REAMS ROCKET NEWSLETTER

June 2026

Coming up in

June

June 5- Aug. 31
Summer Break!



Looking Ahead:

September

Sept. 1
Rocket Ready Day
11:00-7:00

Sept. 2
Rocket Ready Day
8:00-4:00

Sept. 3
First Day of School

Sept. 4
No School

Sept. 7
No School
Labor Day



Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School encourages student imagination, inquiry, and discovery by using an arts-infused academic curriculum that fosters critical thinking and creativity.

From the Principal

Dear REAMS Families,

We have had a wonderful year at Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School, and I would like to personally thank each one of you for your outstanding partnership, your endless support and your collaboration. Together, we have been able to make REAMS a wonderful place to create, explore, imagine, and learn for your children. Working together to assist your children in becoming the best version of themselves is what we are all about! We appreciate each of you so much!

REAMS will once again be holding Rocket Ready Days (formerly Assessment Days) on Tuesday, September 1st and Wednesday, September 2nd. On one of these two days, students and parents will be invited to school for about an hour. During this time, they will have a unique experience that we believe will best prepare students, families and teachers for a successful school year.

How Do I Sign Up for a Time?
Families will be contacted in mid-August with a notification of teacher assignment and a link to their teacher's online signup for a scheduled time at school for Tuesday, September 1st, or Wednesday, September 2nd. Families can select the time slot that works best for them. Students will only attend on one of the two days, with regular classes and buses starting on Thursday, September 3rd for REAMS students. There will be no transportation for REAMS students until Thursday, September 3rd.

From the Principal Continued...

Rocket Ready Days Activities

Rocket Ready Days allow you and your child to have a one-on-one meeting with your teacher, not just a passing “hello” during open house. They will provide time to talk to the teacher about your child and what he or she needs to be successful. They also allow teachers to assess the current reading skills of each student, without distraction, and to have that data accessible the very first day of class. They provide time to take care of many of the things that interrupt instruction – pictures (remember to have your student dress like they would on picture day), bus safety, health screenings, Parent Portal sign up, and time to address any other needs for your child. A teacher who knows their students and families knows where to start teaching them on the first day of instruction and can assist each student in reaching their highest potential. You will receive a checklist upon arrival at school to assist you and your child in completing all of the activities. More information, along with your child’s teacher placement, will be sent to you in August. Just a reminder that students are no longer FAST testing until after school begins.

It has been a pleasure to partner with each of you this year. Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School benefits greatly from your collaboration, your time and talents, and your dedication to the children in our school. Together, we are able to give your child a positive learning experience and help them reach their highest potential. Thank you all for a very special 2025-2026 school year! Have a fantastic memory filled summer!!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal



5 FREE 2026 READING PROGRAMS WITH PRIZES

Summer Reading

BOOK IT! PIZZA HUT

Earn a free Personal Pan Pizza during the months of June, July, and August! Download the app to set a reading goal and track your progress.

BAM! BOOKS A MILLION

Read four books from BAM's Summer Reading Adventure list, fill out the reading log, and turn it in for a free prize! *While supplies last!

CHUCK E CHEESE PLAY POINTS

Set and complete a reading goal. Have an adult fill out the printable certificate. Present it at checkout with any food order to receive 10 free Play Points!

YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit your local public library! Most public libraries offer a summer reading program for children. Many of these programs encourage children to read throughout the summer to earn free books and prizes!

MENSA FOR KIDS

The Mensa for Kids Excellence in Reading Program is year-round! Select a book list from the site and keep track of your reading using their printable form. Earn a certificate and a FREE t-shirt!

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PARENT-COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep your child's reading skills sharp with a 1:1 tutor this summer





Are you looking for a 1:1 tutor for your child to keep the summer slide at bay?

Register for personalized tutoring sessions with a structured literacy trained teacher.



Program Details:

- 50 min sessions
- Sessions take place at REAMS, transportation is not included
- Sessions offered Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
- Sessions will run June - August
- Schedule is custumizable to your needs

Check the Rockford Community Education Spring Brochure for more details.

https://rockford.ce.eleyo.com/course/1453/summer-26/rockets-1-1-tutoring

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KINDERGARTEN

Farm Week was fabulous!

