

# NOVEMBER



# Ridgedale Reporter

## Thankful for....

As we enter the month of November we cannot help but think of all the great things we have been given both here at school and in our homes. This school year has been so much better than the last year. It is amazing to have our students in school everyday. The beautiful building is so inviting and is something that enhances the education of our students. It has been wonderful to see their reaction to the new parts of the building and the interaction with each other and their teachers. We are ALL thankful to a return to some sort of normalcy.

As we forge on through November, there is so much that is packed into this month. First, we have our Parent/Teacher Conference nights. If you have not scheduled your appointment time, please call and schedule with our secretaries today. Then we have November 11th off to remember those who have served to keep us safe in America. Finally we have our Fall Break. We will start that on Friday November 19 with a 2 hour early dismissal that day. Your family will then have the entire week, (November 20 to November 28) to spend the time with your families celebrating all the things you have to be thankful for too.

When we come back from the Fall break, please remember that our weather is changing every day. Make sure your child has a warm winter coat, hats and gloves. We will be spending time outside when the weather permits. Dress your child according to the weather. We want everyone to be to be safe and warm when they are outside.

It will be only 3 short weeks until we will be off for Winter Break. We will be coming back after break with a determination in our minds to get things done while we are here. Keep your children prepared for school each day and do the things that will keep them on track in their classroom. As you prepare them each day for the following day, make sure they have their homework completed and ready to return to their teacher. Make sure they have their needed warm clothing for any time they may spend outside. Be sure your child has their device charged and ready to use each day. Please make sure they are rested and ready to learn each day.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know. Remember the education of your child is a partnership. We are happy to have the chance to partner with you to make education a priority for your children.

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## IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITE

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Teacher Conference Night	11/4
2nd Parent Teacher Conference Night	11/10
Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL	11/11
Early Dismissal	11/19
Fall Break	11/20-11/28
Return to School	11/29



## News from Pre-K

Fall is here! Leaves are changing, it is getting dark earlier, and the temperature is dropping. Please send your child with a jacket every day as we go outside in the morning (if it is not raining), and our playground gets very little sun. We will soon be sending home the children's summer change of clothes. Please make sure to send in a weather appropriate, labelled change of clothes including underwear and socks to be kept at school as replacement.

Parent conferences are coming up! Please call the Ridgedale office to schedule your time. This is a great time to celebrate your child's accomplishments thus far, discuss any concerns you may have and review your child's first progress report. You may choose to do your conference in person or virtually. Conference dates are November 4th and November 10th from 4:15 - 6:45. Each conference will be allotted 15 minutes and we ask that everyone be respectful of the time limit so that all families have a chance to participate. We look forward to seeing or hearing from everyone!

## News from Kindergarten

Time really does fly when you're having fun! Fourth grade teachers can't believe it's already November. We would like to begin by thanking all of our families for their support towards making this school year successful. The Halloween celebrations as well as other fun activities wouldn't be possible without your help. Your assistance truly does make a difference and is always appreciated!

Fourth graders have been working diligently to be the best students they can. Over the past month, our classes have discovered what it takes to rise to the occasion during reading. Next month we will learn about various heroic feats. In grammar, we discussed nouns and pronouns as well as how to use them correctly. Verbs and verb tenses will be the next topics. Mathematically, the fourth grade classes refreshed their multi-digit addition and subtraction skills as well as their understanding of multiplication and division. We will move forward with patterns, multiplication word problems, and multi-digit multiplication. In social studies, the Thirteen Colonies was our primary focus last month. The fourth graders will learn about the causes and battles of the American Revolution this month. As for science, the students have learned about energy transfer, collisions, and renewable/nonrenewable energy through videos and hands-on activities. Their learning will continue with wave properties, information transfer, and light reflection. As you can tell, the last month has been quite busy.

## News from First Grade

The First Grade Team is glad to report that students are learning routines and procedures well. Please review the goals below that we're working on for the month:

**Math:** Addition/subtraction facts for 6/7, and doubles. If your student knows the double facts to ten (1+1, 2+2, 3+3, 4+4, 5+5), then have them work on doubles to 20 (6+6, 7+7, 8+8, 9+9, 10+10).

