
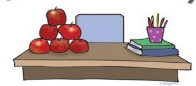




March 2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Dr. Seuss Day/ Read Across America Day *Wear Green	3 *Wear Green accessories	4 Early Lunch Schedule	5	6	7
		Sandy Hook Promise: Say Something Week				
8	9 Student Council Officers Meeting 3:30 pm to 4 pm Field Day 4th grade AM & 5th grade PM	10 Student Council Representatives Meeting 7:30 am - 8:15 am Field Day Kindergarten AM & 1st grade PM	11 Early Lunch Schedule SAC Meeting 11:30 am Spring Chorus Concert 6:30 pm - 7:30pm	12 5th Grade Field Trip to Jaycee Park Field Day 2nd grade AM & 3rd grade PM	13 PBIS Saint Patrick's Day \$1 for each green item worn! 4th Grade Field Trip to Jaycee Park	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
Spring Break - No School						
22	23 No school for students Teacher Workday 	24	25 Early Lunch Schedule  PBIS \$1 Inside Out/ Backward Day Publix Math Night 5 pm - 7 pm	26	27	28
29	30	31 Otterly Outstanding / Jr. Deputy 2:15 pm 	April 1 3rd Grade FSA Reading	April 2 3rd Grade FSA Reading 4th/5th Grade FSA Writing		

Rivers Edge Elementary

Otter News

"The School with a Heart of Gold"



A Note from the Principal

Hello Parents and Families,
 Countdown to testing: As of March 2, we have 17 school days until the 3rd grade reading testing, and 18 days until our 4th/5th grade writing test. As you know, attendance is critical throughout the school year, but the last few weeks prior to testing give us an opportunity to revisit standards and skills that are tougher to master. Help your child do their very best by insuring that they are in school, focused and ready to learn.

Also, Monday is Read Across America. Read Across America is a day held annually on March 2nd that encourages children in every community to read and also encourages parents and teachers to celebrate the joy of reading. It's a holiday that has been celebrated since 1998 and falls on the same day as children's book author Dr. Seuss. We will be recognizing this nationwide event through Drop Everything and Read. You can further support your child's love of reading by setting aside some time this week to read your child or, for older students, encourage them to talk with you about a book they are reading.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. — Dr. Seuss

~ Mrs. Ingersoll

To prepare our students for end of year goals, the following Wednesdays we participate in "Campus Crunch" time: 2/26; 3/4; 3/11; 3/25; 4/8; 4/15; 4/22; 4/29

Please note: These are still full days for school, but lunch will be at the Early Release times:

Kindergarten 11:25-11:55 Second 10:50-11:20 Fourth 11:20-11:50
 First 12:05-12:35 Third 12:00-12:30 Fifth 10:45-11:15

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!



Visit our website at <http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/ree/>



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Receive texts from REE through Class Tag



SLPS has its own app as well as 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 Newsletter." Click on it and the list will be on the left hand side.

Grade Level News

VPK -VPK will be learning about things that move. Students will be counting vehicles, listening for vehicle sounds, watching the movement of the sun and the moon, animals, cars, boats and planes ...etc. Children will be exploring the idea of travel, a special visitor from our class-room will be traveling to your home. Watch for a note from our puppet mascot Fanny Frog. She is anxious to spend a week with your family. Children will be emphasizing about position words and exploring the directions the movements take. Our VPK class is working with first quarter Kindergarten Sight words and CVC words. Soon students will be bringing home decodable books to read to you. Please make sure that your child is coming to school rested. It's very important for them to go to sleep early during school nights. Thank you for your support.

Kindergarten - I hope the March winds don't blow us away! Look out! Here come our Entomologist with their magnifying glasses and nets. The children will be learning what makes a bug an insect. In math, the children will be able to recognize numbers to twenty, count objects in various ways, and write the numbers correctly. Please have your child read to you nightly, sign Read and Respond, and continue to work on sight words. Thank you for your support. Enjoy your spring break!

