

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.

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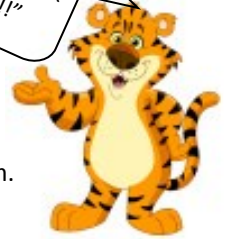
- 16 ~ Student/Staff Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 17 ~ PTA - Hope Mills Rudinos All Day Dine Out (mention Rockfish)
- 17 ~ Miss RFES Pageant Registration Begins
- 19 ~ AR K-5 Family Reading Night-6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 24 ~ Dine Out - 4-8:00 pm - Firehouse Subs, Hope Mills
- 27 ~ End of Second Nine Wks. Grading Period
- 30 ~ STUDENT HOLIDAY - Required Teacher Workday
- 31 ~ Media Magazine Fundraiser thru Feb. 3

A look ahead...

February 2017

- 2 ~ PTA Board Meeting 2:45 p.m.
- 3 ~ Report Cards Go Home
- 3 ~ PTA Pretzel Rod Fundraiser Begins
- 6 ~ Awards: K - 8:15 a.m. ~ 3rd - 8:15 a.m. ~ 1st - 9:15 a.m.
- 7 ~ Awards: 4th - 8:15 a.m.
- 8 ~ Awards: 5th - 8:15 a.m. ~ 2nd - 9:30 a.m.
- 13 ~ SIT Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- 14 ~ Happy Valentine's Day!!
- 16 ~ Parent Night - Science Academy Grades K-5—6-7:30 p.m.

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



From the Principal's Pen...

JANUARY 2017!! After a restful winter break, Rockfish students and staff returned to school with the anticipation of many new opportunities ahead. We didn't take a break when we returned!! We resumed our efforts to challenge our Little Tigers each day with methods designed to engage their intellect and expand their base of knowledge. We expect them to succeed and plan for this school year to be a great year of dynamic achievement and academic growth. Parents, we appreciate your support as you continue to partner with us to assure success for your children.

Our PTA Pretzel Rod Fundraiser begins Friday, February 3 and goes through Friday, March 3. Thank you for supporting our PTA fundraisers and Dine Out events.

Awards Assemblies for the second nine weeks will be held February 6, 7, 8. Earning an award is an honor for children. You will be notified if your child will receive an award. I hope you will make plans to attend and support your child's achievements. School will be closed on Monday, January 16 in honor of MLK, Jr. Day.

IMPORTANT!!

Instruction begins at 7:45 a.m. each day, and every minute counts!! Students must be in the classroom and in their seats at 7:45 to avoid an unexcused tardy.

Breakfast is available from 7:20 until 7:40 each morning. When a student gets in the breakfast line at or after 7:40, he /she will be permitted to eat but will receive a tardy slip, since breakfast ends promptly at 7:40. Arriving in the cafeteria at or after 7:40 will make a student arrive late to class. Being in the breakfast line is not the same as being in the classroom.

Parents, if you have any concerns or needs that I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to call me.



From the Media Center

Our Media Center is sponsoring a magazine fundraiser Tuesday, January 31 – Friday, February 3. This is a very easy and convenient fundraiser for parents and students! The only thing students must do is fill out at least 7 forms with names and complete addresses to receive an emoji figure. Students will also receive an emoji figure for every paid order from your family. Forms will be sent home with your child. All the money raised from the magazines sold will benefit our Media Center. Please support this fundraiser and help all of our students become stronger readers.

Kindergarten

Happy New Year to our Kindergarten family and friends! We are so glad to see everyone back and adjusted to a new year! The academics, behavior, and character have not stopped! We haven't even slowed down! Your children are continuing to learn letter sounds and recognition. In math we are counting on and practicing our numbers to 100! What is the difference between a need or a want? Ask your child today and they will be sure to tell you! Thank you for all your continued support and as always, it is a pleasure to teach your children!

