



# Ridgedale Reporter

## October is here!

This is our first official opportunity to say, WELCOME BACK! Your children have come back to school ready to learn. We are amazed at the things we have been able to accomplish already this school year. The month of October is usually a busy month and this year is no different. We have been working throughout the month of September to develop community with our students. The children have done all of their benchmarking in September and are already working hard on their grade level objectives in their education. Our children will now be ready to dive even deeper into their curriculum to learn what they need to learn this school year.

On October 13 we will celebrate our cooks for Cooks' Day. Remind your children to thank them for the hard work they do everyday at Ridgedale. On Friday, October 15 the children will not be in school, however teachers will be having in-service that day. Do not forget our PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 19. Finally during on October 28, we will have our Fall Parties. No adults will be permitted into the building that day, but we have contacted the PTO executive board and they will be reaching out to parents about being part of the party committee for their child's classroom. We know all of you will be willing to cooperate with them for party needs.

During the month of November, we will have our annual conference nights. Conferences are scheduled for November 4 and November 10. We will be sending more information soon. Please be on the look-out for information on this important part of your child's education.

As we go through the month of October and enter into the month of November, please start monitoring the daily weather forecast. If the weather is fit we WILL be going outside for recess and PE. Your child will need to dress for the weather. They should have jackets/coats when the temperature are lower. We appreciate your cooperation with this part of the colder months.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school for any questions you may have.

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### IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITE

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school website:

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

Cook's Day	10/13
No School	10/15
PTO Meeting	10/19
Fall Parties	10/28
Information to come	



## News from Pre-K

We are off to a great start to the school year! We have learned names and are picking up on the daily routine more and more each day. With classrooms full of new faces and friends, we are practicing how to play and interact together, share toys, and communicate our wants and feelings. The centers we have in our classrooms include art, table toys (puzzles, games, manipulatives), blocks, library, writing, science, and dramatic play. Each center is set up with materials to engage play, imagination, cooperation, problem solving, and other social skills. Second Step is a social/emotional program that enforces the recognition of feelings, communication, and problem-solving skills that we are using in the classroom.

Brigance screeners should have been sent home and if you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher. Early Learning Rating Scale (ELRS) family reports will be sent home sometime in October. These reports will outline your child's skills that we have assessed in the classroom. The learning domains include math, science, language/literacy, social/emotional skills such as self-regulation, play, and physical health and development.

Activities to try at home:

1. Name Writing - Have your child practice writing their name and using a more adult-like pencil grasp, provide a written model of your child's name to trace or write beneath, and identify the letters in their name.
2. Shape Identification - Around the house or in the car, take a look at objects in your environment and talk about the shape, size, and similarities or differences between them. Practice drawing the shapes you see together.
3. Science - Go on a nature hunt in your yard or favorite walking spot. Look for different things in nature, pay attention to the sounds, smells, and textures. Collect things that interest you and make a nature collage or collection.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year full of learning, laughter, and Ridgedale love!



## News from Kindergarten

Can you believe that Fall is here and that we have been in school for a little more than one month? The children are adjusting well to routines in the school and in the classroom. There is a lot to learn about navigating the building and expectations when you are a little person. One of the expectations that we are working on now in the Charger's Code of Respect. Chargers will listen well, engage in their education, use appropriate language and do the right thing even when no is looking and ALWAYS be kinder than is necessary. The next expectation we are working on is letter and sound identification. Students need to be able to recognize a letter and the sound that goes with it in order to put words together. In Math our expectation is counting objects to 20 and the various ways that we can show a number. For example, we can write the numeral 3 and write the word three, along with showing 3 tally marks, 3 objects, a group of three and 3 in a tens frame. Please continue to read to your child each night - this is so important to reading development. Ask your kindergartener to identify a letter and the sound it makes. Have your child count out a specific number of toys or cereal. Look for printed words and numbers when you are out and about with your child so that they can see the importance of numbers and letters in the real world.

Thank you in advance for working with your child so that we can make this a great Kindergarten year.

## News from First Grade

The First Grade Team is glad to have students back full time and in person! We look forward to a wonderful year of learning! As we begin the new year, students are learning routines and procedures for the classroom. When these are established, students know the expectations and more learning takes place!

We encourage you to establish routines with your child at home too. Morning and evening routines give children a sense of safety and responsibility. When students take ownership of their backpack (for example) and its contents, it builds their confidence and helps them be prepared.

We are currently working on assessments in all subject areas to see what students know, and what they are ready to learn. In Term 1, we'll be working on these areas in each subject:

- **Reading:** Understanding fiction/nonfiction, describing characters, setting, and events in stories, and reading short vowel/sight words.
- **Writing:** Printing letters correctly, and writing narratives
- **Math:** Adding to ten fluently, and using strategies to add within 20

Thank you for your support! Remind your child each day to Mask up, back up (social distance) and wash up! Go Chargers!



## News from Second Grade

We are off to a great start in Second Grade! We took time to learn routines and procedures as well as getting to know one another. In reading, we integrated social studies as we learned about being good citizens. We have worked on short and long vowels and practiced such comprehension skills as author's purpose, main idea and details, and story elements. In reading, our theme for the next couple weeks will be "Discovering Our World" through science topics. In writing, we reviewed what makes a good sentence and identified parts of a sentence. We wrote about a favorite summer memory. Our next writing piece will be a descriptive writing about fall. In math, we have worked on fact families and word problems. We will continue working on understanding various mental math strategies in the coming weeks. Please continue to practice spelling words nightly. Reading and practicing math facts are also very helpful to support learning and development.



