

# Tiger Tales

Rockfish Elementary School  
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## Mission Statement

Rockfish Elementary School is committed to providing a quality education for all students by providing a safe atmosphere in which all children feel secure, loved and challenged.



## November 2016

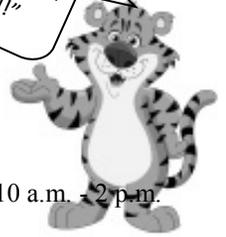
- 22 ~ Dine Out - 4-8:00 pm - Firehouse Subs, Hope Mills
- 23 ~ Student Holiday/Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL for Students
- 24-25 ~ Student/Teacher Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 24 ~ *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

Looking ahead...

## December 2016

- 1 ~ PTA Board Meeting 2:45 p.m.
- 2 ~ Holiday Shop Preview
- 3 ~ K-Club - Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 5-9 ~ PTA Holiday Shop
- 6 ~ Fall Pictures Make-up Day
- 6 ~ PTA Dine Out Arby's 4-8 p.m. Hope Mills
- 8 ~ Winter Programs & PTA 6-7:30 p.m.
- 9 ~ Progress Reports Go Home
- 10 ~ Beta Club - Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap 1-5:00 p.m.
- 12 ~ RFES SIT Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- 16 ~ Barnes & Noble Book Fair 4:00-8:00 p.m.

"Don't forget to read a book today!!"



## From the Principal's Pen

NOVEMBER 2016!! Happy Thanksgiving!! This year, I am especially thankful for a time set aside to express gratitude for so many wonderful blessings in our lives. Our community has endured much since school began in August, but together we have returned to the important task of preparing our students for success. Additionally, because of your generosity, we have been able to help others who suffered greatly and are attempting to return to normal. Thank you for your participation in the school supply drive for St. Pauls Elementary School in Robeson County. Hopefully, their schools, students, and community will soon be functioning at full force.

As we advance into the second nine weeks of this school year, please encourage your child and continue to participate with us in their progress by supervising their homework completion and encouraging them to read daily. I would also remind you to make every effort to assure that your child arrives to school on time each day. Tardiness is disruptive and takes invaluable instruction time away from the entire class when students enter the classroom after the instructional day begins.

Progress Reports will go home on Friday, December 9. Remember to sign and return the report to your child's teacher.

School is closed for students on November 23-25. Be safe as you enjoy this time together with families and friends.

Students, please take time to enjoy reading some good books over the Thanksgiving holiday break.

## From the Media Center

The Media Center has over 300 eBooks. You may access them on our catalog at <http://destiny.ccs.k12.nc.us>. Once there, click on Rockfish Elementary School. There are two different companies with different ways to access the books.

### 1. Sebcu eBooks:

- Click on the words Sebcu eBooks.
- The school username and password are saved. If they aren't, the username is **rockfishes** and the password is **123**. Then click on log in.
- You will be prompted for your child's ID number. These numbers are not saved. They are only used to make sure of proper access. Just type in your child's ID number and click log in.
- You may access any of eBooks located there.

### 2. Catalog:

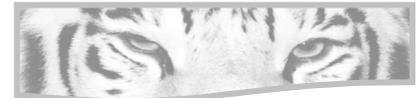
- Click on the **Catalog** tab.
- Click on the drop-down menu beside **Material Type** and select **Electronic Book (eBook)**.
- Click on the **Keyword** icon to bring up all of our eBooks.
- Select a book and click on the book **Title** or the **Open** icon.
- If the book you selected requires login credentials, the username is **rockfish** and the password is **tigers**.
- When you are finished reading a book, you can either click **close the book** or you can **logout**.
- When you are completely done, please make sure to **Logout** (drop down box under Guest in top right corner) when finished so others have access when you are done.

Happy Reading!



