



Ridgedale Reporter

Exciting Times

Wow, what a wonderful time it has been to have our children back in the building! The children have just fallen into place with the protocols and the expectations for the school environment. We have been very impressed with their ability to make the swing back to in person learning. The morning arrival and afternoon dismissal have been amazing as well. Everyone has been able to get into the line and the children have been able to get in and out of the cars efficiently. The changes in the line has truly made a great deal of difference and we are pleased with the way you have embraced the new procedures. THANK YOU so much!!

The month of April brings the final day away from the classroom for this school year. We will not be in school on Friday, April 2. We will return to school on Monday, April 5. When we return to school on Monday, there will only be eight short weeks of school left. We will be encouraging all learners to remember that school is NOT over. We will want our students to be in school and on time each day. Please try to limit the amount of time your child has to be away from school the next 8 weeks.

Students in grades 3 to 5 will be having West Virginia General Summative Assessment the week of May 10. We are asking that children be present and on time during that week. This test will measure the children's development the past year. We will be testing during the regular school day and need to have all of our students be a part of the testing. We ask that you do your best to schedule appointments for days outside of the week of May 10.

Our building is really progressing quickly. Our cooks have moved to the new kitchen to prepare the meals. It is state of the art and they are so excited to be working in such a wonderful facility. The contractors have now moved on to the final phase of the process. They will be working on this final phase through the end of the school year and part of the summer. We cannot believe the beauty of the building and all they have done. We will be so excited when we can finally share this beautiful building with all of you too.

As I started at the beginning of this article, the month of April is the beginning of the trip to the end of the year. Your children have truly been through a LOT this school year, however they have become stronger and more resilient in response to the year and all of its difficulties. We would like to once again say THANK YOU for your support and hard work.



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School

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IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITE

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school website:

<http://res.mono.k12.wv.us/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Good Friday	4/2
NO SCHOOL	
Return to school	4/5
Administrative Professionals Day	4/21



WEST VIRGINIA
SUMMATIVE
ASSESSMENT
MAY 10-14

News from Pre-K

Spring has *finally* sprung around Morgantown and our pre-k kiddos are so excited to be outside in the fresh air and sunshine! As we know, spring can come in like a lamb and out like a lion, so please remember to dress your kiddo appropriately. Light jackets or sweaters would be great for cooler mornings. If your kiddo is wearing a dress, please put shorts underneath. Finally, school-appropriate shoes that your kiddo can run and plan in are always a safe choice.

We have been rotating out new materials for new learning and social experiences. The kiddos are all settled after coming back to school 100%. It's so nice for them to be able to see everyone face-to-face and not just through a computer screen!

Happy Spring from Preschool!

News from Kindergarten

Happy Spring to all of our Kindergarten Parents:

It is wonderful to have all of our students back in school. They have settled in and our social distancing is going well. Now we are working on social skills that come from having us all together. Once again, thank you for your patience in yet another (and hopefully our last) school change.

As you may have already heard, the Leprechauns visited our Kindergarten rooms on St. Patrick's Day. Unfortunately, none of the Leprechauns were caught in our traps. But, the Leprechauns were very naughty leaving glitter and painted rainbows everywhere. Poor Pete the Cat was taped outside our door and was waiting for someone to let him in. The Leprechauns even left green pee in our toilets - what mayhem! Those Leprechauns got blamed for lots of things that day - things they didn't even do. LOL!

April finds us traveling with our Flat Stanleys. Thank you for your help in this endeavor as we learn about the states in our country. The students are going to be thrilled to receive letters and souvenirs from across the country.

The students are enjoying our "One School, One Book" program. Each Monday we listen to a guest reader read another chapter of our book "Clementine". The kids are excited to see what antics Clementine gets into each week. At the end of the year each child will bring home this book to keep. This will be a good story to read with your child during the summer. Kindergarteners love rereading and talking about what they know. This is a good way to foster oral language development.

As warmer weather approaches, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Make sure your child still has a jacket as our playground gets windy and cool. Children should also be wearing closed toe shoes for safety reasons.

