

The Riverside Roar

For the week of September 21, 2020

The Riverside Roar is our weekly newsletter to inform our families of all the great things happening at school. Newsletter is personalized with information from your child's teacher. A paper copy will be sent home with traditional students and will be posted on our website for hybrid and online students.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Riverside we are diving into testing! Why test so early? The results of testing, when used appropriately, make us better teachers. Tests can hold everyone accountable and steer our instruction. I've often heard the quote, "What gets measured, gets done." We know that not all learning can be measured with a test and at times it may feel like tests are taking over our lives, but we must continue to measure and adapt. Please see information from Mr. Gray, Director of Academics, below. We will continue to notify you of important testing dates, so we can work together for our students' success!

Sincerely, Ms. Lucas

Director of Academics

Mr. Gray

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iReady Diagnostics to measure abilities in math and English Language Arts were administered this past week. These assessments were given to all traditional and hybrid students while they were in the building and were also administered to online students through Canvas.

Kindergarten teachers are being trained to administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. All kindergarten students will participate in this assessment by November 1, 2020. More details on times and dates of administration to come.

This assessment data will be used to make instructional decisions that meet individual student's needs and develop rigorous, engaging lessons.

Upcoming Events

September 21

Teacher Professional Development Day
No school for students

October 12

Parent-Teacher Conferences
No school for students

October 16

End of first quarter

October 21

Picture Day

Grab and Go Meals

Hybrid students will bring meals home every Wednesday.

Online families may pick up meals by pulling up to the kitchen door on the east side of the building. Pick up is on Thursdays from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.



Kindergarten/1st Grade

Ms. White - Traditional

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Please make sure to check your child's behavior report! The behavior reports will provide insight on your child's behavior on a daily basis. Your child is responsible for showing you their behavior report every day of the week! THERE WAS NO HOMEWORK PACKET FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH TO THE 18TH. Behavior reports and homework will be handled with gloves so you won't have to worry about my teacher germs! In Kindergarten we will be practicing the following: Tracing and writing letters, retelling a fun story, reading comprehension, writing our numbers, and counting to 30. In first grade we are learning about the following: Sight words, upper case and lower case letter tracing and memorization, reading comprehension, adding and subtracting between 1 and 20, and number bonds!

Ms. Zwirgzdas – Hybrid and Online

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This week students have been doing the I ready diagnostic and reviewing the first few weeks of content. In first grade, students were introduced to a fantasy text that taught characters, setting and plot. We also worked on digraphs sh, ng, and th. In Math we worked on adding numbers up to 20 using a 10 frame. They are also learning about animal characteristics.

Kindergartners are working on number families, i.e. how many different ways you can add numbers to get to 4, 7, etc. up to 10. Kindergartners also counted objects such as stars and moons up to 10. In Reading, we are working on the alphabet, with an emphasis on the letter T. We also learned about the days of the week.

2nd/3rd Grade

Ms. Brown - Traditional

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We are down in another week and we're getting prepared for the upcoming week. Just a reminder we do not have school Monday due to a teacher in-service so no school for the little kiddos. We will be working on describing connections between scientific ideas in both third and second grade. In math we are going to further understand how to use a ruler as well as start to learn how to use money in second grade. In third grade we are cracking down on multiplication and division. Hope you have a fantastic week.

Mrs. McKalip – Hybrid and Online

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please ensure that your children are logging onto Canvas every week and completing their assignments on time and are reviewing their course content on time. Third grade ELA live instruction is on Monday through Friday from 9:05am to 9:55 am and third grade math live instruction is on Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 10:50 am. Second grade ELA live instruction is on Monday through Friday from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm and second grade math live instruction is on Monday through Friday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. This

week in third grade reading, students will continue to learn about how to improve their reading fluency, spelling, grammar, writing, and vocabulary skills. Third grade students will also be learning about how to identify patterns in math and in science they will learn about the role of gravity. Our third grade social studies learning topic for this week is the Ancient Phoenician Culture. This week in second grade reading, students will learn about the season of fall and will work on improving their grammar, reading comprehension, fluency, spelling, writing, and phonics skills. In second grade math, students will be learning about arrays and they will be learning about animal habitats in science. Second grade students will be learning about the African culture through fables. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (513)- 921- 7777. I can also be contacted by email. My email address is amckalip@acariverside.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. McKalip

4th/5th Grade

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Mrs. Smith – Hybrid and Online
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Hello to all Parents & Guardians:

This week has been busy with your students taking the iReady Diagnostics for Reading and Math in addition to regular assignments. WOW! This important assessment will allow iReady to tailor lessons specifically to your child's level in Reading & Math! A thank you to all students who were able to complete the tasks/demands. A special thank you to my parents who are right there participating & asking questions as we all learn together. DON'T FORGET: NOVELS ARE IN THE RIVERSIDE OFFICE. SEE MRS. YATES.

Intervention Specialists

Parents/guardians, please check with your student(s) to see if they have finished their online iReady assessments (Math and English). These assessments are very important because they help the student's teachers know where the student's strengths are and where they may need some additional help.

Please call us or email the Special Education team if you have any questions about the assessments or about their classwork. Our phone number is: 513.921.7777 ext. 40904.
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Physical Education

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We will start off with our normal stretches (arm rotations, push-ups, jumping jacks etc.)

After stretching we will do our cardio/rhythm & dance. This is a fun activity for students. This part of the lesson is big on following directions. We do the cha-cha slide, freeze dance, and freestyle dancing as well.

This week we will learn four of the bodies functioning systems (muscle system, urinary system, skeleton system, and endocrine system). Students will learn what these systems are responsible for. We will watch videos to get a visual of how these systems work, and what they look like.

Music

Ms. Sargent

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This week in music class, students K-8 worked on quarter notes, quarter rests, and eighth notes. Additionally, students in grades 4-8 are continuing to master sixteenth notes. Grades 2-8 also took a trip to Australia to explore the country's music, and they studied music by one of the most influential composers, Haydn. Grades 2-8 also began Recorder lessons this week, while kindergarten and first graders began learning the instruments in an orchestra.