First Grade -In Math, will be using some of the strategies and knowledge gained in our money unit to help us understand fractions. Please take the opportunity to talk to your children about sharing, focus on half, halves, fourths, and quarters. Use the vocabulary that we will be using as we introduce these fractions to your children. As you "partition" pizza, pie, etc, discuss how the shares get smaller but the number of parts gets bigger. In Language arts, we will continue with opinion writing. Give your children choices when appropriate and ask them to give you the reason for their choice. If you give them the choice of apple or cherry pie, ask why they chose the one they did. Don't forget to talk about the fractions as you cut the pie. Students will continue to check out books from the Media center. Please help your child to remember to bring the book back to school every Thursday. Even if he or she wishes to keep the book, it has to be checked out for a second week. Have a great Spring Break, have a rest and come back to school ready for the final quarter of First Grade.

Second Grade - Second grade is studying the importance of a digits position and greater/less than and equal to comparisons and adding and subtracting within one thousand. 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- In math, 3rd grade will be working with time. Our students will tell time to the nearest minute, solve for elapsed time with the missing start time, missing end time or missing time passed. In reading, our students will be working on reviewing previous skills taught like finding and using text features to help us understand the text.

Fourth Grade - Fourth Grade had an amazing time on our St. Augustine Field Trip and we can't wait to go seining in the Indian River Lagoon soon! We are also getting excited about field day and can't wait to show what we know on the FSA! The students will be studying earth structures in science. They will learn about rock types, weathering, erosion, and renewable resources. During math the students will be learning how to multiply a whole number by a fraction.



Yearbook sales are coming!!! Be on the lookout for information about purchasing a yearbook from Mrs. Slappey!!!



If your child is missing any items, please have them check Lost 'n' Found.

Club Corner

Odyssey of the Mind - Odyssey has the tournament on February 29th. Good luck Otters!

Wilderness Club - Wilderness Club has an amazing run and I can't wait to go hiking with next year's crew! Thank you families for having your child participate this year we had a blast! Happy Trails, Mrs. Slappey

Student Council- At our February meeting, Student Council members decorated posters for each of our amazing 'of the Year' teachers and staff members at Rivers Edge. These posters were hung in the media center for all to see. We have also been busy sorting all the bottle caps that are being sent in by students and community members. Thank you for all your support, we are close to our goal! Please remember to wash the caps and lids before sending them in. If they are dirty or have food residue on them we cannot use them. Finally, Student Council members are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new t-shirts, designed by our officers. Check them out when we wear them on Fridays at school or at special events!

Girls on the Run-Girls on the Run is a new club that is for 3-5th grade girls. Our coaches are Mrs. Jaramillo, Deputy Kasey and Ms. Hoffman. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we do a lot more than just run! We talk about our feelings and being kind to each other, and we work on strategies for coping with things that bother us and also how to positively express our opinions. We do stretch and do exercises and yes, we do run, but we also have fun while we are running. And our coaches run and exercise with us...except Ms. Hoffman, who for the time being just runs around on her scooter! We will finish out our 10 week program with a fun 5K walk/run on April 25th. We can only have 15 girls in our program and we are full for this year. Look for information to come out early in the school year next year and you too can be part of Girls on the Run!! It's a lot of FUN!!!

Otterly Outstanding

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

VPK- Camacho-Layla Mcleod
Kindergarten
Bradley – Gavin Picard
Fischer – Paula Perez-Utrera
Freberthausen - Olivia Santos
Holbert - Sariah Suriel
Jaramillo – Brooklynn Forman
Hoffman –Kye Wright



First Grade
Carlin – Jeffrey "JJ" Logan
Doole - Riley Borges
Hodgson – Kenia Chavez
Rivera- Amiya Velazquez
Zaragoza – Ein Reyes



Second Grade
Brown – Jacob Neely
Fawcett – Amelia Slappey
Jean – Sam Guerrier
Jennings – Erin Jones
Votino – Caleb Bunten
Hoffman –Kye Wright



Third Grade
Ashbrook - Sofia Castro
Floyd-Brandt Forman
Madden – Maci Lane
Palacios – Beyoncé Razo
Rocco – Arland Belande
Wernhardt – Kaicey Black
Young – Kenny Ganetis
Pittman - Nakiya Thompson

Fourth Grade
Brehm- Naomi Matos
Casper – Christopher Nemorin
Miller – Josephine Leiti
Owens – Alexia Moore
Slappey – Sophia Quintal
Girling-Sophia Williams



Fifth Grade
Fawcett – Jaylynn Lefebvre
Johnson – Kemberlie Jean-Baptiste
Redding -Owyn Hoots
Schroeder – Jasmine Evans
Slappey - Tatiana Chavez
Ray – Sidney Cecil