The kindergarten students were busy learning about and exploring farm life. Students completed their very first research project about farm animals, worked on gathering and recording facts, creating posters and each student also made a 3D model of the animal at home. All projects were proudly on display in the media center for parents to check them out at Arts & Academics Night.

We culminated our study with the annual kindergarten Farm Day on Friday, May 8th. With the partnership of Mrs. Gregory and local farmers, students engaged in hands-on activities based on different parts of farming life and work. Farm Day has been a staple in kindergarten learning since 2010.







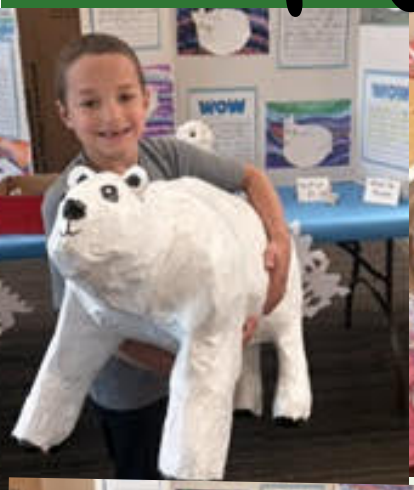


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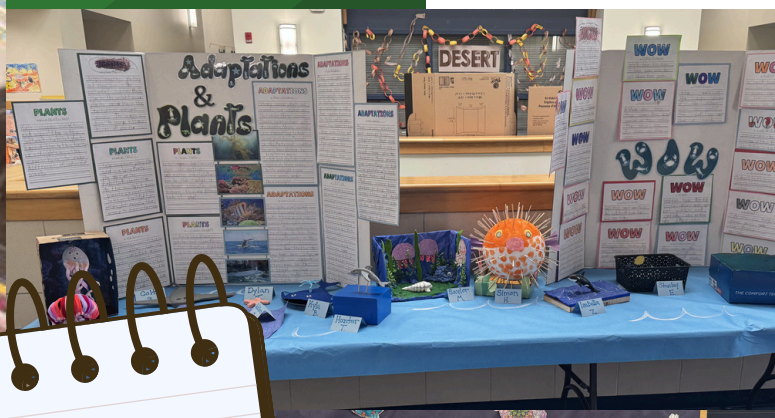
1st GRADE

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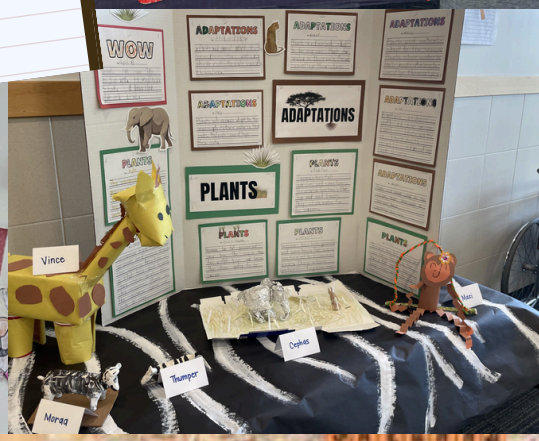


- Maya, Aztec, Inca Civilization Opinion Writings
- Pyramid Art
- Frog Life Cycle
- 3D Animal Models
- Habitat Research
- Animal Artwork Using Different Mediums

















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2nd GRADE

Puppets, Performances, and Aviation in 2nd Grade

Second graders had the wonderful opportunity to work with our artist in residence, Julie Boada. They learned a bit about Native American culture, and created paper mache puppets that represented characters from three Native American folktales- How Chipmunk Got his Stripes, The Great Ball Game, and Song of the Hermit Thrush. Students had fun turning everyday materials, such as cereal boxes, water bottles, and milk cartons, into beautiful works of art. Once projects were complete, students helped to create their role in their classroom play. The puppet plays, along with a musical performance were presented at Grandparent's Day.

