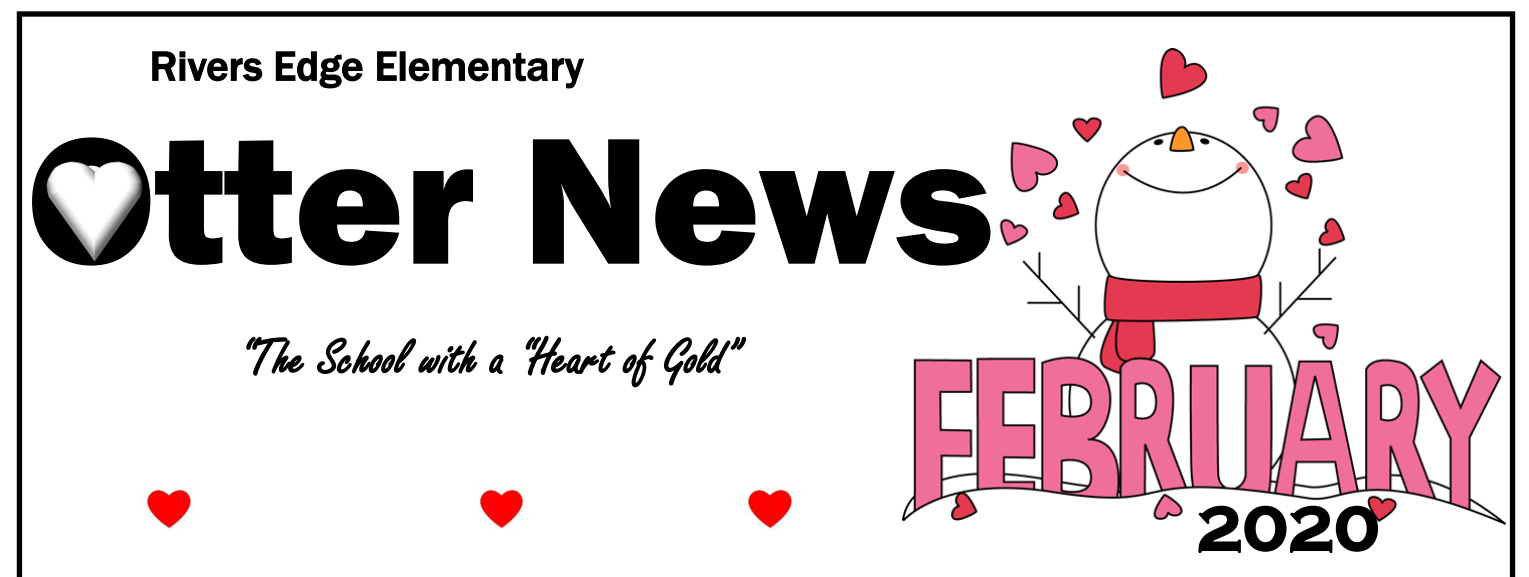


February 2020						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Wilderness Club 7-8 am 2nd grade Concert 6-7 pm	7 School is in session!	8
9	10	11	12 Kindergarten Concert 6:30-7 pm WPBF Weather Presentation Spring Group Pictures	13 Prepaid Spring Pictures	14 PBIS \$1 Valentines Shirt/Jeans Day Jump Rope for Heart	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL President's Day	18	19 Early Release Students released at 1:15 pm SAC Meeting 11:30 am *3rd Grade Field Trip to IRSC Planetarium*	20 Wilderness Club 7-8 am	21 Slime Day	22 4th Grade Field Trip to St. Augustine
23	24	25 Otterly Outstanding / Jr. Deputy Ceremony 2:15 pm	26	27 Student Led Con- ferences 5:30-7 pm	28	29 Odyssey of the Mind Tournam- ent



A Note from the Principal

Happy February,

As many of you know, students across grade levels are working hard to learn all the targets and skills of their current grade level. In April and May, we use a variety of assessments to determine who has reached grade level expectations. Please note the following dates for the state and district assessments we will be administering:

Grades K-5: iReady Diagnostic for reading and math in May

Grade 3: FSA Reading April 1-2
FSA Math May 11-12

Grade 4: FSA Writing April 2
FSA Reading May 4-5
FSA Math May 11-12

Grade 5: FSA Writing April 2
FSA Reading May 4-5
FSA Math May 11-12
SSA Science May 18-19

There is a make-up window after each test, but students typically perform better when they test with their peers. Please let your child's teacher know if your student may not be here on the dates listed above. (Students with accommodations may test on different days.) We will be sure to send home further updates as we get closer to testing.