Fifth Grade - Hello from the 5th Grade team! This month some of our students were chosen by their teachers to "Be a Scientist for a Day" and work along STEM scientists. They had a wonderful experience learning about lasers and rockets. Now we are in crunch time! 5th graders are focusing on writing and math skills during the Campus Crunch schedule as we move closer to our state assessments. They are revisiting strategies taught throughout the year to help them increase their scores. Finally, we are looking forward to the seining field trip to the Indian River Lagoon. Please make sure to send in field trip forms and money to your homeroom teacher. We are looking forward to the 4th quarter. Have a great spring break!

Gifted / High Achieving - 3-5th Explore is cruising along! In 3rd grade, Mrs. Floyd's 3rd grade class is launching into fractions for math, and we are enjoying learning about outer space in science class!

Mr. Redding's Reading Wizards are looking into integrating two texts in reading. In writing, we are working on informational, opinion writing. For social studies, 5th graders are learning about colonial and westward expansions. 4th graders are learning about Florida's role in the Civil War.

Mrs. Brehm's "Mathemagicians" are busy bees as well! The 4th graders will understand the place value system including decimals up to the thousandths place. 5th graders will be able to determine, summarize, and analyze the measures of central tendency of a given set of data.

Resource Report



Media with Mrs. Pittman

Parents of kindergarten and first graders, please encourage and help your students to bring back their library books. Students may not get new books until they return the previously checked out book! The students get so excited to get a new book. It is disappointing for them when they watch other kids check out new books and they can't because they forgot their book at home.

The Genre Book Challenge is progressing. We have several students who are almost done – 14 books in total. Justin Lane finished mid-February! Way to go Justin. The Genre Book Challenge ends the week before spring break, so encourage your child/children to get their reading on!

Students are actively participating in Reading Counts. If students have accumulated a certain number of points since the beginning of school, their names are listed below. See if you can find your students name(s)! Parents, encourage your students to take the Reading Counts tests and get their name included on the wall and the newsletter. Students also get a small prize if they acquire a certain amount of points each month.

2nd Grade with 10+ points Alyssa Braden, Mariyah Carswell, Daniella Flores, Brantley Grasso, Brayden Iles, Michael Piseck, Asija Sejour, Mason Stalvey, Anna Larsen, Amelia Slaphey, Ayden Zimmer-Talley, Marcus Belizaire, Nickie Bellefleur, Jillina Moriarty, Giselle Murillo Rivera, Sydnie Sejour, Kelsey Burlace, Daisy Clifton (40 points), Alexander Derrico, Derek Forteau, Andrea Ganetis (49 points), Mirjah Gontran, Joey Lane, Thomas Logan, Jonah Michel (37 points), Ayden Rivera, Gage Rocco, Alyssa Smith, Sophia Votino, Morgan Adkinson, Emma Grace Hamel, Kayleigh Llama, Zara Pastor, Rilynn Robbins, Malachi Stewart

3rd Grade with 25+ points Evan Campbell, George Cordova, Aja Edwards, Calvin Epperson, Amelia Fazio, Bethany Felinciano, Callie Guercio, Angelina Leiti (143 points), Daniel Miller, Bailey Oddo (137 points), Sophia Rodriguez (120 points), Nevaeh Thomas, Carmelle Wallace (211 points), Sophia Machado, Randall Rojas, Triana Adkinson, Liam Walden, Anthony Schwartz, Justin Barrington

4th Grade with 25+ points Caylee Nestor, Amaury Perez, Shleina Revolte, Julianne Santiago (141 points), Sophia Williams, Ryann Adams, Florence Amisial (305 points), Jake Askew (152 points), Catelynn Coins (107 points), Andrew Gazdacko, Jordan Howell, Jeffrey Jackson, Trevor Johnson (196 points) Parker Kenney, Addyson Kushner, Naomi Matos, Drew McCluskey, Mia Sanchez, Cassandra Smith (111 points), Ava Sparkman, Max Zaragoza, Genesis Hernandez Perez, Josephine Leiti (106 points), Carlos Monroy Arias, William Pass (190 points), Jaiden Porter, Maxton Ruela, Justin Soto, Aiden Walden, Logan Hamel, Alexander Houpt, De'javion Jessimy, James Larsen, alexia Moore, Avery Seaman (166 points), Steven Urbina, Tavoris Ingram, Holden Owings

