

# Raymond Elementary

## Parent Update

March 7th, 2025



### Flower Sale

Our Annual Spring Flower Sale starts today! The sale will run from 3/7-3/20 and pick-up will be 4/24. Funds raised from this sale helps fund assemblies, field trips, events and supplies at Raymond.

Your student will be bringing home a packet today including a parent letter, prize flyer and catalog. This sale is online only. Included in the packet is instructions on how to set-up your student's account online and create their unique sales link. Click the below link for video instructions:

<https://vimeo.com/1049834647/0135047b50>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Raymond PTO at [raymond.elementary.pto@gmail.com](mailto:raymond.elementary.pto@gmail.com).

### Recess Rangers

We're looking for volunteers to help supervise recess on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. Can't help this month? Check out our April dates, which coincide with Teacher Appreciation Week!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4AAFA92BA4FB6-52003743-recess#/>

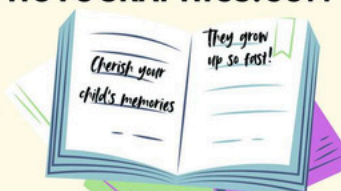
### Order Your Memory Book!

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CODE VALID FOR  
RAYMOND ELEMENTARY ONLY



Order Online today,  
Before Time Slips Away!

**SALE ENDS MARCH 31, 2025**



### One School One Book!

This week, we're reading pages 173-253 of *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate!

✅ Complete the weekly activity for a chance to win exciting prizes! 🎉

📺 Follow along with our closed YouTube playlist, where most of the chapters are posted on Class Dojo.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRRC1OMRrWfN36kF8yOWg1gelw4SfnSkD&si=eHMr633gFUfi8ul9>

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our commitment to developing strong writing skills in our students, we are excited to introduce the Four-Square Writing Model across all classrooms. This simple yet effective graphic organizer will help your child structure their ideas and improve their writing across various genres.

### What is the Four-Square Writing Model?

The Four-Square Writing Model is a visual tool designed to help students organize their thoughts before they begin writing. It consists of a large square divided into four smaller squares, with a center box that ties everything together. Each section plays a distinct role in planning a well-structured paragraph or essay:

1. **Main Idea or Topic Sentence (Center Square):** This is where your child identifies the main topic or thesis of their writing.
2. **Supporting Details (Top Left, Top Right, Bottom Left):** These squares are used to generate three strong supporting ideas or details that back up the main idea.
3. **Conclusion (Bottom Right):** This square helps your child summarize their thoughts and tie their writing together.

Using this model, students learn to focus on one idea at a time and build logical, cohesive paragraphs. Over time, they can expand this model to write multi-paragraph essays with confidence.

### The Four-Square Writing Model is:

- **Structured:** It provides a clear and consistent framework, making writing less intimidating.
- **Flexible:** It works for various types of writing, including narratives, persuasive essays, expository texts, and responses to literature.
- **Engaging:** Its visual nature helps students see the connections between their ideas.

### How can you support this at home?

We encourage you to support your child as they practice this method by:

- Ask them to explain the model to you and how they use it.
- Providing opportunities to brainstorm topics together using the four-square format.
- Encouraging them to write about subjects they enjoy or care about, whether it's a story, an opinion piece, or a report on a favorite topic.

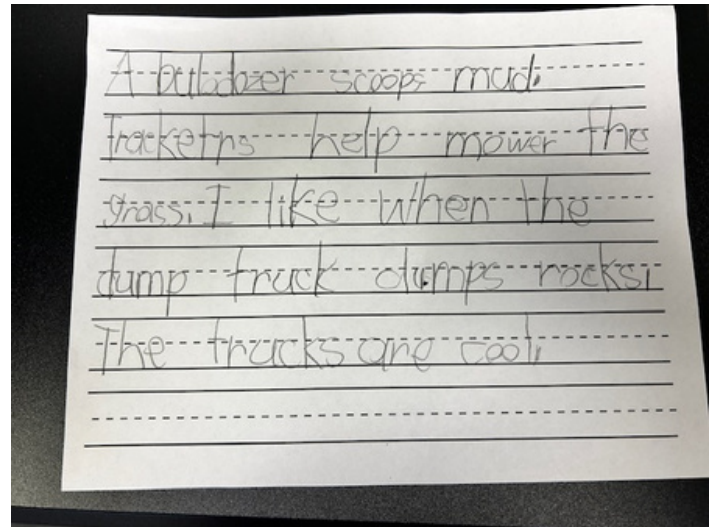
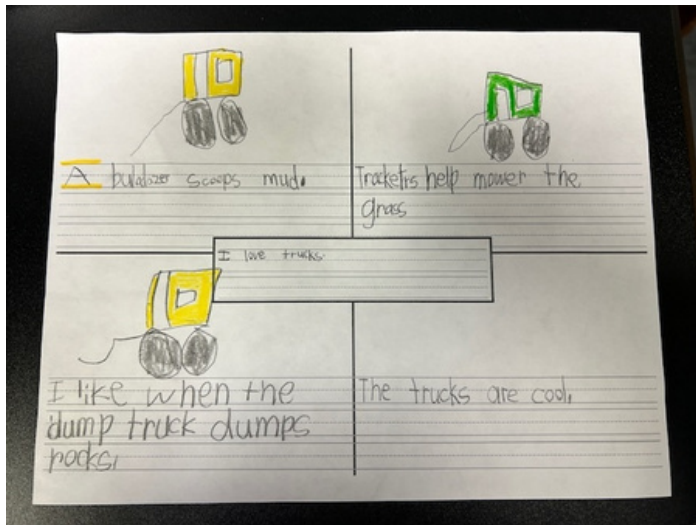
We've included a sample four-square graphic organizer with this letter. Feel free to use it at home to encourage your child's writing development. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or would like additional resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Happy Writing,

*Ms. Sypek*



## Primary Four Square Example



## Intermediate Four Square Example