~ Mrs. Ingersoll

Be in the Know!

There are multiple ways to find out what is going on with Rivers Edge! Be sure to connect through them all so you don't miss a minute!



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SKYWARD to keep you
up to date on all things.

Parents may access this newsletter/
calendar on our website.

Please go to the St. Lucie School
Board website, select "Our Schools,"
and click on Rivers Edge Elementary.
Click on our website and then scroll
down to find "Calendar and News-
letter." Click on it and the list will be
on the left hand side.

Grade Level News

VPK -VPK will be learning about construction terminology, machines, and tools. Students will explore artists, carpenters, gardeners and scientists' tools. They will learn about simple machines and begin to use tools for measurement. They will use their imaginations as they use the tools to build and create. Students will continue learning about counting, sorting, patterning, and graphing. They will also focus on identifying geometric shapes. Please make sure that your son/daughter is sleeping good at night. We are having children come to school too tired to function properly. It's important for children to have a good night rest for learning. Attendance is also very important, please make sure that your child is coming to school every day and on time. We would like to ask for snack donations for the class, please. Ideas would be: pretzels, Goldfish, Cheez-its, cookies, animal crackers, snack mix, cereal, etc... Thank you for your support.



Kindergarten - February is a time for remembering our family and friends. Kindergarten children are practicing their songs for their concert. You do not want to miss it. Look out! Here comes our future community helpers. Who will they become? Next, they will learn safety tips about using 911, stop, drop, and roll, bike safety, and of course school safety. We will continue to work on measurement this month. Please remember to let your child read their reading book to you, sign the Read and Respond nightly, and continue to work on sight words. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Kindergarten Team.

First Grade - The last two weeks of February will see us learning about money. We will be able to use the knowledge from our previous math lessons to help understand dimes and pennies. Please continue to count coins, especially dimes and pennies so that your child gets used to seeing the difference in these coins. Please emphasize the value, not just the different colors. When reading to your child, think about the characters, setting, and events in the story. You can do this with the SFA homework book or any book of choice. Take a look for what the characters are saying and how this helps to understand the character or how he or she is feeling. When visiting the park, store, or any other place, be sure to mention the characteristics of that place so your child gets used to thinking about setting. There is school on February 7th, it is a makeup day after the hurricane in September.

Second Grade - Second grade is wrapping up their unit on place value to a thousand in math. The students have been studying the importance of a digit's position and using their discoveries to determine greater/less than and equal to comparisons. We are now moving on to adding and subtracting within one thousand for the next 4 weeks. In reading, students have just completed their unit on Motion and will start their new unit about Earth's Structure. Students are still practicing their recursive skills of asking and answering questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, using context clues and other reading strategies to discover the meanings of unfamiliar words, identifying a character's point of view, and describing how an author uses reasons to support specific points in a text. Please continue to read with your child every night and ask them questions to aid their understanding about what they have read. Also, continue working on addition and subtraction fluency within 20. Thanks for your support!

Third Grade - Third grade started 2020 excited to learn! We are learning all about fractions greater than one, equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, and much more! If they're struggling with memorizing their multiplication facts, www.mathplayground.com has some amazing "games." In social studies, we ended our unit on maps and globes then moved into our unit on the U.S. & its neighbors. In February, we will kick off our unit on Earth in Space & Time.

