

# 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.

## April 2017

- 14-23 ~ SPRING BREAK/NO SCHOOL!!
- 24 ~ Back to School!!
- 25 ~ PTA Dine Out - Firehouse Subs - 4-8 p.m. Hope Mills (mention Rockfish)
- 27 ~ K Evening Registration 6-7:30 pm
- 28 ~ Kindergarten Beginner's Day 8:00 a.m. NO School for current K students

A look ahead...

## May 2017

- 1-5 ~ School Staff Appreciation Week!
- 2 ~ PTA Dine Out - Arby's - 4-8 p.m. - Hope Mills
- 2 ~ Law Day - 5th Grade
- 4 ~ PTA Board Meeting - 2:45 p.m.
- 5 ~ Mad Scientist Day - 5th Grade
- 8 ~ SIT Meeting 2:30
- 10 ~ Progress Reports Go Home
- 11 ~ PTA/Strings Spring Program
- 14 ~ Happy Mother's Day!!
- 15-19 ~ PTA Penny Wars



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



## From the Principal's Pen...

APRIL 2017!! This year has been filled with uncommon climatological events that brought us hurricanes, floods, ice, snow (very light snow, but snow all the same), an early spring, and then a late winter and then an early summer before spring finally arrived! In the midst of it all, our staff, students, and dedicated parents did not let up. We maintained our customary pace and the high level of instruction, care, and concern that are traditionally experienced and expected at Rockfish Elementary School.

We are into the final nine weeks of our 2016-17 school year; however, we still have much to accomplish. Students are continuing to learn new concepts in all content areas and reading-testing to reach AR goals. We have also begun preparation for EOG assessments in May.

Our spring break is Friday, April 14, through Friday, April 21. Please be safe as you enjoy this time with family and friends. When we return from spring break on Monday, April 24, we will resume our plan of instruction to accomplish our highest goal of student success.

Rockfish Beginner's Day begins at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28. Current kindergarten students do not attend school on Beginner's Day. Rockfish will hold an evening registration at 6:00-7:30 on Thursday, April 27.

Progress Reports, reflecting your child's performance, will go home on Wednesday, May 10. Parents please review the report with your child and discuss any concerns you may have with your child's teacher.

We will appreciate your continued support as we complete the final nine weeks of this school year.

## From the Media Center

This week was National Library Week – April 9-15, 2017, and we followed Rockfish tradition by celebrating the many wonderful things that libraries have to offer. Each day, we selected a special book to go along with the theme “Libraries Transform.”

Parents, I urge you to take your children to our local public library on a regular basis and enjoy the many things they have to offer: check out some books or DVDs, attend one of their programs, or take advantage of the computers available for adult or student use. Sign your children up for a library card of their own and let them explore the world available to them through books. There is no charge for the card; however, you will need to show a picture ID and proof of your address. Most importantly, don't forget to encourage your children to read, read, read, and then read some more!

## Beginner's Day Reminder!!

■ Beginner's Day will be held on Friday, April 28, at 8:00 a.m.  
Current kindergarten students will not attend school on Beginner's Day.

■ Kindergarten Evening Registration: Thursday, April 27, 6:00-7:00.

### ■ Important!!

To register for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before August 31.

### Please bring the following items to enroll your child:

Birth Certificate, Shot Record, Child's Social Security Card, a copy of Child's Physical Exam, and current Proof of Child's Parent/Custodian Address (i.e. utility bill, lease agreement, tax bill, residency affidavit).

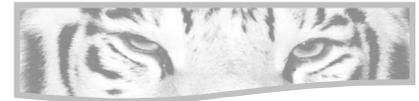
You may bring your kindergarten child with you to register.

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Expect the Best

# Classroom News and Views:



## Kindergarten

At this time of year we often hear the poetic expression “April showers bring May flowers!” It is evident that your children, like the flowers, are in full bloom! The month of April is an amazing month for our Kindergartners. It is filled with lots of fun activities and learning: our nature field trip to Clark Park, Kindergarten field day, our PTA Tiger Trek, and spring break. Also, please be reminded there will be no school for your child on Friday, April 28, as we prepare our soon to be Kindergarten children. Have a safe spring break!

## First Grade

Our first graders are continuing to make their way steadily through the year! In ELA, we are working on vowel pairs, compound words, and contractions. Parents, please help your children by reading each week and working with them on using details from the text to answer the comprehension question stems in complete sentences. In math, we are learning how to tell time and how to measure objects with non-standard units of measurement like paper clips and string. This will help students grasp bigger and smaller units of measurement. In science we learned all about rocks, soil, and plants so we would be well prepared for our Soil Rocks field trip! In writing, we are becoming researchers and collecting facts to help us write an informational text. Our EOY testing will begin after spring break! We appreciate all of your help and support as we continue to work diligently to finish out the year.

## Second Grade

Second grade students have been working diligently throughout the past months. Their hard work has paid off, and they are super excited about putting into practice the new skills they have learned. Math: We are working on three-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. Students have learned several different strategies to solve these equations and word problems. Looking ahead, we will be working on odd and even, arrays, time, and money. Science: We will continue life cycles and will examine the life cycle of amphibians and reptiles. Reading: We are learning about poetry and new syllable types in phonics.

Parents, please continue to read every day with your child and remember to ask questions during and after reading to ensure he/she is successful when AR testing. Also, we ask that you continue to work with your child on addition and subtraction facts regularly. As always, we thank you for all your support!

## Terrific Third Grade

We have started our unit on fractions and will be working on many different aspects of fractions! This is a big concept for third graders. Students will be learning to compare, find equivalents, and order simple fractions. Please continue to support your child at home with homework help and making sure your child understands the assignment. This is a big piece of the EOG in math and we will be working very hard!

After Spring Break, we will begin some initial review for the EOG tests at the end of the year. We will be revisiting math concepts from the beginning of the year as well as fine tuning our reading test strategies. Attendance is crucial to this last part of the year. We need everyone here and on time so we can get the most of the time we have left. It is going to fly by! Thank you for all your support at home. The students have worked really hard all year long, and we are really excited to see their growth at the end of the year!!

## Fabulous Fourth Grade

Welcome to SPRING! Our fourth graders have been busy learning and enjoying a number of recent events. It was great to see so many of you who came to support your child on awards day and then to cheer for us on field day! Permission slips have been sent home for our May 5 field trip to Raleigh. The cost is \$7.00. In the classroom, we have finished our unit on fractions and have started decimals and how they are related to fractions. Our final unit of math this quarter will cover measurement. In Social Studies we are learning about the branches of government in preparation for our trip to Raleigh next month. We continue to enjoy the activities that Mr. McClendon has for us in the Science Lab. Encourage your child to read and work every week towards their AR goal.

## Fifth Grade

- √ End of Grade rotations will begin after Spring Break.
- √ Students, begin getting your mad scientist gear together! Our Mad Scientist Day is on Friday, May 19.
- √ Parents, please encourage daily reading and studying of science vocabulary.
- √ Continue to monitor and encourage reading so that students can achieve their individual Accelerated Reading goals. We only have seven weeks left, and we would like 100% of our fifth graders to make their goals.
- √ Students, be on your best behavior – We’re planning a fifth grade End of Year Celebration and only students with stellar behavior will be invited to attend.

Rockfish is a GREEN CERTIFIED SCHOOL!



REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE.



We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.  
~ Aristotle