Children may close their ears to advice, but their eyes are always open to example.

Debra Lynch, Principal

Dear Parents:

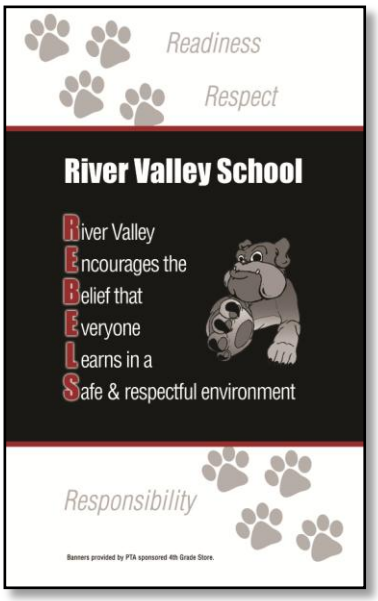
Welcome to a new school year at River Valley School. As a staff, we want all students to show respect, responsibility and readiness. When students are following the 3-Rs they are able to learn and succeed at school.

Over the past few years our staff has worked to create an expectations chart to make our school an even better place to learn and grow. By following the expectations in this chart, our school will be a safe and fun place to learn. Our students will also learn to take pride in themselves and their school. Students will be practicing valuable life skills that will help them to be better citizens in our school and community.

This year at River Valley, we will be using a "paw print" ticket when students are demonstrating behavior that exceeds expectations. This is designed to reinforce and encourage good character and positive behavior by developing school-wide expectations. The "paw ticket" will then go into a bucket (starting next week) and each Friday students' names will be drawn for prizes that have been purchased through PTO funds or donated to our school.

Our "paws tickets" organize adults and students in order to create a social culture in our school that will encourage good character, positive behavior and interactions while discouraging problem behaviors. River Valley will be emphasizing the three Rs which are; **Be Ready, Be Responsible and Be Respectful**. Each month we will target one of these areas with a little more intensity and focus as we teach students what the expectations are through mini lessons. Classroom teachers and staff will teach students expected behaviors through a variety of venues and circumstances. As opportunities occur, teachers will re-teach expectations to students who fail to display appropriate behavior. In the event a student does not meet our school's expectations, consequences are experienced through the individual classroom teacher or with an office referral.

The banner to the right is proudly displayed in each and every classroom, in main areas (hallways, PODs, gyms, etc.) and offices throughout the school. The banners were purchased through our 4th grade store that was sponsored by our PTO. The banner represents and reminds us all about the expectations here at River Valley.



We are excited about this program and anticipate that the climate and culture of our school will continue to improve.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions. We appreciate your support in making River Valley a nurturing, friendly, and safe environment for all.

Sincerely,

Debra Lynch
Principal, River Valley School