**Reading:** Practice sight words (see your teacher for a list) and read 15-20 min each day. Listen to your child read and have them listen to you. Listening to reading is equally important. It helps build your child's listening vocabulary.

**Writing:** Students are working on writing a complete sentence. Ask your child to keep this in mind when writing a sentence: (Does your sentence have SWAG?)

Start with a capital letter

Written neatly

A space between words

Given punctuation

On a practical note, please remind your child to bring their coat each day. We go to recess outside every morning (weather pending). They should also remember to bring their water bottle filled every day. Please sign and return your child's report card envelope and contact your child's teacher with any report card questions.

The First Grade Team would like to wish students and families a Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful to have such supportive and engaged parents!!

## News from Second Grade

We are falling into a routine in Second Grade. Students have been busy making creative pumpkins for our Second Grade Pumpkin Patch. The Fall Parties were a lot of fun and students enjoyed a day filled with fun and engaging holiday-themed activities.

In reading, we have been working on building decoding and fluency skills as well as comprehension skills such as main idea and details, story elements, and point of view. Each day we continue to practice the main components of reading: phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

In writing, we wrote a descriptive writing about fall and have worked on a variety of other writing pieces. Our focus has been on the writing process to publish a final copy of the students' writing.

We have also looked at writing a complete persuasive paragraph. In grammar we have discussed subjects and predicates.

In math, we have completed Unit One, Operations and Algebraic Thinking. We learned various strategies and applied those to solve word problems. Unit Two focuses on Number and Operations and Base Ten. We will focus on addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

We are having fun integrating Science into our classroom with our Scientist of the Week projects. The students have come up with some very fun and exciting experiments to share with their class.

Thank you for all your hard work on the pumpkin projects as well as your daily support and commitment to academics! -The Second Grade Team



## News from Third Grade

This month students have been working on understanding Text and Graphic Features with a few different selections of our reading series. As you read with your child look for Text Features such as different kinds of type, bold face letters, and italics. Students are also looking for different Graphic Features like illustrations, diagrams, maps, and speech bubbles. These features help explain features in a text. Each week you will see a skill highlighted for that week, it's very beneficial for students to have the same concept reinforced both at school and at home.

Students have had a great time exploring elements of poetry, and writing various letters. They are currently working on descriptive writing. Fall is a wonderful time to discuss sensory details, such as all of the sights, sounds, smells, and things taste and touch. Students will be using their senses to create a Haunted House that will be for sale this month. We can't wait to read all about them.

Weekly multiplication quizzes for fact fluency are currently being given each week. It is so important to practice math facts nightly! These are important skills that will boost your child's computational skills. Also, there will be a reward at the end of the year once students have mastered these facts. So please encourage them to study each night! Thank you for your continued support!



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## News from Fifth Grade

Fall is finally here at Ridgedale! The weather is cooling down and the leaves are changing. We are watching the students grow and mature more with every passing week.

Students have been working hard in math as we have been learning about comparing and rounding decimals, multiplying whole numbers (three-digit by two-digit), and dividing whole numbers with two-digit divisors. We are now moving into adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

In reading, we have just finished up the second module "What A Story". This module gave us many examples of ways to tell a story. The students enjoyed this module. While reading the stories in this unit, students learned about text and graphic features, synthesizing, literary elements, visualizing and elements of poetry and drama. Students were also given the opportunity to write their own fantasy narrative that included dialogue between the characters. We are now beginning a unit on natural disasters and the students are working hard to read and comprehend informational texts.

In Social Studies we have continued to learn about United States history while learning about abolitionists, life after slavery and the reconstruction. We have just begun moving into science. So far, the students have learned about the scientific method and have put that knowledge into practice during our first lab exploring the process of osmosis on gummy bears.



## Ridgedale Shining Knights

### Kindergarten

Oscar Ramirez  
Alexander Slimak  
Lucia McCartney

### First Grade

Carter Miller  
Jade Wilson  
Madison Mains

### Second Grade

McKenzie Ridgeway  
Maisie Bubb  
Doug Scotchel

### Third Grade

Warren Shaw  
Hayden Titchenell  
Olivia Eilam  
Ainsley Farr

### Fourth Grade

Louis Slimak  
Caleb Seaman  
Kendall Street

### Fifth Grade

Zackariah VanGilder  
Grant Hasley  
Gwynneth Teets