

The Riverside Roar

For the week of January 25, 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parent-Teacher conferences are one month away. We want to be available for you, so we are changing the scheduling of conferences slightly to accommodate different work schedules. Conferences will be held on two days. We will be available on Thursday, February 25, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., and on Friday, February 26, from 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. All conferences will be held remotely. We will send more information about signing up and how to connect at the beginning of February.

Of course if you would like to connect before then, just give us a call!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Lucas

Principal

Kindergarten and First Grade

Ms. Zwirgzdas – azwirgzdas@acariverside.com

My name is Miss. Zwirgzdas, I am your child's new teacher. It has been great getting to know you children this week. Students have been working on their reading skills this week and new phonics skills ink, ank, and unk. In math first graders continue to work on number bonds up to 10 and kindergarten is working on adding objects in a group and comparing groups. Today is also the 100th day of school, this week students have been creating t shirts in the art room. Doing 10 stamps of 10 different colors which creates a shirt of 100 objects.

Have a great weekend, and see you Monday!

Upcoming Events

February 4

Progress Reports Distributed

February 5

No School for Students
Professional Development

February 15

President's Day
No School

February 25

Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 26

Parent-Teacher Conferences
No School for Students

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.



Fourth and Fifth Grade

Ms. Kenner - akenner@acariverside.com

This week 4th and 5th graders are working on Black History Month Research Papers. They are writing 5 paragraph essays about Black men and women throughout American History. This is due Thursday! In Science, both grades are learning about light! In Social Studies, 5th grade is learning about Spanish Expansion and 4th grade is learning about the consequences of the Revolutionary War. In math, 5th graders are working on multiplying whole numbers by fractions, while 4th grade works on angles and measurements.

Middle School Language Arts

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All students have done a great job with the testing we had last week. The testing environments were on point, and everyone displayed a proper amount of focus and stamina to get the job done! My middle school students have made me so proud this week! The results from testing have yielded some great gains! Ask your student if their Lexile improved compared to the fall iReady test.

This week we need to reset a couple of writing norms, so we'll be working on standard R.L.6.1, R.L.7.1 and R.L.8.1. All grades will also be updating their "personal vocabulary flashcards" according to the results of the iReady testing. We will also be creating narrative pieces based on the texts we've read as a class (Frankenstein by Mary Shelly and Money Hungry by Sharon Flake). We have brainstormed ideas as a class, and I'm super excited about the ideas we've created together! Stay tuned for more updates on their writing next week.

Middle School Math

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This week in Middle school math. Students in all grades should have taken the iReady diagnostic. This is a tool that helps the program target skills specifically chosen for each student, so it's important that the student works on this by themselves. We do not use this as a graded assignment. However, students are expected to practice skills in iReady at least 10 minutes each day, and that work IS graded on completion and effort. I have had a lot of questions regarding grades in canvas. Please don't rely on what is showing in canvas. We use a different system, called powerschool, to track grades and the canvas system and the powerschool system don't always communicate well. In addition, zero grades and missing assignments don't show up in canvas, so it may look like your student has a better grade than they actually do. Missing assignments can bring grades down dramatically. If you have any questions please let me know.

Middle School Science

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Man this year is really just running by quickly. I just realized that we are now 3 weeks into third quarter. Meaning we are needing the midterm of the quarter. There are many missing assignments and quizzes in Canvas for online students. To give you an idea most of my classes have had about 10 assignments already. 6th and 7th grade had a short cycle last week and have another short cycle next week. 8th grade has been taking mastery tests to prepare for their state test. Next Tuesday January 26th every student has a Language and Math Mastery test. And the 8th grade also has a Science test. Make sure we are staying up on our testing. 7th grade will also be starting a three-day project this Friday the 22nd and it is due Tuesday the 26th on severe weather. It is on Canvas. Now for the subject matters we have been studying. 6th grade we are studying the physical and chemical properties of matter. 7th grade we are working on the water cycle. 8th grade we are doing relative dating and diversity. As always stay safe and healthy and have a great weekend.

Middle School Social Studies

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This week in social studies, all grades participated in simulations, which is a kind of Roleplay. In the 6th Grade, students took a tour of the Silk Road to see who the best merchant could be. In the 7th Grade, students became a peasant, a knight, or a lord to represent feudalism. In the 8th Grade, students attempted to steal the declaration of independence. These simulations were packed with source analysis and everyone did a great job. I am looking forward to next week and continuing to use these interactive roleplays!

Intervention Specialists

Dear Parents and Guardians, the Special Education Department wants to let you know that the National Parks has a program to allow 5th graders and their parents to visit national parks for free through August 31, 2021. This is a great way to get outdoors and explore nature.

There are 12 parks to visit throughout Ohio.

If you have any questions or would like to us to print the voucher, please call or email.

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Music

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This week in Music class, students in grades 2-8 took a trip to Afghanistan to explore the country's music and dance. They also met the famous rapper, Pop Smoke. Kindergarten and first grade students got to learn about the Banjo this week. Next week, students can look forward to learning about the legendary band, Queen.