

Grade Level News

Kindergarten

The students will explore the season "Fall" by listening to stories, observing leaves and acorns, watching educational websites, and doing art and craft projects. Our unit called "Cornucopia" discusses how leaves change colors, how the weather affects people and animals, and the ways they adjust to the change. The students will also learn about the special holidays that occur throughout this season. Happy Fall to all our Rivers Edge Families from the Kindergarten Team!

First Grade

Our first grade students have been working hard in all areas! The children have been learning and applying reading strategies such as sound it out, and finger detective. Identifying text features in informational text and the story elements of literature have been a primary focus too. We are building the foundation for future success.

In mathematics, we are learning strategies to add and subtract within 10, applying strategies such as using models, drawing pictures, using fingers to count on from the larger number. We are looking ahead to many more learning experiences with our first graders!

2nd

Second grade is moving right along! We can't believe it's already October! We are starting unit 4 in ELA. We will be focusing on story structure and how characters respond to major events and changes. When you read with your children, please discuss these elements along with those who, what, when, where, why and how questions. In math, we have started unit 3, addition and subtraction within 100. Please practice their basic addition and subtraction facts at home. When they have those facts mastered, they are able to be more fluent with adding and subtracting larger numbers. We are working hard with learning how to write an opinion essay. In science, we will be learning all about matter. The children will have some fun experiments in their future!

3RD

3rd Grade Happenings!
In reading, 3rd grade is beginning poetry. Students are learning about stanzas and lines.
In math, 3rd grade is busily working on multiplication and division. Students are learning the relationship between multiplication and division inverse operations. While learning all this, we also do math fluency daily so we can memorize our multiplication and division facts. Flash cards and computer games are also great ways to practice math facts.
In writing, students are learning how to take the question and put it into their answer. They are also learning to cite evidence.



The next two units in math will be multiplication and division. Fourth graders need to know their multiplication facts! In science we will begin the unit on forms of energy.
4th grade has been devouring poetry these last few weeks and comparing poems to stories and dramas. Students have been learning about rhyme and meter and even creating their own works. They also had a chance to act out scenes from a play and very much got into character. Caiden Ardnt said, "My favorite part of plays is acting out the parts."



Safety Patrol is doing a fantastic job keeping our students safe and reminding students to follow line and hallway expectations. Students are learning about Pre-Columbian Native American history, order of operation, volume, and matter. Fifth grade students love to play kickball so we want to encourage students to earn those Otter Bucks so that they can participate in the PBIS events.

Gifted / High Achieving Team

The EXPLORE program is off to a great start! Our mathematicians are working on numbers and operations in base 10. In reading, our students are working on answering questions with evidence and using context clues to find meanings of words. In science, our kids are working on matter and scientific skills. They are starting Social Studies and continuing to work with their writing.



Mrs. Brehm's class participating in Hawaiian Day.

Science Fair / Internet Safety Night

On Tuesday, October 23 starting at 5:30 p.m. ALL fifth grade parents, along with all fourth grade EXPLORES, will be given information on how to complete a Science Fair Project/ Display board. We'll talk about Internet and Social Media Safety too.

Stand Up to Bullying

Our school is taking a proactive stand on bullying prevention and awareness. Kids need to know how to identify bullying and how to stand up to it safely. There will be a **Stand Up to Bullying Assembly** during school on Wednesday, October 24.

We are asking everyone to wear an orange shirt to school for the assembly. School uniform bottoms should be worn.



Students are loving our new reading bench. It is still a little warm out, so we are looking for an outdoor umbrella to add to our reading area enjoyment. If you have an "extra" one, we will put it to good use.



Special Dress Days

On PBIS special dress days, students are now permitted to wear jean shorts, as well as long jean pants. Remember clothing must be free from rips and tears. Shorts must be at least fingertip length; no shorter please.



Thank you to everyone who came to our 1st PTO meeting of the school year! Our first event in October is Gardening Day on October 11th. Please bring your gardening tools and help beautify your child's classroom garden. Our annual Hallowingo (Bingo for Books) will be on October 30th this year. Please follow PTO and REE on the REMIND app for more information on these events!

Gardening Day

On Thursday, October 11 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. families are invited to help clean out our classroom gardens. We will be prepping the areas in order for our little ones to plant the following day. Students will be working in the gardens during school on Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It is very rewarding for students to first plant, and then tend to the garden. They take so much pride in watching their garden grow.



Join us for Hallowingo on **Tuesday, October 30!** Join us for a night of Bingo for Books combined with a costume parade! Rumor has it PTO will be supplying treats again this year! No toy weapons allowed.