### Awards and Recognition

- America's Healthiest Schools Bronze Recipient
- Excellent Report Card Rating 2024
- COGNIA Accreditation
- Title I Reward for Performance
- Teacher and Support Staff of the Year
- Distinguished Teacher of Literacy Award
- '24 National ESEA Distinguished School

## School and Community Highlights

- Summer Program (PreK 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Chorus for 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Art Club 3rd 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Reading Incentive Programs
- Leadership roles for students
- "Breakfast in the Classroom" Program
- Class and School Newsletters
- Afterschool Enrichment Program / Boys and Girls Afterschool Program
- PTO and SIC meetings
- School Gardening Project
- Healthy Heart Fundraiser
- School and PTO Fundraisers
- District Wide Finding Nemo, Jr. District Musical Performance
- Beta Club 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**Mission Statement**: The mission of RES, in partnership with families and the community, is to educate all students in a safe, nurturing and creative environment to BUILD UP responsible, productive citizens in an ever-changing society.

## Mascot: Eagle

Motto: We Learn, We Lead, We Soar



Strategic Plan 2023-2028

**Goal Areas** 

Student Achievement

**Teacher Quality** 

School Climate

For more information, visit us on the web:

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Student Enrollment: 155

Administrators: 1

Teachers: 12 (100% certified personnel)

Support Staff: 5

Teacher Attendance Rate: 96.6%

Student: Teacher Ratio (in core subjects) 17:1

# Reuben Elementary School

SIC Report to the Parents

2024-2025



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Kelly J. Folk, Principal Jana Livingston, SIC Chair Jessika Mickle, PTO President / SIC Member Through standards-based instruction, Reuben Elementary School strives to develop lifelong learners who cultivate independence, apply creative problemsolving strategies, and demonstrate responsibility while embracing diversity among their peers.

Located in a rural area, Reuben Elementary School serves approximately 150 students from prekindergarten to fifth grade. The school has instituted a daily enrichment period at each grade level, ensuring that all students receive individualized differentiated support based on datadriven assessments.

Teachers implement strong Tier 1 instruction through systematic and explicit teaching, using the 'I Do, We Do. You Do' model to ensure all students' needs are met. Reuben Elementary has been recognized for its commitment to excellence, earning the National ESEA Award as well as obtaining an Excellent Report Card Rating. The school takes pride in fostering student engagement through unique programs such as Eagle Buddies, a cross-grade mentoring initiative, Reuben Reps student council, and the Attendance Matters initiative, which rewards students and classes for consistent attendance. To foster a safe and inclusive environment, the faculty takes proactive measures to instill positive character traits and combat bullying.

Reuben Elementary hosts events like Family Literacy Night and Family Math and Science Night, which focus on fostering collaboration between school and families.

Complementing the dedicated teaching staff are various specialists and support personnel. This team includes reading and math interventionists, a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team, technology leaders, guidance counselors, a reading coach, a nurse, a speech clinician, a Multi-Language Learner (MLL) teacher, Stepping Stones counselors, paraprofessionals, and a Reading Recovery teacher. Together, they contribute significantly to the school's success.

The school administration celebrates achievements by highlighting successes at various levels-school, teacher, and student. Awards such as Teacher and Support Staff of the Quarter and Year, academic achievement, perfect attendance, and student growth are recognized annually. Additionally, the school implements numerous programs aimed at promoting health and wellbeing, fostering school spirit, encouraging reading, and promoting environmental awareness, such as the Healthy Generation School Grant, School Spirit Activities, Reading Initiatives, Healthy Heart Challenge, and the School Gardening Project initiative. The school also benefits from strong community partnerships. Generous

donations from businesses have supported hands-on learning opportunities. Reuben Elementary is also developing a hammock garden project to create an outdoor reading space for students.

Students are encouraged to participate in academic and extracurricular activities beyond the classroom. Students have contributed to districtlevel productions like *Finding Nemo Jr.*, highlighting the school's commitment to fostering well-rounded learners.

### Kelly J Folk, Principal

### SC READY Results - % Mtg. Std.

	ELA 2022	ELA 2023	ELA 2024
Grade 3	50%	35%	40%
Grade 4	35.3%	59%	39%
Grade 5	33.3%	47%	68%

	Math 2022	Math 2023	Math 2024
Grade 3	57.7%	40%	60%
Grade 4	23.5%	59%	43.4%
Grade 5	33.3%	53%	57.9%

#### 2024 School Report Card

https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yM DI0JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MzYwMTAxNQ