Once again thank you for participating in your child's education.

News from First Grade

The First Grade Team is glad to report that students are adjusting well to "In Person" learning and routines. We do have a new schedule with recess in the morning. Please have your student wear a warm coat for cooler morning temperatures. Here's what we're currently learning and ideas you can use to help your child practice at home:

In Math, we recently covered place value concepts including adding/subtracting tens with two-digit numbers. Next, we'll be comparing two-digit numbers using the greater than/less than signs. Soon Geometry will be introduced. We'll examine two dimensional shapes identifying their attributes. Encourage your child to observe shapes in their environment and notice how shapes can be combined together.

In Reading, we've been working on long vowel patterns with the silent "e" and introducing vowel teams. Please have your child read 15 min each day and practice sight words. It's important for them to read their books often to build fluency. This will help them with their comprehension too.

You can encourage writing with your students and have them write a grocery list, a letter/card or a kind note to a family member. Daily journaling is also a great way for students to practice writing.

Thank you for your continued support! Let's continue to learn and grow together!

News from Second Grade

Happy Spring second grade families! We have spent the last month getting back to routines and building a classroom culture. Now that all students are attending school each day. We have worked hard on animal research projects. The students have given presentations and shown what they learned in a variety of ways. In math, we have studied various measurement and data topics. We have started time and money and will begin geometry in the coming weeks. You can practice at home by doing time checks throughout the evening or have your child count a mixed group of coins. In reading, we will continue to practice fluency and decoding skills while looking at a variety of genres. Reading 20 minutes a night helps build fluency and comprehension. We are looking forward to our students blossoming like the flowers in springtime.



News from Third Grade

Third grade will be very busy the next few months! We will begin "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" book study! Each student will have their own copy of the story to follow along with. They will be completing comprehension and vocabulary questions that cover the reading standards. There will also be engaging in activities to help enhance comprehension skills.

In math, students will be introduced to area and perimeter, geometry, graphing, and units of measurement. We have several exciting activities planned to cover these standards. Please continue to have your child study their math facts daily.

We will continue to take practice interim assessments to help students prepare for the West Virginia Summative Assessment in May. Please make sure your child has earbuds or headphones.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.



News from Fourth Grade

Fourth graders did an amazing job adjusting back to in-person learning. Everything went smoothly for the most part, so there were very few changes that needed to be made. Please remind your child that completing iReady lessons, MyOn (daily reading), and studying spelling words are daily routines they should be completing without being prompted. Also, be sure to keep an eye out for any information regarding upcoming events or happenings that may be coming home with your child.

Academically, students have been reading and discussing Maniac Magee as a class in reading. They will move on to a different novel to read for discussion over the next couple of weeks. Grammatically, the students have learned about capitalization, quotation marks, comma usage, and prefix/suffixes. We will move into discussing multiple meaning words and using reference materials. As for math, fractions have been a huge part of learning lately. We will be transitioning from fractions to decimals. Afterwards, we will begin introducing and reviewing geometry lessons. In social studies, the students finished learning about Westward Expansion and will finish West Virginia history soon. We will begin studying economics with the students from that point onward. We will move from different energy types to plant and animals in science. Students have also been working on some practice tests that are similar to the end of the year test. This allows students to familiarize themselves with the testing format as well as letting the teachers get a glimpse of how the students are doing or what adjustments may need to be made. We will continue practicing until the actual end of the year test is given. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

News from Fifth Grade

We are so happy to have many of our 5th grade Chargers back in the building 5 days a week! Students are continuing to work hard as they move closer to making that transition to middle school.

We have recently finished up our FOSS unit that involved the studying of the earth, sun and outer space. We have now transitioned into our Living Systems FOSS unit. We have studied and covered topics regarding things such as food chains and food webs. We have also spent a good amount of time learning about specific systems in detail. Some of these include, but are not limited to, the digestive system, the respiratory system, the circulatory system, the parts of plants, and much more. We are very excited to have been able to order "live materials" for science that should be arriving at the school soon!

