

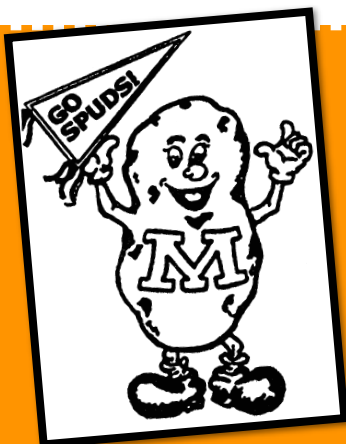
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Family Newsletter

A NOTE FROM MRS. MOYANO, PRINCIPAL

Dear Reinertsen Families,

I have a sense of surprise as I write the last newsletter note for the year. The school year has flown by and I can hardly believe it is time to celebrate accomplishments and start planning for the next school year. The students have made good growth this year.

Thank you for your open communication with me and the staff. We truly do need to work together to have the best outcomes for your children. Even though I've needed to call a number of you regarding student behavior that is "below the line", I very much support the positive approaches to student behavior that we are using at SGR. We continue to recognize students for making good behavioral choices. While the details are known to just a few teachers, we are planning a May celebration of

great behavior. Our students have earned more than 10,000 rocks and may pass the 12,000 mark by the time of our next celebration.

Each student will complete final assessments this spring and you will see results in the final progress report. In August, parents of third, fourth and fifth grade students will receive a letter with their child's performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments.

Have an enjoyable spring and summer. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with you this year. Best wishes to our fifth graders and their families as they move on to middle school.

Sincerely,
Anne Moyano, Principal



Counselor's Corner

I want to take this time to THANK YOU for your continued support for the counseling program. Your feedback and comments for the counseling program are always much appreciated! I will be on maternity leave the rest of the school year. My long-term sub will be *Heidi Maus*.

If you or your family need anything the rest of the school year, please feel free to call her at 284-5312 or e-mail her at hmaus@moorhead.k12.mn.us. Hope you and your family have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely, Lisa Karch, Licensed School Counselor



End of the Year Reminders

Lost and found: Lost and found items are located in the cafeteria. On June 4 anything remaining will be donated to charity.

Lunch and milk accounts: Money that is owed in lunch and milk accounts must be paid by the last day of school.

Books: Please return library and classroom books.

The Reading Corner

My how the school year has flown by! Even with the lovely weather this spring, time is still moving by quickly! That must mean that it is time to visit about some ideas to help keep our kids engaged in literacy activities over the summer!

One activity that will be taking place on **June 1, 2, and 3** is our **Annual Book Sale**! If you are unfamiliar with our book sale, this is where we sell gently used books for \$0.25, \$0.50, or \$1.00. Our goal is to get as many books as possible into our students' hands to read over the summer! We are continuing to accept any donations of gently used books that you may have at home and we also supplement our supplies by buying some gently used books at garage sales or thrift stores. If you would like to donate some books that you know other children would love, please drop them off at room #107 at SGR. Thank you for your help with making this sale a success for our students!

1. READ, READ, READ
2. Limit watching TV, but if they are watching, have them watch close captioned TV with the sound off.
3. If you are planning a trip, have your child map out the trip and read brochures on places you may visit.
4. Get library cards and encourage your children to check out books on a regular basis.
5. Make good use of your newspaper. Cut out interesting pictures and have your child tell or write a story about it.
6. Write letters or emails to family or friends.
7. Send postcards from places that you visit.
8. Take pictures of summer activities that your children are involved in. Have them journal or write captions about the activities in a photo album.
9. Have your child write tongue twisters and try reading them quickly!
10. READ, READ, READ



Farewells



Some of our staff members will not be returning next year. We will miss each of them! The following teachers will be leaving due to retirement, leave of absence or transfer: Orella Olson, reading, Jennifer Stumphf, grade 4 and Lisa Karch, counseling. Other changes are likely to occur as positions are filled. Due to the number of students, we will be adding a section of fourth grade. To make space available, all of our kindergarten classes will be located at Probstfield next year.