REE is proud to be a Kids at Hope School



Kids at Hope inspires, empowers, and transforms families, youth serving organizations (schools, parks and recreation departments, police and fire departments, etc.) and entire communities to create an environment where all children experience success, NO EXCEPTIONS! For more information, check out their website at www.kidsathope.org



If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you.
If you are DETERMINED to learn, no one can stop you.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Otterly Outstanding

For the month of January!
Congratulations to the Following Students:

PreK Camacho- Keira Leeflang

Kindergarten

Bradley – Alexa Serrano
Fischer – Nicholas Reigler
Freberthausen - Liam Segraves
Holbert - Aiden Gonzales
Jaramillo-Noah Salgado
Hoffman – Timonium McKay



First Grade

Carlin – Miyah Belizaire
Doole - Corriana Robinson
Hodgson – Brody Von Stein
Rivera - Julian Domond
Zaragoza – Alliyah Rooney



Second Grade

Brown – Adriel Lopez
Fawcett – Tony Figueroa
Jean – Brooklyn Dewaele
Jennings-Easton Doherty
Votino – Andrea Ganetis
Girling - Camren Gillard



Third Grade

Ashbrook - Annabelle White
Floyd - Callie Guercio
Madden – Sophia Machado
Palacios – Ruby O'Conor
Rocco – Dacia Kidd
Wernhardt – Melina Gonzalez-Rodriguez
Pittman - Sophia Leeflang
Young - Kenneth Ganetis

Fourth Grade

Brehm - Cassandra Smith
Casper-Daniella Serrano
Miller-Madison Counts
Owens – De'Javion Jessimy
Slappey – Justin Keller Jr.



Fifth Grade

Fawcett – Alissa Pugh
Johnson – Benjamin Wallace
Redding -Sophia Isahaq
Schroeder – Gabriela Serrano
Ray – Lyric Lohbrutto



Resource Report

Media with Mrs. Pittman

Hello Rivers Edge Families!

Our kindergarten and 1st grade students started checking out book in the middle of January. They are very excited about choosing a book and being able to take it home. I'm pleased with how well the students are caring for their books. I hope the students are sharing their book with their families, practicing reading or being read to. Parents, please help your children remember to bring their books back. K and 1st must return their book before they can check out another.

On a separate note, the Genre Reading Challenge started at the end of Jan. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of students who wanted to participate. The number is much larger than expected! The challenge is being offered to 4th and 5th grades. There is a total of 14 books the students must read of various genres. Students will get small rewards intermittently and then a party at the end for all who completed the challenge. We will have a modified version of the Genre Reading Challenge for 2nd and 3rd grades starting in March. Reading Counts continues throughout the year. A skill utilized by students when taking Reading Counts quizzes is finding text evidence. This skill is vitally important and one the students will utilize throughout their educational career. I'm glad we have the Reading Counts program not only to help kids interest in reading books but to assist in practicing and reinforcing competencies being learned in the classroom.

PE with Coach Ray and Coach Hoffman

Wow!!! Can you believe that it is already February? Where did the month of January go? In January we finished up the mile run and we started our Kid's Heart Challenge...formally known as Jump Rope for Heart. This year we are having our Jump Rope event on Friday, February 14th during resource class. Our original goal was \$3500. We smashed that goal within 10 days of handing out the collection envelopes. So, our next goal was set at \$6000. Again, that goal was smashed!! We currently have collected \$6304. Now our goal is to be in the top 3 schools in St Lucie County. Let's strive to be number 1!! Again this year we are asking for volunteers to turn ropes during the day. As some of you might have heard, Ms. Hoffman has a broken foot and is rolling around on a scooter so turning rope is a bit of a challenge.

Reading Counts	Top 5
2rd gr.	Points Earned
Alyssa Smith	21
Mason Stalvey	23
Daisy Clifton	26
Mirjah Gontran	28
Andrea Ganetis	34
3rd gr.	
Evan Campbell	90
Sophia Rodriguez	93
Angelina Leiti	124
Bailey Oddo	133
CarmelleWallace	182
4th	
Avery Seaman	118
Julianne Santiago	127
William Pass	128
Trevor Johnson	157
Florence Amisial	261
5th	
Justin Lane	107
Jason Epperson	153
Ralph Beauvior	173
Naima Johnson	194
Chyanne Coins	282

PE cont.