## News from Third Grade

We have been so happy to see our SHINY third graders back at Ridgedale. We are so excited for our third grade year together. The first few weeks of school have been all about getting to know one another. We kicked off the year with a brand new reading series full of exciting new stories. Students are working on their writing skills by reviewing types of sentences, with a focus on building better sentences in writing. So, encourage kids as they are writing or story telling to turn an ordinary sentence into a SUPER SENTENCE. How do you do that? Stretch it out by adding adjectives, adverbs, prepositional phrases, or make a simple sentence into a compound sentence. All of these handy sentence building exercises help students create variety in their writing. This month we are working on Personal Narratives. Every three weeks we complete one Reading Module; followed by an end of the module assessment. The skill assessed do spiral throughout our curriculum, but it is a great idea to follow up with your child on any misconceptions they may have about a topic. You should be receiving a family letter at the beginning of each module outlining what is to come in the ahead. This is a great reminder to stick on the

refrigerator to stay connected to the topics your child is studying at school. Students will begin taking a weekly test on their multiplication math facts. Students will need to pass their quizzes with an 80% accuracy rate to move to the next quiz. Multiplication.com is a great website to help them study, make flash cards, and play games. This is the same site your child will take their assessment on. We will make flash cards in class for their math facts, but feel free to grab a stack of multiplication fact cards to study at home or in the car. Thank you for a wonderful start to the year! Go Chargers!

## News from Fourth Grade

Fourth graders have had a busy start to the 2021-2022 school year! Both the teachers and students are adapting quickly to being back in school again, especially students that were distant learners last year. Quite a bit of class time so far has been devoted to procedures and routines as well as classroom community building activities. We wanted to extend a big thank you for all of the classroom supplies and donations!

Academically, we have covered various reading and language skills, while the focus in math has been number sense. This includes place value, comparing and rounding numbers, and multi-digit addition/subtraction. We will move into multiplication and division during the next month. As for social studies, communities and early government have been a focus so far. During science, we will learn about force, motion, and energy through lessons and experiments. Our next lessons will cover animals, their adaptations, and survival. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.



## News from Fifth Grade

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start in 5th grade here at Ridgedale Elementary School. Students have thus far done a wonderful job in being leaders throughout our school and setting the example for the rest of our students.

Students have been working hard in math as we have been working on sharpening our skills in regards to place value and powers of ten. Students have been learning how to identify place values of whole numbers and decimals up to the thousandths place. We have also been looking at powers of ten and how multiplying and dividing by a power of ten affects a number with a decimal. Additionally, students have been learning how to read and write numbers with decimal or fractional parts in multiple ways. This includes word form, expanded form and standard form (decimal or fraction).

We have just finished up our first module in our new reading curriculum. Students seem to really enjoy the series thus far. Our first module covered several different stories about inventors. The genres of these stories ranged from historical fiction, to nonfiction to fantasy. While working with each of these pieces of literature, students worked on identifying the main idea, author's purpose and genre. Students also were asked to compare and contrast characters. 5th graders have written one essay so far this year. In the first few weeks of school, they were each asked to write an opinion essay on their favorite season of the year. We are now moving into working on narrative writing and utilizing dialogue within text to show character interaction.

In Social Studies we have covered a unit on Revising the Constitution, which was a good introduction for what is yet to come in the future. More recently, students studied Frederick Douglass and other abolitionists, as well as suffragists, who played a key role in working towards ensuring all United States citizens enjoyed equal rights.

During the month of September, students had the opportunity to campaign and run for a class officer position. Students who chose to run worked very hard during this process as they made posters and flyers as well as developed a speech to give in front of their classmates. All students took these elections very seriously and carefully elected their classmates into their designated positions.

Class officers for each class are as follows:

President	<u>Mr. Edgell</u> Parker Noah	<u>Mrs. Gillespie</u> Bella Cost	<u>Mrs. Warman</u> Julietta Melia
Vice President	Cohen Glass	Luci Moore	Riley Simpson
Treasurer	Joseph DeProspero	Cooper Anderson	Emma Bond
Secretary	Brynna Wood	Bronwyn Wilchek	Ireland Williams





## Ridgedale Shining Knights

### Kindergarten

Eliza Wolfe  
Cora Teeter  
Parker Masters

### First Grade

Willa Lewis  
Olivia Strader  
Carter Davis

### Second Grade

Loralei Gossett  
Miles Pettry  
Brooklyn Blake

### Third Grade

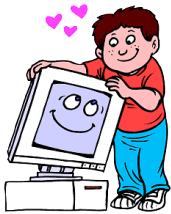
Jossie Wolfe  
Maxwell Cunningham  
Carter Keplinger  
Jonah Wrobleski

### Fourth Grade

Aria Finley  
Amilya Wilson  
Preston Calvert

### Fifth Grade

Karsyn White  
Brody Lemon  
Timmy Major



## May Tech News

It is so great to be back with everyone and we have gotten off to a great start to the school year. Here are just a few Tech notes:

- Every student in grades PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade received a brand new device!!! Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been bringing them home. Please continue to encourage them to take care of them at school and at home. For the most part, I see the students carrying them correctly and handling them with care ☐
- For the younger students, it is undetermined when the devices will be coming home. However, younger students can still access their google drive, google classroom, docs, and slides at home by logging into their google account. To do this, open up an internet tab and search for google accounts. Then enter the child's username followed by @boe.mono.k12.wv.us  
Example: If my username is wtenn1, I would enter [wtenn1@boe.mono.k12.w.vus](mailto:wtenn1@boe.mono.k12.w.vus) then I would click next. It will then ask for the password. All students have been given a password and K-2<sup>nd</sup> will either be in planners or folders.
- Finally, if you have any questions about chromebooks or technology, please email Ms. Tennant at [wendy.tennant@k12.wv.us](mailto:wendy.tennant@k12.wv.us)