Second graders have also been learning about the Age of Aviation. They have learned about important aviators in history, such as the Montgolfier brothers who invented the hot-air ballon; the Wright brothers, who invented a glider with a 3-axis control system; Louis Bleriot, who flew across the English Channel; and many other contributing aviators. Students have learned about the history of how flying machines first began, and how they have progressed into the aircraft we use today.

Looking Ahead: Minnesota Zoo and Lake Rebecca Park Field Trips









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3rd GRADE

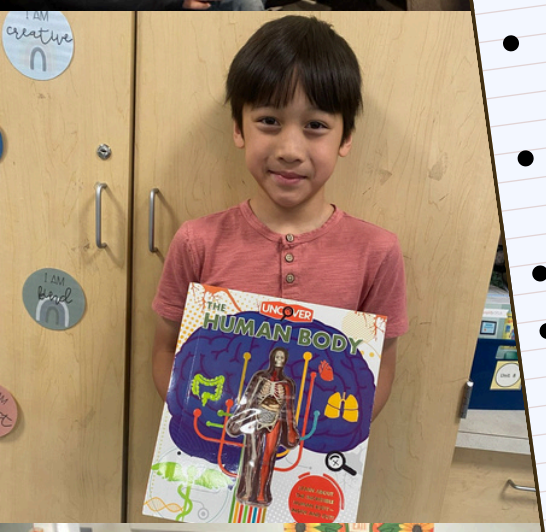
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- Stages Theater & Picnic Lunch
- 7 Systems of the Human Body Study
- Native American Flipbook
- Spelling Bee
- Lunch Hero Day













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4th GRADE

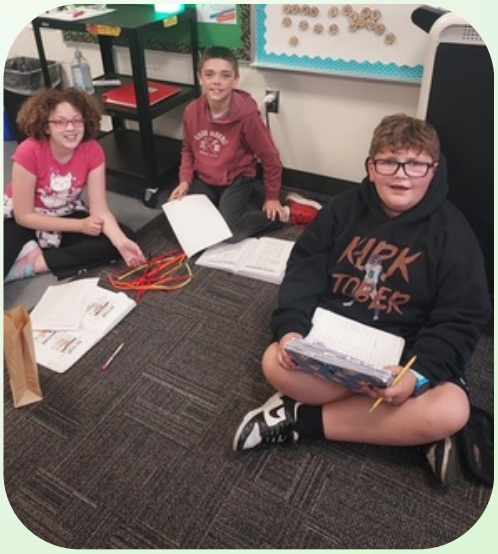
May has been a whirlwind as students prepare for the end of the school year and begin getting excited about their transition to middle school. Students participated in our Artist in Residence week with Roxane, who guided them through a unique performance that demonstrated the spheres of the Earth through movement. Those who opted in wrapped up their participation in the Stock Market Game.

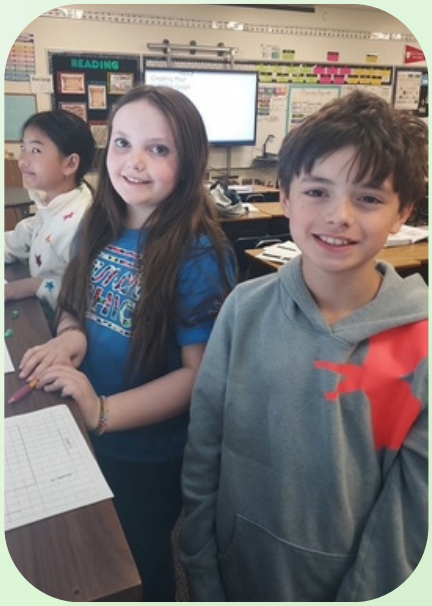
To help prepare students for next year, we took a walk over to the middle school so they could tour the building and ask questions. It was a great opportunity to ease some nerves and build excitement for what's ahead. We also had an amazing field trip to the Capitol and the Ordway!

In the classroom, we wrapped up our novel study on Treasure Island. Students created storyboards and wrote their own adventures inspired by what they learned. We also completed our final unit focused on inventors and innovators. This unit sparked a lot of curiosity and thoughtful discussions as students learned about people who changed the world through new ideas and perseverance. Students researched an inventor or innovator who inspires them and wrote a research paper to share what they learned. In math, students explored graphing and data. They learned about different types of graphs, how to interpret information from graphs, and how to create their own.

