementary, there are so many nature and animal-oriented experiences that I have. I remember we were always doing some kind of experiment in the classroom with bugs; we hatched mealworms, butterflies, silkworms, and made cricket terrariums. My favorites were the ones that didn’t include bugs, like when we hatched chicks! Even when outside of the classroom, learning and kindness to animals continued. I remember when someone found duck eggs under the slide and we had to tape off that part of the playground, and also when one of the teachers took in some baby bunnies that were also found underneath the playground. Acts like these are truly the root of my love for animals.

Despite all the aforementioned experiences, the one that led me to where I am now wasn’t even hands on. My favorite class through my seven years at Reed was my GT class called AIM. In fourth or fifth grade, we were given a budget and our task was to create our own non-profit. It could be anything we wanted it to be, but we had to fully plan out the expenses. The non-profit I chose was a dog shelter, I found a place, dog food, kennels, toys, and even approximated expected costs such as the water bill. After everyone presented their budgets, my peers voted me to have the best planned out non-profit and I won our little contest. To this day that is still my plan!

I feel extremely blessed that I got to experience every grade level in Allen ISD. It has given me ambition, taught me to strive for greatness, taught me compassion, and most importantly it gave me the best friends I could ask for. I met my two best friends in Kindergarten at Reed Elementary, and I can confidently say that the best thing Reed gave me was life-long friendship. I am super excited to start my journey to become a vet at Texas A&M University next year, but I will never forget my roots. Reed! Owls! Rock!
Wednesday, May 20th – Return Materials and Technology

Reed technology and instructional materials will be returned will be similar to the technology deployment procedure. To minimize interactions, please remain in your vehicle. Items will be exchanged via the back of your vehicle. The flow of retrieval will be as follows:

Station 1 = Student name announced
Station 2 = Receive bag of personal belongings by the gym
Station 3 = Turn in student book box with teacher’s instructional items (Books!)
Station 4 = Turn in powered on, charged device and power cord by the cafeteria

1. Complete the Google Form Reed Student Device Return.
2. Fully charge the Chromebook, turn on, and include the charger (remember to remove stickers that are NOT provided by the district). VERY IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM
3. Make sure you have all the independent readers that your homeroom teacher gave you after Spring Break. If you need a list, please email your homeroom teacher.
4. Arrange items where they are easily accessible in the trunk of your vehicle.
5. Please have this year’s carpool tags visible. You can also use a homemade sign.
6. If possible, adhere to your YOUNGEST child’s assigned time.

WEDNESDAY DROP OFF TIMES

- Kinder: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- 1st grade: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- 2nd grade: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 3rd grade: 12:30 – 1:30 PM
- 4th grade: 1:30 – 2:30 PM
- 5th grade: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

6th Grade Drop Off & Celebration Parade is Thursday, May 21st

10 AM – 12 PM
Reed Families,

What a year of growing the 2019-2020 school year has been! We applaud and thank students, staff, and parents for a successful year.

In order to keep math and learning skills strong over the summer, please have students continue to log onto the online resources such as RAZ Kids (for grades K and 1), Success Maker (for grades 2-6), and iStation Math. These programs provide additional practice for students in foundational reading and math skills at their personalized levels.

It's hard to believe that our sixth graders are moving on to middle school! We congratulate them on completing their elementary journey and we wish them the best as they continue to their next step in their life-long journey of learning. Remember, Sixth Grade: Once a Reed Owl, always a Reed Owl!

We hope that all Reed Owls find time to enjoy the summer break and to make some great memories!

Sincerely,

Principal Streitmatter & Dr. Ivey
Hello fellow moms, teachers, administration, PTA members and children.

Thank you all for your help, and support during this unprecedented year. We started out strong with our new principal Miss Streitmatter, and looked forward to our improved school structures with Dr. Ivey too. COVID19 decided the year was going to end a little differently. This was the first time Nurse Stageberg couldn’t handle all of this alone (we cherished how she cared for our kids on other days!). While we are sad to miss field days, and end of year parties, my family will play in the backyard, and think of the encouragement that Coach B offered our children to just try, even if it is not perfect. We will miss seeing the admin. assistants smiling faces (Julie, Ashley, & Monique) as we came into the school, but think of you as we enjoy our summer. And Miss Gosdin, words will not express how you have been a help to so many children, even as the school was closed, your role continued.

While there are missed graduations and special events, I want to thank each of you for doing your part to educate our children and care for them as they move through Reed Elementary. Special congratulations to our Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Sedlacek. Whether in a formal role as a teacher, or an informal role as parent teacher, we all had an impact on education this year. We have learned how truly valuable our instructors are in the formal role of education, and the informal role of being part of our extended families for our children. I am moving to a different school next year, so this is extra bitter sweet, I hope Reed families have a wonderful summer, find some normalcy in this time of crisis, and know that you are all cherished in your roles and in our families hearts.

Deborah Tran
Reed PTA President 2019-2020
Order your school supplies now, so you can avoid going to the store at the beginning of the year.
Memories from 2019-2020
Thank you to our wonderful Reed parent volunteers and the many volunteers who are in our community who have volunteered to serve on the PTA, who have volunteered at different events such as book fair, chaperoned field trips, brought in goodies for our teachers and staff, donated their precious time, contributed monetary donations to support events, and have worked tirelessly to serve our Reed students, staff, and parents. In addition, thank you parents for serving as your child’s teacher for the last nine weeks of school.

A special thanks to our business sponsors, 2nd Family Dogs, Community Counseling Associates, Pegasus Bank Mortgage Alain Cabrera, and White Tiger Taekwondo, who have championed our school in various ways throughout the school year.

Finally, to our amazing Reed administrators, teachers, and staff who continue to persevere, demonstrate innovativeness, creativity, and courage in the midst of a global pandemic, thank you for not missing a beat in leading the learning, showing kindness and happiness through your morning videos, lessons, and Zoom meetings.

Collectively, as a Reed community, we have served as role models to our students and have proven that when we work together, we can make anything happen!!

We are Reed Strong!

*Have a wonderful and safe summer!*