



Ridgedale Reporter

Welcome Back Chargers

On March 1, we will enter the building for another first day of school. This time, however, we will have all of our in school learners here all five days a week. It has almost been a year since we have had 100% of our students here each and every day. We have been working feverishly to get the building ready for your children to attend school. Teachers have reconfigured their classroom for the students. We will be doing our mitigations to get our students used to the distancing, mask wearing, hand-washing protocols. We want you to know the health and safety of your children is the MOST important part for the staff at Ridgedale.

Each morning we need you to visit the school web page and fill the daily health screen for each child. This is the best way to let us know your child's health is positive and will not hinder our safe reentry. Our nurse is here if you have questions or concerns about your child's health. With the discussion of health comes the concern about attendance. We want to remind everyone that we are back to school five days a week and we want our students to be in attendance each and everyday. Remember if you child misses a day, please call the school to let us know they are not going to be in attendance and then send a note with your child when they return to school.

If you are bringing your child to school and you have yet to experience our new drop off and pick up area, you will be pleasantly surprised with the way things work. We are so thankful to have the updates to our parking, drop off, pick up and school. We cannot wait until you are able to be inside to see it with us.

As we enter the building, all students will be required to wear their masks. You should send a water bottle with your child. We will not be using the water fountains in the building, so your child will need a water bottle for the school day. You child should be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day. Also we have prepared our day to allow additional time for lunch. We are doing our best to provide the safest environment for all students. If you have any questions or concern, please contact us, we will do our best to answer your concerns.

Our teachers and staff are so very excited to have your children back in the building. We cannot wait for our days to be filled with laughter and happiness. The building is not the same without the smiles, shining faces and just the joy of your children. March 1 cannot get here soon enough! We will see you on Monday.

This newsletter is on the website each month to provide you with updates and information. If you need anything other information please do not hesitate to call the school. We are here to help in any way, we want our students to feel connected and happy. Our goal is to make this month's transition as easy as possible for our families.

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IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITE

☉ This is the address for the
school website:
<http://res.mono.k12.wv.us/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Dr. Seuss Celebration	3/1-3/5
Instructional Asst Day	3/5
Kick Off for One Book-One School	3/8
Daylight Savings Time Begins	3/14
First day of Spring PTO Meeting 4 and 6 PM	3/20 3/17



News from Pre-K

Welcome back ALL Chargers! We are SO excited to have our kiddos back in the classroom at 100% capacity. It's been a wild ride thus far, but the kiddos have truly shown how resilient they truly are, especially with the support of their families. We cannot say enough how much we appreciate the constant flexibility, understanding, and assistance you have shown us throughout this school year. Distance learning has been challenging at times, with connectivity issues abound, but it's nice to see the kiddos for a check-in and let them also see each other! As kiddos are now filling the classroom, we are learning and re-learning (for the what number of times now?) the routines of the classroom. Things have changed a bit with more little ones with us now, but they will rise to the occasion, as they continually have. We look forward to finishing out the year with these smiling faces, new connections and friendships, and learning!

News from Kindergarten

We feel like we are seeing a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. March brings us many new and exciting events. First, all of our students are able to attend in person instruction for 5 days a week if their families. Teachers are more than excited to bring these 2 groups together and form 1 class. That being said, safety will be our number one priority. We will be teaching and practicing social distancing to the best of our abilities and washing hands frequently. Please send extra masks with your child. Runny noses often require several masks. Check your child's backpack for dirty ones that will be sent back home. The first week in March is always a favorite at Ridgedale - Read Across America or Dr. Seuss Week finds us doing many fun activities that we hope will instill a love of reading in our children. Teachers are just as excited as the students for this week. Theodore Geisel certainly knew what he was doing when he wrote GREEN EGGS AND HAM and his legacy lives on when we introduce and celebrate his work. Of course, what would March be without trying to catch a tricky leprechaun. As a STEM activity the children will be designing a leprechaun trap. One never knows what these mischievous little elves will be up to. Please continue to work with your child on sight words, reading and math facts. The new standards that will be introduced in the 3rd trimester are as follows: using capitalization and punctuation in writing, measuring objects, describing 2D and 3D objects, grouping objects by tens and ones and introducing various types of text. We will continue to practice and develop previous skills. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

News from First Grade

The First Grade Team is ready to finish our last Term of school (Term 3) with all our students. We want to thank parents for working with their students at home on Google Classroom assignments during these uncertain times. You juggled your work schedules, and family while still managing to assist your child with their learning. It is greatly appreciated!

As We Return, Please Remember:

- If your child has changes in transportation while entering this new Term, please notify their teacher in writing, email, or remind.
- Mask up, wash up, back up (wear a clean mask to school each day, wash hands frequently and social distance)
- Bring your water bottle each day (we don't use drinking fountain)
- Please fill out the "Daily Screener" each day

As we enter Term 3, first grade will be covering new standards in Reading, Math and Writing:

Reading: For Phonics, we'll introduce long vowel patterns. Features of nonfiction text which include headings, table of contents, and glossaries will also be covered.

Writing: Writing an informative text with a topic sentence, some key facts and a closing statement will be introduced.

Math: Place value concepts (greater than, less than, equal to), Time to hour/half hour, as well as Measurement and Geometry will be addressed.