In science, students learned about fuels, renewable resources, and different forms of energy. Students also explored inherited and acquired traits and learned about the differences between traits we are born with and traits we develop over time through experiences and environment. In social studies, students wrapped up their learning about the five regions of the United States.







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MUSIC

Arts & Academics

Students showcased music, theater, and dance performances, as well as visual art and other projects in math, reading, science, and social studies. Other highlights included shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair, a visit from Rockee, and the Rocket Food Truck.























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ARTS- THEATER

Theater

Kindergarten and 1st grade finished up their station rotations! 2nd-4th performed their puppet shows!

1st graders had a theater workshop with the Advanced Acting high schoolers! They learned about the importance of voice, imagination, body, exploration, and self discipline in theater!















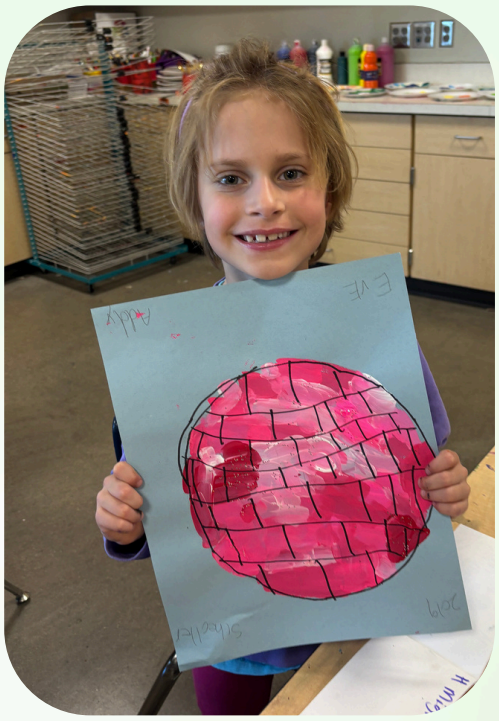
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ARTS- ART

Art

Students have been finishing up their clay projects by painting them. Kindergarten and 1st grade artists learned about the rocks, gems, and crystals, then drew 3D gems. 1st and 2nd grade students practiced mixing tints and shades of a color scheme in a disco ball painting. 2nd graders using model magic clay to create dragon eye designs and then drew their designs in their sketchbooks after their clay creations were dry. 3 graders started their weaving projects. 3rd and 4th grade artists designed their own planets and splatter painted a galaxy.













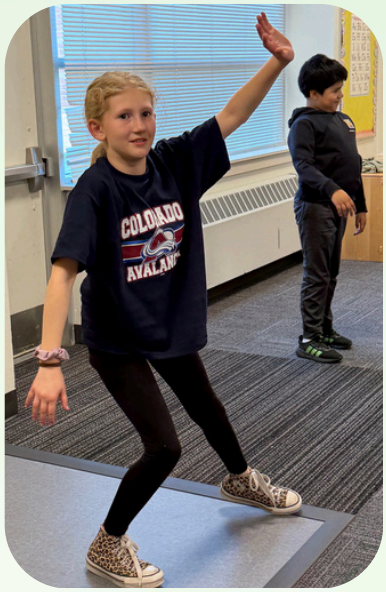
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Artist In Residence

Fourth grade students are creating and collaborating with their artist in residence, Roxane Wallace. Fourth graders are strengthening their learning through interpreting different spheres in science class using movement of their bodies.







Teriffic Thursday

REAMS celebrated Terrific Thursday with singing, drumming, piano, theater, and the grande finale, a surprise teacher race in blow up costumes.