Social Studies has recently been heavily focused on exploring content revolving around the Civil War and the rebuilding of our nation and immigration. Students seemed very interested to learn about one of the most trying times our nation has ever faced. Moving forward, we will focus on westward expansion. Students will learn about the reasons people decided to move out to the west coast, as well as some of the obstacles they may have faced to get there.

We have officially passed the halfway point in our Journeys textbook. We continue to focus each week on grammar, vocabulary and spelling that is tied to our story from the Journeys textbook. While we read and study a piece of literature across many different genres, students continue to work on mastering skills and concepts such as setting, theme, compare and contrast, author's purpose, etc. Students are also working hard to continue to become better writers. Students have written several opinion, informational and narrative pieces throughout the year. 5th grade students recently wrote a persuasive piece based around an opinion that they had about something. Students had to back these opinions up with evidence. The 5th grade teachers loved reading these opinion writings and we look forward to continuing to see them develop and grow as skilled writers.

Early in the year, we focused on adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing whole numbers and decimals, performing mathematical operations with decimals and mixed numbers, etc. Students have recently worked on identifying patterns and being able to plot corresponding terms on a coordinate plane. 5th grade mathematicians are currently learning how to convert units of metric and customary units. In all math standards, students expand on their vocabulary and understanding of the topic.

The 5th grade team is so very proud of all of our students. We look forward to continuing to see our students grow as their time at Ridgedale comes closer to an end and their new journey as middle school students draws near.



Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Ryder Freeland
Mason Price
Jonathan Shinkovich
Trystan Jackson
Harvey Singhass

First Grade

Emily Helms
Maci Smith
Elijah Mallow
Luke Finley

Second Grade

Brooke Ely
Brynlee Ammons
Madysen Bumps
Ariella Keplinger

Third Grade

Briella Bubb
Amilya Wilson
Audry Ellison

Fourth Grade

Atticus Bays
Khloe Lazzelle
Cooper Anderson
Miles Ammons

Fifth Grade

Zack Rogers
Sydney Duesenberry
Larkin Coker
Tanner Tipton



April Tech News

Happy Spring! We are down to the last 8 weeks of school—We can do it!!!

In order to end the year on the right note, here are a few technology reminders:

- Remember to follow the county AUP guidelines about care and responsibility. Lately, I have seen several chromebooks that have had liquid damage and keyboards/system boards ruined from food, sticky substances, dirt, and a variety of other items. Please avoid eating/drinking around chromebooks, wash your hands, keep the chromebook clean and in the case when not using it. Care should be taken to protect the screens from damage. This can be done by never carrying it with the lid open, don't leave it on the floor or unattended on a chair (getting stepped on by humans and animals have broken several screens recently) and avoid putting heavy items on top of the chromebook.
- Carrying the chromebook: Chromebooks should be in the case when not in use (kindergarten, fourth and fifth graders), or for first-third, always in the case even when using. If for some reason, you do need to carry chromebooks a short distance out of the case, then it should be held like a lunch tray with two hands and the lid closed. The chromebooks should NEVER be put in backpacks, not even when in the case. Chromebooks should be in the case and the long strap should go diagonally across the body. Please encourage your child to do this to not only keep the chromebook more secure, but this also will help avoid tripping on the straps.
- Chromebooks are to be used only by the student it is assigned to and is for educational purposes only. Remember this is not the child's personal device and shouldn't be used for noneducational videos, games, or purposes.
- Finally, EVERY student needs to make sure that they bring their chromebook EVERY day and it should be FULLY charged every day. Teachers plan lessons and use technology in classrooms almost daily and therefore your child may miss important instructional opportunities if they don't have a fully charged chromebook at school. There are no loaners!!

Thank you adults, for helping the students follow these guidelines. It definitely has been a learning experience this last year for everyone in the world! Even Google understands that parents have questions and need resources and so they now have a link at the bottom of the main Google page that has resources, activities, and information to help navigate this new world. Below is the link that will take you to this resource page, but remember you can also find it at the bottom of the Google page.

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happy spring
happy happy everything

