

Rivers Edge Elementary

"The School with a "Heart of Gold"



Otter News

September 2020



A Note from the Principal



Welcome Parents to the 2020-2021 school year. I cannot adequately express how excited our entire staff is to be back at school. We have missed our students over the long break, and we have been thrilled to see their smiling eyes back on campus and virtually.

For our MySchool students, we have been working hard to work through the bumps of navigating a full day of school in an online platform. We are hoping that all students have been able to make a personal connection with their teacher through TEAMS and are having an easier time working through the schedule. If you have questions regarding the schedule, please contact your student's teacher or call the front office. We will do our best to help. If you are having technology issues, try calling 429-help.

For our traditional students, the first week of school has gone very smooth. While it is always an adjustment after a long summer break, the students seem to have settled into the school routine and are meeting many new friends in their classroom. As you know, health and safety are extremely important to all of us. Please make sure you are screening your student each morning prior to bringing them to school, to make sure they are feeling 100% well.

Finally, we have received several phone calls from parents who are interested in switching MySchool versus traditional. The window for making a change is September 14-18. If you are sure that you want to switch, you may call the office to be placed on a list, so that we can make that transition as smooth as possible for students and teachers. Depending on the number of students who want to switch, we may have to move students' classrooms in order to balance out the classes as much as possible. It is extremely helpful to have those names ahead of time, so that we can make informed decisions.

Thank you for all that you do to support our school!

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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<http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/reel/>



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@REE_Principal



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



Welcome to VPK! We are so excited to be back in the classroom. We know that this year feels a little bit different, but we are up for the challenge. We will have so much fun with learning this year, and we know that the kids are ready and super excited. We have a wonderful year ahead of us and, we're ready to conquer it! So, lets enjoy it!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is so excited to welcome our students to our Otter Family! We have been working hard, learning our school-wide expectations: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be a Role Model. They are learning all about staying healthy and safe in school, but best of all, we are making new friends!



We have had a great start to the new school year whether you are joining us in the classroom or in My School. We have started the SFA reading program, so please don't forget to sit and listen to your child read and learn the new words and sounds. In math, we will be working on defining the attributes of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, focusing on identifying the shapes, and building new shapes.



Welcome Back Second Graders, We are so happy to see you back at school! For the month of September, we will be studying government, American symbols, and the three branches of government. Talk to your child about who's running for president, who is our governor, and who is our mayor.



What an amazing start for 3rd grade! My School at home friends have been attending live meetings and learning how to use other platforms. Students who have returned to school are doing an amazing job following our new safety protocols, while jumping right into 3rd grade curriculum. Fantastic job being good citizens to ALL of our incredible 3rd grade otters! We are truly excited for an exciting year!



Fourth Grade Traditional Classes are off to a safe school start! Masked up and ready to learn everyday. These students are already modeling Respectful, Responsible, Role Models. In English, students are learning to ask and answer right there questions. As well as inferencing, they are practicing place value up to One Hundred Thousands place, and we are all learning to be good citizens to each other and our environment.

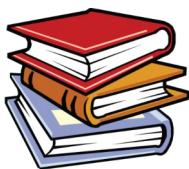
Welcome to Online learning in Mrs. Slappey's MySchool! I'm so excited for all the many things you will learn in 4th grade this year. Please remember to login to your Teams morning meeting daily at 8:45 so you are marked attended and will have all the information you need to be successful in Canvas. Meetings are always recorded, so you can go back and rewatch if you missed something. Keep it up with submitting your work in Canvas! You are all off to a great start. Flipgrid has been fun and so was our first Virtual Field Trip to the San Diego Zoo! Be safe!!!



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Resource Report

Media with Mrs. Pittman



Greetings Rivers Edge Families! It is great to be together again-either in school or online! I am looking forward to a fun and safe school year. We will have lots of opportunity for students to read, whether it's a familiar favorite or a new discovery. We are making every effort to keep students safe. Students must wear masks while in the media center. Students receive hand sanitizer when they come into the library. The tables and chairs are sanitized after each class. Any materials, such as pencils or crayons, used by students in the media center are put in the back room for at least 72 hours or more before they are used again. We will not be doing Reading Counts this year because students cannot share computers. However, we will have other fun book challenges to encourage reading. Students may check out books and, all returned books are quarantined for at least 72 hours before they are put on the shelf. Parents, you may want to have a conversation with your child as to whether you are comfortable with students bringing home books. Each family needs to do what they feel is best for them. Students will be reading during media resource, but it is not required for students to check them out. Students may also bring books from home to read during Media Resource as well. Again, Mrs. Troha and I are looking forward to a fun, safe year. Thank you for entrusting your children with us!

Music with Mrs. Girling



We are back and excited to see all of our students!!! Music resource is once a week and a little different this year, so I need students to put their imaginations into gear. While we are going to be creative in how we create music, we are still going to have fun while learning the basics of music, dance and drama.

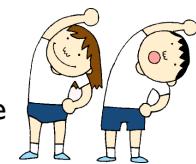


PE with Coach Hoffman & Coach Ray

Welcome Back Otters!!!

Oh how we have missed you!!

Coach Ray and I hope that you are all healthy and that your family is healthy as well.



This year PE is going to be a little different, but we are going to try to make it as fun as possible. We will be doing exercise videos and Tae Bo and step aerobics. We will be fit when this is all said and done!!