Allie Betsch and Logyn Moss, members of the Minnesota Reading Corps, have completed their year of service to our students and will be seeking other opportunities.

IMPORTANT DATES

May/June Calendar*

April 26-May 12	Measures of Academic Progress testing grades 2-5. Each class has one hour for reading and one hour for math. Classroom teachers will provide parents with the specific days and times.
May 3	PTAC meeting, 6:30 pm, free child care provided
May 13 & 18	MCA Science Test, grade 5
May 20	Max Miles Fitness USA program
May 31	Memorial Day, no school
June 1-3	All school Used Book Sale and Give-Away
June 3	Last day of school for students.

*Many, many other special events take place in May and June, including track meets, field trips, field days, etc. Please read teachers' newsletters carefully. You wouldn't want to miss anything!

September 3	Reinertsen Back to School Night
September 8	School begin

Thank You, Parent Volunteers

We are so thankful that so many parents and guardians volunteer in our classrooms and throughout the school. The extra help for students and the special events we are able to hold all make a difference for the students. Thank you very much!

We appreciate our PTAC officers, committee leaders and all PTAC volunteers. This year's officers have been Suzanne Hedden, president, Beth Nokken Hanson, vice president, Brian Mancini, secretary and Tory Gaard, treasurer.





MAKE IT A SAFE KIDS SUMMER

Ride Safe!

Make sure your kids are secured in the correct child safety seat or safety belt for their age and size. Kids should always be secured in the back seat until a minimum of 13 years of age. Study both your vehicle owner's manual and child safety seat instructions carefully.

Swim Safe!

Always supervise young children near water, including pools, spas, toilets, bathtubs and buckets. Insist your children wear personal flotation devices when out on boats, near open bodies of water or participating in water sports.

Wheel Safe!

Make sure your kids wear properly fitting helmets and other protective gear every time they ride their bikes, scooters, inline skates or skateboards.

Teach your children the rules of the road and practice obeying traffic laws with them.



Walk Safe!

Never let your child under age 10 cross the street alone. Teach children to obey traffic rules. Make sure your kids wear retroreflective materials, and don't let them walk alone at night. If they must walk at dawn or at dusk, make sure they carry a flashlight.

Play Safe!

Always supervise your children at playgrounds or in the backyard. Make sure they play on a safe surface, such as mulch, rubber or fine sand.

Make sure your kids wear the right, properly fitted protective gear when they practice and play team sports.

Source: Safe Kids USA.



Planning for Next Year

We want to be ready for your child next year with the right number of teachers, books, workbooks, desks, chairs, bus routes and so on. Please help us plan. You can:

- call us right away if you change your address or move out of the school district. You can leave a message at our office, 284-5300, or call the district office at 284-3351. We need to know if your child will be attending a different school next year and you will want to receive a letter in August about Back to School Night, the school supply list and the name of your child's 2010-11 classroom teacher.
- call the bus transportation office, 284-1410, if your home address or child care address is changing. Addresses are needed to set up accurate bus routes and give you correct information about bus transportation.
- encourage new neighbors to register their children for school as soon as possible.



From the Physical Education Office

Spring has finally sprung! That means the physical education classes will try to be outside as much as possible. Make sure your kids are dressed appropriately for the weather. Dressing in layers is a good idea due to the weather changes throughout the day. We are still in need of gently used tennis shoes, so if you are doing some spring cleaning and come across a pair we would gladly take it.

5th and 4th Grade Track Meet Info:

The 5th grade track meet will be Monday, May 17th and the 4th grade track meet will be Tuesday, May 18th. The make up days will be May 19th and 21st. The track meets take place on the Moorhead High School track on the northeast side of the school. All SGR students will be asked to try and wear a **RED** t-shirt or sweatshirt the day of the track meet so we can easily identify the students from our school. All the elementary schools including Asp, SGR, Hopkins, Park Christian and St. Joe's will be participating in the meet. Students will have to bring a sack lunch that day to eat in the bleachers during the meet. We encourage all parents to come and cheer on their children and all the elementary students in the district. Look for a note coming home with your child when it gets closer to the meet with more detailed information.



