



Gause Riverside Academy

Be A Tiger Cub All Star—Mrs. Carr, Lead Teacher

It has been an extremely long summer break filled with lazy days, family outings, bike riding, swimming and many other adventures. Finally, the time has arrived for school uniforms, supply lists, breakfast and lunch menus, earlier bedtimes, and the familiar sight of yellow buses on the move. Our staff members have been busy preparing the campus for another great year of teaching and learning. Welcome, to our new and returning students. It's your time to shine. As part of Gause Riverside Academy's All Star team, we expect you to experience success. The best way to be a successful All Star is to

give your best effort in three important areas:
ATTENDANCE—You must be in school to ensure that you get the concepts and materials your teacher will be presenting. Perfect attendance and exemplary attendance (no more than 2 absences) are recognized at our nine weeks assemblies.
BEHAVIOR—Your attitude, listening skills, how you get along with others, completing assignments, and treating your classmates and all adults with respect are important parts in being an All Star. Students are recognized for good behavior at the end of each nine weeks.
CLASSWORK AND ACA-

DEMIC EFFORT—Do the best you can with every assignment you are given. Take pride and complete your work carefully and neatly. Students are rewarded for their academic achievement at each nine weeks awards program. If every student will put forth a 100% effort, I am sure all of our GRA Tiger Cubs will be part of our winning team. Step up to the plate! Take the Challenge!
It's time to Shine!



It's your time to shine! Be a Tiger Cub All Star in 2007-2008.

Welcome Back to School

August, 2007

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Get to know your child's teacher.
- ☺ Get your child to school bus stop every day.
- ☺ Sign agenda/planner and homework every night.
- ☺ Registration packet due by August 31st.
- ☺ Address verification due with registration packet.

About Our Staff

We are happy to welcome every student and parent to our school. We would like to introduce you to the GRA staff:

Robert Grocki—Principal
Joe Viscusi—Asst. Principal
Geraldyn Carr—Lead Teacher
Angie L. Medina—Prin. Sec.
Leslie Belcher—3rd gr.

Amanda Smith—3rd gr.
Melissa Northup—4th gr.
Chris Lynch—4th gr.
Tina Barbee—5th gr.
Toni Migliore—5th gr.
Mike Monroe—PE Teacher
Carolyn Keith—Reading Coach
Teresa Roberts—Media Specialist

Yolanda Ramirez—Media Para
Sarah Dyal—Compass Lab Para
Laura Weeks—Café Manager
Sondra Page—Café Asst.
Bessie Smith—Lead Custodian
Maria Montes—Custodian
We are all here to assist you.

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3rd Grade—Mrs. Amanda Smith and Mrs. Leslie Belcher

What an exciting time of year! New faces, at a new school....we just can't wait to get to know all of our 3rd grade students. We hope that you have had a relaxing summer break and are ready to get back into the swing of school. This is a very important year, so we plan on incorporating many strategies to help you conquer all of the academic areas.

One of the most important areas will be reading. We will require you to read at least two books a week for the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. You will read one fiction and one non-fiction book weekly. Points

are given for quizzes taken on the books read. These points add up and help you earn special incentives throughout the year.

To help keep parents informed, we will require students to take home the Daily Behavior Sheets, or DBS notebook to be signed by parents/guardians on a daily basis. Teachers will write in the DBS such as positive behavior notes, complete or incomplete homework, AR information, behavior while at school,



Reading is very important this year.

uniform reminders, etc. Please look for this very important tool on a daily basis.

Homework assignments will never be sent home without proper explanation. If students or parents/guardians have any questions on home-

work, please feel free to contact us at school.

We are thrilled to be starting this new school year and expect great personal and academic growth from our new students.

Parent Teacher Organization

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is revved up and ready to begin the 2007-08 school year. With the inception of our organization during the 06-07 school year, we had a very successful year. The PTO will be instrumental in providing support services to Gause Riverside Academy as needed.

To kick off the 07-08 school year,

plans are in the works for a Fall Fundraiser. As information becomes available, students, parents and patrons will be asked to support the PTO.

Look for more information on PTO officers, fundraisers, expected expenditures and much more at the Open House scheduled for September, 2007.

Don't forget to become a member of the GRA PTO. Send in your membership fees of \$2.00 per person, or \$5.00 for families.

Thanks for your support!!

PTO is collecting membership fees for 2007-08. Our PTO is making strides for GRA.

School Safety Patrols on Patrol

Our school Safety Patrols for 2007-08 will be selected from our 5th grade students. They will be selected based on their good character and behavior. Patrols will be given duties of patrolling the school grounds and



Patrols will be role models for other students.

maintaining the peace among the student body.

All school Safety Patrols are expected to be role models for other students. They will be asked to serve as witnesses and or peacemakers. Patrols

will also report any misbehavior to the office. Their duties will be on the school campus and on the busses as well.

If Patrols have any questions about their responsibilities, they can see Coach Monroe, the Patrol Sponsor.

The 2007-08 school Safety Patrols will be announced the second week of school.