As of right now, we are out of XS and S PE T-shirts. We have put an order in and are just waiting for the order to arrive. I will fill orders as I have supplies. Please make out checks to REE. You can get a form from your teacher or the front office.

Please remember to bring your water bottle out to PE. We cannot use the water fountains so you must have your own water bottle. It's hot and we will be doing lots of movement, so you will definitely need to hydrate.

Remember that we are not using hand written notes this year. Please use email. You can email your teacher or you can email Coach Ray or myself.

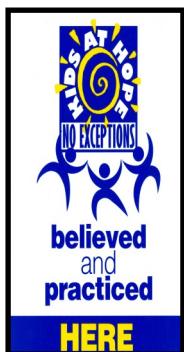
Here's to having a great year!!!



Rainy Day Procedures

Here's to hoping we always have sunshine at dismissal, but we do live in Florida. In the event the weather becomes really nasty (thunder, lightning, blowing rain, etc.), the procedures at pick-up will be slightly different. All pick-up students will remain in the cafeteria. As parents pull up to the loading area, we will call student's from the cafeteria. **It will be a long process.** We appreciate your patience during these days - and remember safety first!

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

Gifted / High Achieving Team News



Thank you to all of our wonderful families for such a smooth transition back to school. **4th grade AMP** students MUST practice their multiplication fluency EVERY night for at least 10 minutes. The first math unit is all about multiplication and division of multi-digit numbers (at the 5th grade level). Please encourage your child to use XtraMath. I sent home a flyer the first week of school showing how to link last year's progress to our class this year. If you didn't receive one, please let me know.

5th grade AMP students are working on Operations with Multi-Digit Numbers (GCF, LCM, division and operations with decimals), all at the 6th grade level. Both classes are working on completing the first unit test, the week of Sept. 21.

In Reading class, we are going to cover finding the evidence and using context clues to detect the meaning of certain words in reading. In Social Studies, we will be covering maps. For Writing, please go over the rubric and example with your child. Please have them read 25 minutes a night! Both classes are working on completing the unit test on the week of September 21st.

For our **G/HA third graders**, Welcome Back! In math, we are learning how to read and write multi-digit whole numbers using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. We are also learning to compare two multi-digit numbers based on meanings of the digits in each place, using >, =, and < symbols to record the results of comparisons. Focusing on place value, we are comparing numbers up to 1 million and are working on writing numbers in expanded form, and written form.

In reading, we are focusing on asking and answering questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answer, and are referring explicitly to the text as a basis for the answers. We are working on summarizing a text, paying close attention to the who, what, when, where and why in a text. We are also looking for context clues to help us better understand text or an unknown word.



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Special Dress Days

Your Choice T-Shirt Day—September 11th

Students can wear a school appropriate t-shirt. Denim Jeans (long pants) and jean shorts (fingertip length) with NO rips or holes can be worn.

Football T-shirt Day - September 25th

Students can wear a football t-shirt or jersey. Shoulders should be covered. If wearing a tank, an undershirt covering the shoulders must be worn. Denim Jeans (long pants) and jean shorts (fingertip length) with NO rips or holes can be worn.

STUDENTS



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

FREE Breakfast & Lunch



Did you know that EVERY student receives a FREE school breakfast and lunch—EVERY day? Start the day off right! Eating breakfast gives students the energy they need to get things done and helps them stay focused at school.



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TECHNICAL HELP

WHO SHOULD I CALL?



SCHOOL OR
TEACHER

HELP DESK
(772) 429-HELP



Student is unable to
find content or an
assignment in Canvas

If your child is unable to find an assignment or specific content in their Canvas course, please reach out to the teacher.



Question about grading
or submissions

If your child has a question regarding grading or assignment/quiz submissions please reach out to the teacher.



Unable to access LIVE
lessons in TEAMS

If your child is having difficulties accessing the LIVE lessons from the teacher, please reach out to the teacher.

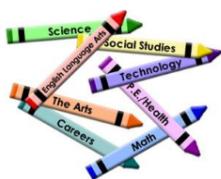
Student is unable to
log into Canvas

If your child is unable to log into Canvas/Teams using their 56number@stlucieschools.org, please call the HELP desk.



Classes are missing
from Canvas
Dashboard

If your child is able to see the class in Skyward but it is not showing in Canvas/Teams, please call the HELP desk.



Unable to log into
programs

If your child is unable to log into iReady, ThinkCentral, TEAMS, etc. please call the HELP desk.



There is a LOT of information on the SLPS Website! We suggest going to the "Parents and Students" tab. Some useful things to find:

- District School Calendar
- Lunch Menu
- School Lunch Application
- Transportation Info
- After School Care Providers
- ESOL Information
- CyberSafety
- Learning Resources (free educational websites!)

And much, much more!!!



Beginning Tuesday, September 8, students will begin independent use of computers as part of our i-Ready learning. To help the spread of germs, each student is expected to come to school with their own individual headset. Wired headphone or earbuds are acceptable.



We understand that from time to time your child may be feeling sick and not able to participate in school. Whether **virtual** or **traditional**, each student is expected to submit a digital note to excuse the absence. This note should be e-mailed to the classroom teacher and the school data specialist: Elizabeth.Franklin@stlucieschools.org

September 2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School 	8	9 SAC Meeting 11:30 am	10	11 PBIS \$1 Your choice T-shirt Day 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 First Day of Fall 	23	24	25 PBIS \$1 Football T-shirt Day 	26
27	28 Fall Holiday No School 	29	30			