

# Roadrunner News

Preparation  
Respect  
Integrity  
Discipline  
Excellence

## Literacy First:

*Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are high-quality academic expectations that were created by experts and teachers from around the country. These research and evidence based standards were developed to ensure students are prepared to enter a world (after high school) in which colleges and businesses are demanding more and students can be successful. The CCSS helps develop and build your child's critical-thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills in English Language Arts and Mathematics.*

*Students in third, fourth and fifth grades have started taking the state assessments here at Rex. The students have to do more than find the answers and complete basic tasks. They will be using reasoning skills, working through more complex problems and even doing research on a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts.*

*Sample of the old state assessment reading question:*

*What is this passage mainly about? (gives A, B, C, D choices)*

*Sample of the new Common Core reading question:*

*The narrator of the story helps the reader understand the grandfather by (gives A, B, C, D choices)*

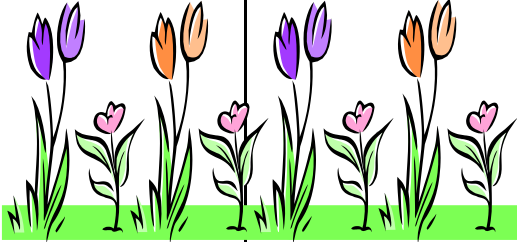
*Students in Pre-school through second grade are preparing for their future state assessments. Their teachers are hard at work creating rigorous lessons that will help them develop their skills in reading, writing, speaking & listening and math. Students are applying these skills to other areas such as science and history. The earlier the core concepts are taught in these grades, the more time it gives teachers to implement them and students to master them.*

*If you have any questions about Common Core State Standards, please contact your child's teacher, myself or check out this website: [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org)*

*Brenda Lolling  
Learning Facilitator*

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# April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>DON'T FORGET SONIC NIGHT</b>				
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 3:55 PM—5:15 PM Campus Kids Bible Club  5:00 PM—6:00 PM Sonic Night  6:00 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40197	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting 40812	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> 7:00 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting 40970	<b>11</b> 3:55 PM—5:15 PM Campus Kids Bible Club  5:00 PM—6:00 PM PTO Meeting  6:00 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40197	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting 40812	<b>14</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>17</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40197	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM—2:30 PM 2nd Grade to Tanganyika	<b>21</b>
<b>24</b> 4:00 PM—6:00 Talent Show Auditions  7:00 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting 40970	<b>25</b> 4:00 PM—6:00 Talent Show Auditions  6:00 PM—8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting 40197	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>