Please encourage your child to build the important habit of reading 15 min each day. It's also wise to practice addition/math facts to 10. Please encourage them to start noticing the clocks at home to practice time. Thank you for all your support as we endeavor to finish strong in Term 3!!

News from Second Grade

Hello! What a special and exciting month this is going to be! We will be returning to learn with our whole class five days a week beginning March 1st! It is going to be such a delight having our whole class back together! We will take the first few days getting reacquainted and reviewing procedures and routines. We are so excited to get back to some sort of normalcy. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss and Read Across America during the week of March 1-5. We will be reading many Dr. Seuss books and doing lots of fun activities that go along with each book. Second grade has also been working hard on an animal research project. We will continue to research facts, put our facts into a written document and also prepare a Google Slides presentation. Each student will be sharing their presentation with the class. In Math, we will continue our Measurement Unit. We will be comparing lengths, adding and subtracting and solving word problems about length. Next we will be creating and reading line plots, bar graphs, and picture graphs. We are so glad to be back learning together and plan to make these last few months of second grade the best yet!

News from Third Grade

March will be a very exciting month for third-grade students. Students will be coming back into the building, and we can't wait to see them! With that being said, please make sure your child has a clean reusable water bottle and facial covering. The water bottle needs to be filled with water and brought to school daily. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play. We would like to get them outside as much as possible weather permitting. Also, please make sure the Daily Screener is done before your student enters the building!

In math, we will be working on understanding the concept of fractions. They will be focusing on fractions on a number line, comparing fractions, and equivalent fractions. Students will continue to practice multiplication fact fluency. It is very important that students fluently know facts 0 - 10. We will also begin working on division fact fluency 0 - 10. Please make sure your child is practicing their facts daily!

In reading, in-person learners will continue to cover reading standards using the Journeys series and other supplemental materials. Distance learners will be covering their standards using the iReady Reading series. All learners will be covering the same standards regardless of method of delivery.

Students will also begin taking interim assessments to help prepare them for the West Virginia General Summative Assessment in May. Allowing students to have the opportunity to practice the test helps to familiarize students with the formatting, tools, and questions. This will help students to feel more confident and alleviate some testing anxiety.



News from Fourth Grade

The fourth-grade teachers hope you're as excited as we are to return to in-person learning beginning March 1. We want to ensure our families that we will do our part in making the transition as easy and safe as possible. With that being said, we wanted to remind our students to remember to wear their masks properly daily as well as complete the daily screener. If you need to reach out to one of us, please feel free to do so.

Over the past month, we continued to focus on different skills and strategies in reading while also focusing on vocabulary and comprehension through weekly stories. We will move into reading Maniac Magee as a class. We will still focus on various skills and comprehension through daily assignments. In grammar, we learned about subjects/predicates, subject/verb agreement, pronouns/antecedents and simple/compound sentences. We will move into discussion and practice with capitalizing titles, quotation marks in dialogue, commas in addresses, prefixes and suffixes. In math, we finished up our instruction with multi-digit multiplication, multi-digit division, and multi-step word problems. Fractions will be the next area of concentration where we will focus on equivalent, comparing, adding/subtracting, and the fraction/decimal relationship. Science will continue focusing on energy transfer with the latter part of the month shifting to circuits. In Social Studies, we finished up our discussions regarding the causes and battles of the American Revolution and moved onto Westward Expansion. As the month progresses, we will shift from Westward Expansion to US landmarks and then into West Virginia history. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

News from Fifth Grade

Spring is nearing! The fifth graders are gearing up for middle school. We have successfully held the final Friendship Celebration of their Elementary career. Students have completed middle of the year benchmarks for both math and reading with a lot of growth! In math we have been wrapping up our unit on fractions and will be moving into operations and algebraic thinking. Continue practicing fractions and multiplication at home. For reading we have had some exciting projects throughout the past few months and students have presented some wonderful work. We will continue writing workshops and projects as we work through our Journey's series. We completed Young Writer with two submissions from the 5th grade onto the county level. Good luck to our young writers, Mr. Beau Lane and Mr. Ethan Terneus! Science wrapped up the study of Earth and Space and we will continue working on the scientific method and expanding our scientific horizons. We are deep into the study of the Civil War in Social Studies. Look for students to be working on their health magazine's "The Great Body Shop". Mrs. Ray continues to work with our distance 5th graders successfully and is very appreciated. Mrs. Ray is doing a book study with the TAG students titled "Bud Not Buddy".

News from Related Arts

The Related Arts team would like to thank the 30 unique acts submitted to the virtual talent show. From drumming to humming and rapping to tapping we loved seeing each of your individual talents.

The art studio would like to welcome Miss Budka who is joining us as a student teacher from WVU.

We look forward to warm and sunny days ahead.



Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Abigail Porrini
Olivia Strader
Grace Wilson
Paisley Wickham
Taylor Ullery

First Grade

Brook Burkovich
Hudson Beech
Peyton Swearingen
Alexis Zaroda

Second Grade

Tyler Whetzel
Joe Mazzone
Olivia Eilam
Bentley Ashby

Third Grade

Luke Poland
Ava Nestor
Milo Otto

Fourth Grade

Lily Kozel
Jonah Shaffer
Wyatt Howell
Laith Beck

Fifth Grade

Hayley Street
Axten Sines
Beau Lane
Porter Morris