You can come out during your child's resource time or any time throughout the day. Please sign in at the front office. We are also asking for donations of Country Time Lemonade. This way we can have a special treat for our jumpers. Cup donations would also be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you during our Jump Rope event and we can't wait to see where we end up in the donation list. Thank you for all that you do.

Music with Mrs. Girling

February is a busy month for music! Musical rehearsals have begun, the choir is preparing for their Spring Concert, 1st grade has performed their songs and Kindergarten and 2nd are gearing up for theirs! All of this is very exciting to me! Listening to, singing, or playing music is something that humans are drawn to for personal reasons like self-exploration, social bonding, and mood enhancement. But the additional physical, mental, and psychological impacts are incredible. Simply listening to music can reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure, lessen chronic pain, improve sleep, boost mood, and sharpen memory and mental alertness.

The influence that music has on a developing child's brain is even more significant. Studies show that children who are exposed to music have improved language development, enhanced fine motor skills, better social skills, higher IQs, advanced spatial intelligence, increased concentration and basic memory recall. Learning how to read music and play an instrument offers even more mental and physical benefits. You do not have to play Mozart to have your children experience the advantages of music exposure. Children's songs with repetition and rhyming are highly enjoyable and offer many benefits. Thank you for your support and I am excited to see the students gaining a foundation as well as a strong appreciation in music.



We are so excited to have begun rehearsals for our musical, Annie. This month, our students will be working on blocking, choreography, and singing for the beginning of the show. If your child is involved in the show, please have your child review their CD, script, and choreography at home. It is imperative that they are at rehearsals. This will help us to continue to have a great rehearsal process as they come in prepared to learn the next routine. If you, or a loved one has any questions on how to become involved with our musical, please reach out to Mrs. Girling. Thank you for your support as we continue onward with this amazing production!

Club Corner

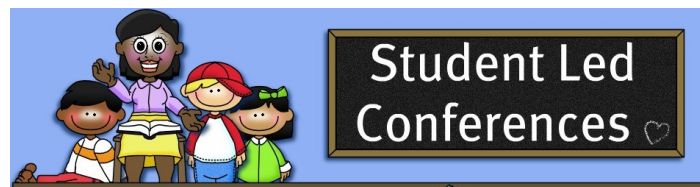
Soccer - Soccer club always scores big with REE otters! The weather has been perfect for learning new skills and scrimmaging with teammates. This month students have played fun games including a club favorite called Pacman. In this game, one person wears orange cones on their hands and tries to gobble up all the soccer balls, while everybody else dribbles their ball around the field to keep the ball safe. We would love for more otters to join the fun next session!

Student Council - It has been a busy month for student council! At our January meeting, student council members made posters for Kindness Week to promote kindness within our Rivers Edge community and beyond. Then they had the opportunity to hold these posters in carline and welcome students with a smile as they arrived to school in the morning. We also proudly marched in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade in Ft. Pierce where students helped spread the message of 'The Power of Togetherness'. Thank you to our members that were able to attend the parade, it was a beautiful morning!

Odyssey of the Mind -In Odyssey of The Mind news, we are still making sets and creating our costumes for our tournament, which is Feb 29th!

Wilderness Club- Wilderness club has two final hikes for the year! Our pack will be hiking on February 6 and 20th for the final time. It has been quite an adventure with so many memories to be had.

Happy Trails, Mrs. Slappey



Thursday, February 27
5:30-7:00pm

Student-Led Conferences will take place in your child's homeroom class. This will be an opportunity to see and discuss your child's progress. Arrive any-time between 5:30 pm -6:45pm. Conferences close promptly at 7:00pm.

Students will lead the discussion with you by:
Showcasing their student data notebooks.
Showing and explaining work samples.
Discussing goals for continuous improvement.
Hope to see you there!

Special Dress Day

Students can support PBIS on Friday, February 14, by wearing a Valentine's shirt for \$1. Students can wear jeans or jean shorts (no rips or tears). Jean shorts must be at least fingertip in length.