4th Grade—Mrs. Melissa Northup and Mrs. Chris Lynch

Welcome back to all!! We hope that everyone is geared up and ready for a wonderful year of learning together. We are certainly looking forward to an awesome year!

All of our returning students should be on track after a few reminders about our classroom procedures and be willing to help out some of our new 4th graders. Parents, please make sure that you review and sign all homework and the planner each night. Every student will be responsible for

reading at least 2-3 books per week depending on their level for AR (Accelerated Reader). One book should be fiction and one non-fiction.

Also, we will be diving into writing and getting your child ready to rock the FCAT Writing test in February, 08. Please understand that we will push your child to



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their fullest potential in every academic area. Parents, with your support we (students, parents and teachers) can make great strides.

We look forward with great anticipation for the start of the 2007-2008 school year!

Media Connections—Teresa Roberts, Media Specialist

The 2007-08 school year is off to a great start! For the first time, Gause Riverside students will be participating in the Polk County School's Sunshine State Book Bowl. Students will compete in May, 08 against other Polk County elementary schools answering questions from the books they've read. Our book bowl participants have been reading all summer, they are Brett McGinnis, Joe Tenney, Sarah Cronin, and Katie Sherrer. Let's cheer

them on!

The Media Center is planning several exciting events for the first semester. Tim Williams from Gatorland will delight our students with a spectacular presentation. You might even get a glimpse of a special "gator guest." We are also inviting Linda Chancey from the Bartow Public Library for a storytelling good time!

We look forward to an exciting year

of reading. Encourage your child to use our Destiny program at school or at home to search for books that interest them.

Contact us in the Media Center if you have any questions.

"We are planning on several exciting events." Mrs. Roberts, Media Specialist and Yolanda Ramirez, Media Para-educator

Let's Get Physical — Mike Monroe, Coach

Physical Education is a very important part of your child's daily healthy diet. Our PE program will focus on building strength and burning fat. Besides the daily PE class throughout this year, we will have a walking contest that will encourage all students to keep health first. Good daily healthy habits, like walking, will enforce the lessons taught in PE and Health class.

Encourage your child to participate in the walking contest. Prizes will be given to the schools top "Mile Walkers".

More information will be sent home with each student on the walking contest.

PE sports such as; soccer, softball, volleyball and others will be taught



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and played throughout the school year. PE rules and guidelines must be followed to keep everyone safe. A physical fitness test will be given towards the end of the school year. All students are encouraged to "get physical" this year.

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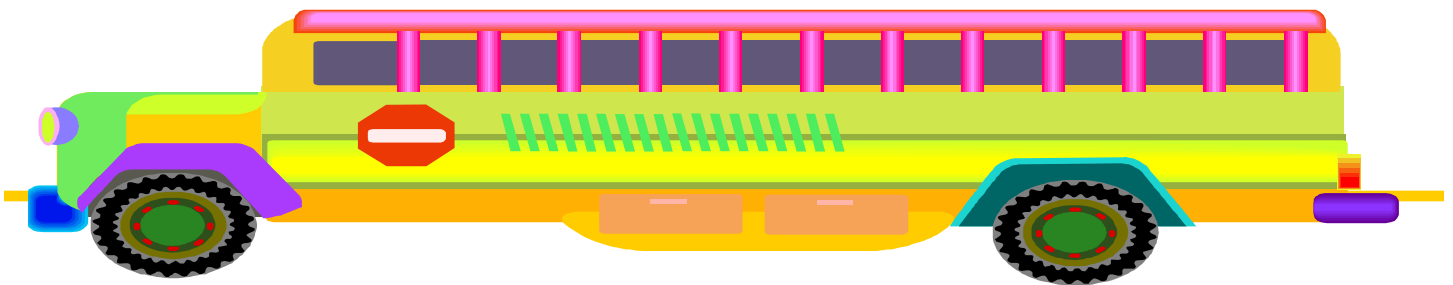


Gause Riverside Academy—A School of Choice

Gause Riverside Academy is an elementary school developed for students who have become disinterested in school or are having difficulty in reading and or math. It is our intention and mission to assist parents and students as they regain academic success and renew their love for learning.

We truly believe that all students can and will learn. With patience and proper tutelage our students will begin to show great strides towards a successful academic school life. With the cooperation of our students' parents/guardians, students show tremendous academic growth.

We welcome all parents/guardians to visit our campus to see if our program fits your child.



5th Grade—Mrs. Tina Barbee and Ms. Toni Migliore

Summer vacation is over now and it's time to look at the exciting year that lies ahead for all of us. Fifth grade students will experience many varied learning activities including computer lab, math centers, Science labs, and so much more.

Before beginning the labs and centers, we will be conducting assessments to evaluate student's strengths and weaknesses in each subject area. We will also use these assessments to monitor student progress throughout the year.

Our students' school day will encompass daily learning blocks to include reading, social studies, math, science, and language arts skills.

Homework is an important part of extended classroom learning. Parents' participation in the homework process is vital to student success. Homework and planners will need to signed



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nightly by parents. The planner is our way of communicating daily with parents. We will note special announcements and concerns in the planner. Please check and sign your child's planner daily.

We are looking forward to a successful and adventurous school year with your child.