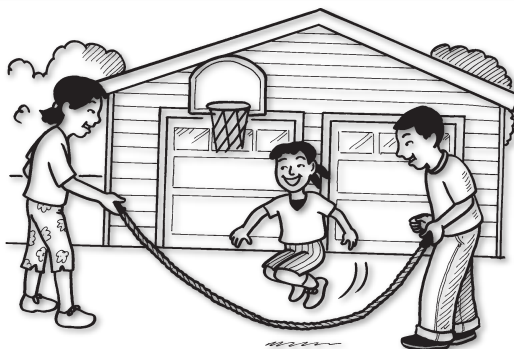
Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Van Dyke and Mr. Kimball

Sibling harmony

Your children will be spending more time together once school lets out. Here are three ways to help them keep the peace on summer days.

1. A daily routine

Knowing what to expect can help your youngsters get along better. Set a schedule for sleeping and eating, and plan for both active and quiet time. For example, your children might play outdoors after breakfast and relax with paper and crayons after lunch.



2. Boredom busters

Children who stay occupied have less time for arguments. Help your youngsters brainstorm things to do if they get bored (organize trading cards, build a block city). Post a list on the refrigerator, and remind them to look at it when they're restless.

3. Problem-solving skills

Teach your youngsters to compromise when arguments crop up. Sit down together, and ask each child to tell you her side and suggest a solution. Then, help them combine their ideas so they're both satisfied. Once you've done this a few times, try to let them solve problems on their own (unless someone is getting hurt).♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

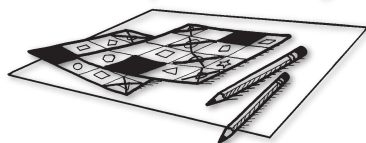


Waiting-room bingo

Make waiting more fun with this bingo game. You'll build your child's thinking and observation skills.

Materials: poster board, pencils, crayons

Before you leave for the doctor's office or a sibling's karate class, have your youngster create a bingo card for each person. Help him cut a small poster board into gameboard-size squares. On each one, he can draw a grid with four rows and four columns. Then, have him color in some of the boxes (blue, green, red) and draw shapes in the others (square, oval, rectangle).



To play, look for items in the waiting room that match the colors and shapes on your board. *Examples:* a blue raincoat, a rectangular window. Cross out each box as you spot an object that matches. The first one to get four in a row wins. If you have more time, try to find every item on your board.♥

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Family volunteering

Q: I'd like to teach my son to help others. How can our family volunteer together?

A: Most communities have plenty of volunteer opportunities for families. Choose a cause that your child is interested in or that he can understand. He will learn a valuable lesson about helping others.

For example, if he loves animals, your family might help the Humane Society at a pet adoption event. A nature lover may enjoy planting flowers at an arboretum or a school. If your family has an ill relative or friend, you might sign up for a fund-raising walk (visit www.thewalkingsite.com/events.html to look for events).

As you volunteer, talk to your youngster about what you are doing and how it makes a difference. For example, you might say, "We are showing our support for people with cancer and raising money so researchers can find a cure."♥



PARENT TO PARENT

My child, the teacher

I was playing school with my kindergartner recently while my fourth-grader, Ava, was studying for a math test. She kept mixing up the steps for long division, and she was getting frustrated. I remembered how she loved playing school when she was little, so I asked her to be the teacher and show me how to divide.

Ava put a problem on her little sister's chalkboard. She went through each step slowly, and I

followed along—while her little sister pretended to. Explaining the process in her own words really seemed to clear it up for Ava.



She did well on her math test, so I suggested that we play school for other tests, too. So far, Ava has "taught" me the major exports of our state, how plants create food, and how to make subjects and verbs agree in a sentence. She loves playing teacher, and her little sister and I are learning a lot!♥