Fourth Grade - In Reading, we are discovering what texts explicitly and implicitly state. We are also uncovering the mysteries of the universe as we learn about patterns in the sky. We are in focus forward mode as testing season quickly approaches! Make sure your child reviews their test strategies, get a good night's sleep, and eats a well-balanced diet!

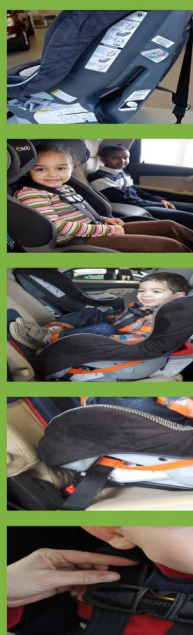
In math this month students will begin the unit on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. They will also convert fractions greater than one to mixed numbers and convert mixed numbers to fractions greater than one. In science the students will learn about Earth and Space.

Fifth Grade - In math, fifth grade is beginning their journey into decimals, by gaining a deeper understanding of base ten numerals and how to read and write decimals. In science, fifth grade is started our unit on Organization and Development of living organisms. Ask your student to explain how weather differs from climate. Students will get an in-depth look at how plants and animals live and change. We have an upcoming field trip for the students to go Seining and use their knowledge of this science unit during this field trip.

Gifted / High Achieving - Our 3-5 EXPLORE program is starting the new year off right! Mrs. Floyd's 3rd grade class has been digging deeper into our understanding of geometry. We finished our area unit and have launched into our perimeter unit. We are also exploring map and globe concepts in Social Studies by learning about map features and the different regions of the United States. In Math, 4th grade will spend one week on learning the coordinate system and be able to analyze patterns and relationships. The rest of February, students will understand the place value system including decimals. 5th grade will spend the whole month understanding ratio concepts, use ratio reasoning to solve problems, and demonstrate understanding equivalent expressions. In Reading, our 5th graders will be looking at analyzing poetry, and determining the theme of a passage. 4th graders will be looking at playing attention to text features and determining how they can help us become better readers. In social studies, 5th grade is going to take a closer look at the Revolutionary War and how it shaped America. 4th graders are looking at how Florida grew during the 1800s. In writing, both grades are looking to add more elaborations to their body paragraphs, as we keep up our pursuit of a score of "10".

SLC Fair - Runs from February 28 through March 8. Be sure to stop by the school display building to see Rivers Edge's exhibit.

SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE



Car Seat Checkup

Top 5 Things to Do at Home

- ☐ **Right Seat.** This is an easy one. Check the label on your car seat to make sure it's appropriate for your child's age, weight and height. Like milk, your car seat has an expiration date. Just double check the label on your car seat to make sure it is still safe.
- ☐ **Right Place.** Kids are VIPs, just ask them. We know all VIPs ride in a back seat, so keep all children in a back seat until they are 13.
- ☐ **Right Direction.** Keep your child in a rear-facing car seat for as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by your car seat manufacturer. Many kids will be 2 years or more when they outgrow their rear-facing car seat. Move your child to a forward-facing car seat when they are too tall or heavy for a rear-facing convertible seat. Make sure to adjust the harness straps and attach the top tether after you tighten and lock the seat belt or lower attachments (LATCH) after making the change.
- ☐ **Inch Test.** Once your car seat is installed, give it a good shake at the base. Can you move it more than an inch side-to-side or front-to-back? A properly installed seat will not move more than an inch.
- ☐ **Pinch Test.** Make sure the harness is tightly buckled and coming from the correct slots (check car seat manual). Now, with the chest clip placed at armpit level, pinch the strap at your child's shoulder. If you are unable to pinch any excess webbing, you're good to go.

Please read the vehicle and car seat instruction manuals to help you with this checklist. If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, don't worry. Certified child passenger safety technicians are waiting to help or even double check your work.

Visit safekids.org to find a car seat inspection event in your community.

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STUDENTS

Don't forget to do your Read and Respond every night—20 minutes of reading and your response (writing).

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