Expect the Best

# Classroom News and Views:



## Kindergarten

The kindergarten team is excited to see all the disguised turkey projects! They are due on November 18! We are super excited about our field trip to the Heart of Christmas Show on Monday, November 21. Please get those permission slips in! We are working on the letters *a*, *p*, *c*, and *t*. Your children are learning lots of sight words. Current sight words are the, and, see, we, a, to. Take time to go over these words with your child. Also, please practice counting with your child from 1-20. From our families to yours, have a fabulous Thanksgiving!

## First Grade

First grade is diving deep into learning this second nine weeks! We are really excited to celebrate the 50th day of school with a sock hop! In math, we are continuing to practice addition and subtraction, word problems, and missing addends! In social studies, we are studying life in the 50's and enjoyed having our own mock election! In reading, we are tapping and blending words with blends and short vowels! Thank you parents and guardians for all you do to support our lovely learners!

## Second Grade

We had a busy first nine weeks in Second Grade. Our students completed beautiful projects in social studies and many of them reached their individual AR goal for the first time. We have worked hard on addition and subtraction strategies as well as problem solving in math. In science, students have played with Oobleck to understand different types of matter.

During the current nine weeks, our students will have new AR goals. Please be sure your child is thoroughly reading his/her library books and is able to answer questions about the books. This will ensure success when taking AR tests. Students must keep an 85% or higher comprehension rate to maintain their goals. Please continue to study addition and subtraction facts with your child. We will continue with fact fluency tests.

In November, second grade will complete a time line project for social studies. Project information will be sent home with your child. We are excited for students to apply their skills with this project. We are looking forward to our field trip to the Heart of Christmas Show at the Crown Theater.

As always thanks for your continued support and involvement in your child's education!

A little school joke to chuckle about:

**Q:** Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?

**A:** The turkey because he's already stuffed!!



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## Terrific Third Grade

October was a very busy month! We are looking forward to parent-teacher conferences throughout November and sharing all the wonderful progress your third grader is making.

In math, we completed our unit on quadrilaterals. This is a lot of information that needs to be committed to memory in order to be able to compare and contrast shapes. We will continue to review these concepts throughout the year. Our current unit is the study of area and students have done a wonderful job. Area leads itself right in to the unit of multiplication. We will begin working on daily and weekly fact fluency tests. You can help your child at home by practicing with flashcards. Start with zeroes/ones facts and then begin adding in additional families as your child experiences success. This is a crucial foundational skill in third grade that will be needed in our remaining units of study throughout the year.

If your child's class has completed the lowercase cursive alphabet, please begin encouraging your child to write spelling words in cursive. We will start with small chunks and work our way towards completing whole assignments in cursive. This group of students has been a pleasure to work with! We can really see the hard work they did at the end of second grade.

Finally, please help your child at home by assuring work is being turned in on time. Overall, third grade is having difficulty with turning in late work and keeping track of assignments. We have been working with students and encouraging this responsibility. For the second nine weeks, we will have late work deadlines that may affect your child's averages for the report card. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement at home!

## Fabulous Fourth Grade

In fourth grade, we are continuing to work on multiplication along with multiplicative comparison. Please make sure your child is practicing his/her facts on a nightly basis. We look forward to going on our field trip to the Heart of Christmas Show on Tuesday, November 22. Our Rockfish families collected school supplies for St Pauls Elementary in Robeson County. Thank you to all who sent in any donations to assist with that worthwhile project.

## Fifth Grade

- Help! We have seen an increase in the number of check outs in the afternoon. Please keep in mind we have science until 2:00! Please schedule appointments after school if at all possible!
- AR reading is ongoing. Your child has a copy of the weekly percentages and goals. Please make sure he/she is reading and taking tests! There is an app you can put on your phone to get alerts of the results when your child takes an AR test! Remember, better readers make more successful adults! By November 22, they should have 22% of their goal at 85% accuracy!
- We will be attending The Best Christmas Pageant Ever performance on Wednesday, December 14. If you haven't sent the information back to your child's teacher, we need it ASAP!

As always, we appreciate your support!