5th Grade with 25+ points Jaelynn Alexis, Ralph Beauvoir (202 points), Caitlin Bohrer, Devin Brooks, Brenden Burlace, Mathew Caceres, Sidney Cecil, Claudia Chavez, Tatianna Chavez, Chyanne Coins (304 points), Andrea Days, Abigail Edouard, Jason Epperson (178 points) Taylor Fazio, Megan Fordin, Abigail Fulton, Alejandra Garcia Ureno, Laila Gomez, Tristan Gonzalez, Makaela Hernandez, Madison Jackson, Naima Johnson (198 points) Adem Karagic, Isabella Lamattina, Justin Lane (155 points) Jaylynn Lefebvre, Lyric Lobrutto, Aolani Martinez, Tamaro McLeod, Alec Justify Medine, Amira Menchan, Addison Morales Coronado, Madison O'Brien, Alyn Rugama Ferrufino, Desneshaa Saintil, Rebecca Sanon (172 points), Chyna Santiago, Caiyden Seraphin, Gabriela Serrano, Audrey Shaw, Nevaeh Stewart, Grace Tyson, Mitchell White, Alexandra Yerena



Rehearsals for Annie are moving along and we are having so much fun! We are continuing to work on blocking, choreography, and singing for the middle of the show. If your child is involved in the show, please have your child review their CD, script, and choreography at home. This will help us to continue to have a great rehearsal process as they come in prepared to learn the next routine. Soon we will begin putting together groups to help with sets, props, costumes, snacks, etc. 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 all of the support as we continue onward with this amazing production!

PE with Coach Hoffman and Coach Ray

News from PE land - Jump Rope for Heart, or as it is now called...Kids Heart Challenge, was a HUGE success!! We had set a goal of \$3,500 based on our total of \$2,800 last year. We totally knocked that goal right out of the park!! We raised \$8,744!!! That is just amazing. We had 62 students that raised at least \$25 each and were able to attend our slime event and we had 39 of those students who raised at least \$75 who did the sliming of our administration. What should we set our goal to be next year??

We will be having Field Days prior to Spring Break and testing this year. 4/5 will be on Monday, March 9th, K/1 will be on Tuesday, March 10th, and 2/3 will be on Thursday, March 12th. Each grade group will have a half day of field day with events that the entire class will participate in as a team. We ask that students are sent with water/Gatorade to school and a towel to sit on. Please no soda or food for field day. Those attract more ants and bugs than we already have.



PE cont. -Sunscreen and hats are suggested but sunglasses are not. Sunglasses are often left behind, dropped on the ground and then stepped on, so we would rather that they stay at home. More information will come from your child's teacher. We have completed our health lesson in PE that is required by the state. Depending on what grade your child is in, we spoke about smoking, drinking and drugs. Fifth grade has a person from New Horizons come in to do the Too Good for Drugs program which is a 10 week program done during one of their weekly PE classes. Thank you for your support and we look forward to the rest of the year with your children.

Coach Ray and Ms. Hoffman

Florida's 2019-2020 ESE Parent Survey

February 1—May 31
Each year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) surveys parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education. All states must collect this data as part of their State Performance Plan required under the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The web-based survey will open February 1, 2020 You can complete the survey online at www.esesurvey.com or complete paper survey sent home with your child. Your feedback is important in helping the state and local school. Systems continue improving educational programs for children with special needs. Thank You!

Encuesta ESE a Padres de Familia de la Florida 2019-2020

1 de Febrero—31 de Mayo Cada año, el Departamento de Educación de la Florida (FDOE) hace una encuesta a los padres de niños con un plan educativo individualizado (IEP) a fin de determinar la relación de la escuela con usted y la promoción de su participación en la educación de su hijo(a). Todos los estados deberán coleccionar dichos datos como parte de su Plan Estatal de Desempeño, según exige la Ley de Educación de Personas con Discapacidades (IDEA). La encuesta con base en internet se abrirá el día 1 de Febrero de 2020 Puede usted contestar la encuesta por línea electronica en www.esesurvey.com o solicitar la encuesta en papel en la escuela de su hijo. Su opinion es importante, pues ayuda a los sistemas escolares estatales y locales.