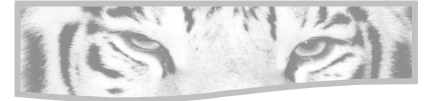
DAILY SCHEDULE

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| 7:20 a.m. | Students may arrive on campus |
| 7:20-7:40 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 7:40 a.m. | Warning Bell |
| 7:45 a.m. | Tardy Bell - Instructional day begins |
| 2:15 p.m. | Dismissal |

Reminders: Students are required to get a tardy pass from the office if they are not in their classrooms when the 7:45 a.m. bell rings. Breakfast ends at 7:40 a.m.

Expect the Best

Classroom News and Views:



First Grade

Happy New Year! We are super excited to be back into the swing of things in first grade. The Mid-Year Reading 3D testing began January 9. Parents, please make sure students get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast each day to help them to do their very best! For the upcoming weeks in reading we are learning digraphs th, ch, sh, and wh and will begin learning long vowels in the weeks to come. In math we are learning different strategies to solve addition and subtraction facts to 20. We are currently studying doubles, doubles plus one, and adding 3 numbers! In writing, we are learning to write "how to" using clear directions for each step. We will learn how to build a snowman and how to make a s'more! In social studies, students are learning about goods and services by earning wages for doing their classroom jobs! After this lesson we will venture into science to learn about different landforms. Thanks for all you do to ensure your child's success.

Second Grade

Second Grade is on the move! We have two exciting and informative science field trips planned in the upcoming months. We are eager to learn more about weather. Please be reminded that the end of the second grading period is January 27. Continue to have your child read their Accelerated Reader books and answer the MCClass question stems sent home earlier this year. We are looking forward to traveling into the third quarter. Please consult your Parent Curriculum Guide for objectives and skills taught during the third quarter. These objectives can also be found on the Cumberland County website. The following websites are useful tools to enrich your child's education. www.aaamath.com and www.abcy.com. We are excited about many more learning adventures in 2017.

Terrific Third Grade

We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing winter break! Third grade is hard at work learning new concepts. Please continue to work on basic multiplication fact fluency. Most of our math for the remainder of the year uses multiplication and having these facts committed to memory will be very helpful. We will continue to review and test in class. Our math focus will move on to simple and complex areas of shapes.

Students continue to use great reading strategies as we work on our Read to Achieve passages in preparation for the EOG test in reading. We are also working on fluency, accuracy, and comprehension in our small groups. Parents, please continue to support your child with reading at home for AR. Coming in each day prepared to test makes a huge impact on reading goals! We are pleased with the increased success thus far and can't wait to see even greater reading.

Completing classwork and homework on time is always important! As we are getting back into the groove after the break, we will be reviewing classroom expectations and responsibilities. Thank you for checking planners at home and making sure your child is prepared to achieve the very best each and every day!

Fabulous Fourth Grade

Best wishes for 2017! Fourth grade continues to work on weekly multiplication facts. Our current focus for mathematics is measurement (perimeter and area). The second nine weeks will end January 27, 2017. Students will be given one homework and classwork grade based on their AR progress. Please continue to check your child's planner for homework and notes.



AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Monday, February 6

Kindergarten

8:15 a.m. - Classrooms

Third Grade

8:15 a.m. - Cafeteria

First Grade

9:15 a.m. - Classrooms

Tuesday, February 7

Fourth Grade

8:15 a.m. - Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 8

Fifth Grade

8:15 a.m. - Cafeteria

Second Grade

9:30 a.m. - Classrooms



winter!

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!!!

Parents, please make sure your child is properly dressed for the weather. Being too cold or too hot detracts from a child's ability to concentrate during instruction.

Fifth Grade

- ✓ Please review Civic Oration information and due dates. All students are required to complete the Civic Oration project but participation in the contest is optional. Please encourage your child's participation in this opportunity for enrichment and growth.
- ✓ Remember to check students' planners daily for homework and notes.
- ✓ Homework is essential practice. When it is not completed students are unprepared for review lessons the following day.
- ✓ Please remind students each morning to bring all essential school materials and supplies to be prepared for our school day.