

## Otterly Outstanding

### Congratulations To The Following Students:

#### Kindergarten

Bradley – Zachariah Stevens  
Fischer – Marsh-Leyna Lamarre  
Freberthausen – Tariq Ali  
Holbert – Bethany Lundy  
Jaramillo – Mercedes Rojas  
Gardner (Media) – Matthew Sanchez

#### First Grade

Carlin – Vanessa Jimenez  
Carr – Kylie Ullrich  
Doole – Brayden Iles  
Hodgson – Alyssa Smith  
Zaragoza – Joshua Desir  
Ray (PE) – Sophia Votino

#### Second Grade

Kaste – Bailie Spells  
Miller – Navaeh Thomas  
Montoya – Collin Head  
Votino – Justin Barrington  
Hoffman (PE) – Nicholas Lopez

#### Third Grade

Girling – James Larsen  
Hyde – Holden Owings  
Jean – Aliyah Deloera  
Moler – Johnel Abrams  
Redding – Jake Askew  
Waffner – Anthony Camon  
Epting (Music) – Jayden Dertes

#### Fourth Grade

Brehm - Sophia Isahaq  
Owen – Emmett Mounts  
Power – Ava Murphy  
Ramsey – Nathan Angus  
Slappey – Xiam Villaman  
Price (Science) – Luke Laoutas

#### Fifth Grade

Garcia - Yoldine Cius  
Madden – Nash Adams  
Reynolds – Layla Lumpkin-Long  
Schroeder – Annali Llanos  
Slappey – McKayla Neely  
Woulard – Maria Perez  
Gardner (Media) - Donovan Grasso

## Book Fair

Scholastic book fair runs from September 28th - October 5th. Students shop on their media resource day.

**Family shopping night is Tuesday, October 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

We still need volunteers for the book fair. Volunteering at the book fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience. Contact media specialist Tonya Gardner at 785-5608 to volunteer.

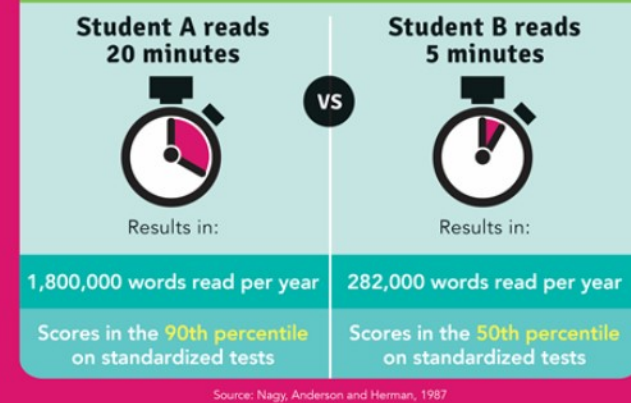
Visit [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair) for more information. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

### Just for FUN

**Q:** Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

**A:** To reach the high notes.

### Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?



Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about 1.8 million words per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

## Resource Report

### Media with Mrs. Gardner

Students are reading! There were nearly 1,000 new books ordered over the summer and all have been processed for student checkout. We have lots of fun incentives to increase students' reading.



1. Students have a monthly reading goal. Students who met that goal in September will receive snow cones.
2. We also have a Sunshine Book Challenge. Students read the recommended books and then vote for their choice as the "Book of the Year" at the end of the year ice cream party.
3. Reading Counts top score point earners will be invited to an overnight read-a-thon in the media center. There is so much to get excited about in the media center and students are loving it.

### Music with Mr. Epting

Mr. Epting is excited to announce that the first rehearsal for the 3rd-5th grade Chorus is **September 27th**. Their first performance of the year will be **October 25th at 6:30 p.m.** We hope to see you all there. The Composer of the month of October is Franz Schubert. For extra credit, write two paragraphs about him.



### PE with Coach Hoffman

Happy Autumn Everyone!! Well it sure doesn't feel like Autumn out at PE these days. Can't wait for this heat to break. Please remind students that they should leave their jackets and sweat-shirts inside because they will not be permitted to wear them in the 90 degree heat at PE. We have a few lost jackets at PE now. We are continuing to learn new and fun games at PE. Soon our laps will increase, getting us ready for the mile run in late November or early December.



## Club Corner

### Soccer

**Soccer Club** is off to a great start! There are lots of returning players, as well as many new faces, who took to the field to work on skills and drills. The heat was no match for these super stars as they also played their favorite games including Pac Man and Tails.

### Cheerleading

Starting on October 1st, Miss Waffner and Miss Rivera will have the first meeting of the new cheerleading club after school. If you would like to join, please ask your teacher for a sign up slip.

### Young Achiever

is celebrating October as our Well-Mannered Month.



### The Odyssey of The Mind is

an international educational program that provides creative problem solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their creativity to solve problem that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. Students are selected by their academic accomplishments and exemplary behavior.



Our seven Otters are off to a great start working on problem solving and teamwork in a fun, creative way! We are looking forward to our competition in March!

### The Wilderness Club

Rivers Edge Elementary is surrounded by Florida Native Plant and Wildlife. Located next to the Oxbow, and housing five different kinds of ecosystems in our "backyard," we have the ability to richly teach students about nature. If you want to bird watch, explore the woodlands, and identify animals by their scat, then the Wilderness Club is for you. Space is limited. Get a permission slip from your teacher today!