UNIT A  Parents, please come to our Unit A Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 13 from 6-7:30 PM in the media center. Unit A teachers will share curriculum and instruction for literacy and math. Adults only please, there is no child care provided.

UNIT B  Now that we have been in school for a few weeks, we are working to help all students get into the routine of returning their Home-School Folder every day. Also Friday folders and FCJ's are due on Mondays. Please help your child get into a routine at home by going through their backpack every night and returning items to school.

UNIT C  In Unit C we are privileged to have a stand-alone health class. Mrs. Cox will coordinate units of learning, which include Nutrition, Peer Relationships, Puberty, Body Systems and Substance Abuse Education.

Specialists’ Corner ... Ms. Malveaux, Learning Specialist

I have to read for 20 minutes?!!! Children need help building their stamina when it comes to reading. Reading can be a very frustrating and stressful event for some children, so I have included some helpful and easy ways to add reading to your daily routine at home. The great thing is...they won't even realize that they are reading AND building their stamina at the same time!

How Do I Get My 20 Minutes?

* Read during snack time.
* Keep a few books in the car.
* Make a set time to read aloud to your child— even if it’s for 5 minutes!
* Add reading into transitions—reading while you clean up lunch or finish getting ready to leave. Read everything! Signs, food boxes, magazines, etc.
* Keep books by their bed.
* Have a set time for your child to read quietly to themselves.
* Play reading games—hangman, Brain Quest, etc.
* Read while you wait at a restaurant or doctor’s office.
* Listen to stories online. Try Storyline Online!
* Read activity books, such as cookbooks for kids or Klutz books.

Picture order form envelopes coming home today! Picture Day is September 20!
**Principal’s Pen** ... This week was our first PTSA meeting, and I can honestly say that we had a crowd of attendees. If you were not able to make this meeting, please plan to attend our next meeting on October 4. PTSA is a great way to meet parents and staff and learn more about Ridgeway. Starting in October, our Parent Advisory Committee will meet monthly before the PTSA meetings. So, please write this on your calendar: October 4, 6:00 – PAC meeting, 6:30 – PTSA meeting. Then, please complete the Parent Advisory Committee form that your child will bring home today and return it to school if you are interested in joining this group.

**Ridgeway Choir**

All Unit B and Unit C students are invited to join the Ridgeway Choir. Practices will begin the first week of October. There are two practices a week: Tuesday mornings 7:25-7:50 AM and lunch recess on Thursdays. Both practices are required. Practice will start on Tuesday morning, October 4 promptly at 7:25 AM in the music room. Our first performance will be singing “The Star Spangled Banner” at the Mizzou Women’s Volleyball game on Sunday, November 20. We also have annual concerts in December and May. We love to perform! We perform for our school, our families, Oak Towers and The Downtown Optimist Club. Look for information about choir t-shirts to go home soon. If you have a choir t-shirt you have outgrown and would like to donate it to another student, please bring those t-shirts to Mrs. Shull.

Thank you,

Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Shull

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**Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!**

- **Tuesday, September 13** ~ Chess Club begins! 3:00-4:30 in the Art Room, 3, 4 & 5 graders!
- **Tuesday, September 13** ~ Unit A Literacy Night, 6:00 - 7:30
- **Tuesday, September 20** ~ SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
- **Tuesday, September 20** ~ Back to School Night, Units B & C, 5:30 - 6:30
- **Monday, September 26** ~ No School, Teacher Collaboration Day

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**ABCD Calendar**

- Monday, September 12 - C
- Tuesday, September 13 - D
- Wednesday, September 14 - A
- Thursday, September 15 - B
- Friday, September 16 - C

**Please remember tennis shoes must be worn the day your child has PE.**

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**Ridgeway School Club Information**

- **Tuesday** ~ Chess Club, Art Room from 3:00-4:30
- **Thursday** ~ Computer Lab Kids 3:00-4:00
- **Drama Club Auditions** ~ Wednesday, September 14 3:00-4:00

Choir begins Tuesday, October 4, with morning practice at 7:25, and Thursdays during Unit B & C lunch recess.

Look for information for the Friends of Oak Towers Club that is going home today!