



RCES Raider Times

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Around the School



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Math Tips for Parents to Use at Home

1. Focus on THINKING, not just the answer.
 - Ask: "How did you figure that out?" or "Can you show me your thinking?"
 - If the answer is wrong, say: "Tell me what you were thinking." This helps you see where the misunderstanding is.
 - Praise effort and strategies, not speed.
2. Encourage Multiple Strategies
Elementary math often allows **more than one way** to solve a problem.
 - Counting on
 - Drawing pictures
 - Using number lines
 - Breaking numbers apart
 - Using manipulatives (coins, blocks, beans, Legos)

Important Dates

Jan. 12 - Report Cards Go Home

SIC 5:30 PTO 6:00

Jan. 13-Multilingual Family Night 6:00pm

Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Day

No School

Jan. 20 - 100th Day of School

Feb. 1 - School Counseling Week

Feb. 10 - Interim Reports Go Home

Health & Wellness

March to the Beat of Music

Listening to music is associated with improved cognitive function, social engagement, and improved academic and sports performance. Playing your child's favorite music and having them dance or march to the beat of the song is a great way to promote physical activity. You could even try incorporating a music break before or during homework in the afternoons to help keep your child engaged and promote cognitive function. #MUSCboeingcenter





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Guidance Gab

Happy New Year!

We look forward to our lessons on perseverance this month through classroom guidance. We are halfway through the school year and we can finish the year strong. Perseverance means trying when you want to quit, not giving up and doing your best. Being able to persevere when life gets tough shows good character and resiliency.

We can show perseverance at school by having excellent attendance, completing classwork and studying for our tests. We can show perseverance at home by being on time to school every day, finishing chores and completing homework. We can show perseverance in the community by committing to our extracurricular activities and not quitting.

Our school safety patrol enjoyed the fruits of their perseverance and commitment to their duties each morning with a well-deserved trip to the Maxx Entertainment Center in Orangeburg. Hard work pays off!

It's going to be a great 2026 at RCES!

Reading Spotlight

Build VOCABULARY for Reading Development

- 1. Talk... a lot!** Have regular conversations with your child about everyday activities—meals, errands, or bedtime. Use clear but interesting words instead of very simple ones. (Example: Instead of "That's big," try "That's enormous!")
- 2. Read Together Every Day:** Reading aloud is one of the best ways to grow vocabulary. 1) Choose books your child enjoys. 2) Stop briefly to explain new words. 3) Ask questions like, "What do you think that word means?"
- 3. Explain New Words in Kid-Friendly Ways:** Use simple definitions and examples your child understands. (Example: "**Exhausted** means so tired you feel like you could fall asleep right away.")
- 4. Use New Words Again and Again:** Children need to hear a word many times before it sticks. Try using new words during the day. (Example: "That was a delicious dinner!" "Yes, it was delicious—very tasty!")
- 5. Encourage Your Child to Talk and Tell Stories:** Ask open-ended questions like "What was the best part of your day?" or "Tell me what happened next." Listen patiently and help add new words as they speak.

As always, feel free to reach out to Kelli Sanders, our literacy coach, for specific reading and writing needs you have at home. ksanders@bamberschools.org