RTR & Rocket Stars Students









CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

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September

2-3 Assessment Days
4 REAMS First Day of School
First Day Expectations
15-19 Kindergarten Gingerbread Man Week
22-26 Homecoming Week

October

6-10 Fire Prevention Week
7 Gr K-2 Retakes/Pre-K Jostens Pictures
8 Gr 3-4 Retakes/Pre-K Jostens Pictures
Kindergarten Fire Station Field Trip
Grade 3 Stages Theatre Field Trip
10 Grade 4 Kindness Retreat
15 No School/PD Day
16-17 No School – MEA
30 Terrific Thursday
31 Grades K-4 Fall Harvest Parties
ECFE L'il Punkin' Fall Party

November

3 No School – PD Day
Grades K-4 Evening Parent-Teacher Conf
6 Grades K-4 Evening Parent-Teacher Conf
11 Veterans Day Program
17-21 Scholastic Book Fair
17 Grades K-2 REAMS Family Fun Night
18 Grades 3-4 REAMS Family Fun Night
Kindergarten 50th Day of School
20 Launching Pad Pre-K Parent-Child Night
21 RHS Musical Preview
26-28 No School – Thanksgiving Break

December

1-5 Grade 3 Artist in Residence
11 Grade 1 Spotlight Concert
12 Kindergarten Winter Program
18 Terrific Thursday
19 Kindergarten Polar Express Day
22-31 No School – Winter Break

January

1-2 No School – Winter Break
19 No School – Staff PD Day-MLK Day

January(continued)

28 Kindergarten Children's Museum Field Trip
29 Grade 3 Spotlight Concert

February

5 Kindergarten Roundup
13 Grades K-4 Valentine's Day Parties
16 No School – Presidents' Day
17 No School – PD Day
18 Kindergarten 100th Day of School
19 Grade 1 Children's Theatre Field Trip

March

5 Grade 4 Spotlight Concert
12 &16 Grades K-4 Evening Parent-Teacher Conf
16, 18, 20 Kindergarten Artist in Residence
18 Grade 4 Performance at RHS Band/Choir
24-25 All School Song
26 Terrific Thursday
27 No School - Half PD Day
30-31 No School – Spring Break



April

1-3 No School – Spring Break
6 No School – PD Day
13-17 Grade 1 Artist in Residence
16 Grade 2 Spotlight Concert
20-24 REAMS Obstacle Course
22-28, 30 Grade 2 Artist in Residence

May

1 Grade 2 Grandparents Day
5-7 Grade 4 Artist in Residence
7 Grade 3 Stages Theatre Field Trip
8 Kindergarten Farm Day
REAMS Spelling Bee
11-12 Grade 4 Artist in Residence
12 REAMS Arts & Academics
14 Terrific Thursday
25 No School – Memorial Day
27 Kindergarten Como Zoo Field Trip
28 Grade 4 Capitol and Ordway Field Trip
29 Senior Salute

June

4 Last Day of School

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND LAUNCHING PAD PRESCHOOL

Launching Pad Preschool provides an outstanding and unique public preschool experience!



·Children 3 to 5 years old
·Full and half day options, 2, 3 and 5 days a week
·Reggio Emilia-Inspired Approach to education
·Rich in opportunities to discover and explore
·Encouraged to problem solve and try new ways to do "old" things
·Nurturing and accepting surroundings
·Caring and highly trained staff, including licensed early childhood teachers
·Located at Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School

The entire program is designed to be engaging and fun so children don't just learn, they love to learn!



On-line registration and information are available at www.rockford.ce.eleyo.com. Or visit our website at: www.rockford.883.org. Under the Community tab, click Early Childhood Programs. For more information, please call us at 763-477-7500.

GALAXY KIDS SCHOOL-AGE CARE

Galaxy Kids holds opportunities on non-school days for families within the program that need care. Students are able to participate in many fun filled activities throughout each day that are tied to different Themes. They also are able to enjoy the weather and go outside and play on the playgrounds and outdoor spaces around the school.





Galaxy Kids is a certified before and after school child care program for preschool-4th grade students offered through Rockford Area Schools Community Education. We are conveniently located in Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School right across the hall from ECFE and the Preschool classrooms. We are open Monday-Friday from 6:00am-6:00pm, to assist with family child care needs. We have many different registration options that are sure to accommodate most families' busy schedules. If you are looking for child care, before, during, or after school, and over the summer, then this may be the program for you.





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