

# Tiger Tales



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## From the Principal's Pen...

MARCH 2021!! While we were going about our rigorous routines of remote instruction and learning, our grand and majestic earth was faithfully negotiating one of her unwavering rotations around the sun. In the vast expanse of space, she did not falter nor alter her course; thus, her detailed devotion to duty set in motion a transformation of the world around us. Slowly, surely, and silently, earth's buds and blossoms are escaping their winter sanctuary and delighting us with their dauntless dance of new life. In recognition of her efforts, we in the Northern Hemisphere will celebrate the astronomical first day of spring on Saturday, March 20, at 5:37 a.m. EDT.



Reminders: We will close out our third grading period on Thursday, March 11. Friday, March 12 is a teacher workday/student remote learning day — students will have assignments to complete but will not log in to their remote classrooms. Report cards will be available on the Parent Portal on Thursday, March 25. When you go over the report card with your children, commend them for their hard work and encourage them to always do their best.

School officials are closely monitoring metrics and other factors that will determine our schedule for reopening school. If all goes as planned, Cumberland County Schools will transition to Plan B (a combination of in-person and remote learning) on March 15, 2021. At RFES, we have followed all proposed guidelines and prepared the building for a safe return. We want our all our staff, students, and families to be as safe as possible.



## Pre-K

Happy March! Our Pre-K students continue to grow and learn. They have so much to share with one another, and we love listening to their stories and seeing them share.

Just a friendly reminder: Friday, March 12, 2021 is a student remote learning day/teacher workday. Thank you for everything you do!

## From the Counselor's Corner

Cumberland County Schools will begin blended learning the week of March 15, 2021. Parents and guardians, as your child's school counselor, please let me know if I can help your child with this transition in any way. I can be reached through email at [sarahzahn@ccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarahzahn@ccs.k12.nc.us) and at RFES - 910-424-5313. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of any assistance or support for your child. I am looking forward to seeing the students again!

## March 2021



- 1-5 ~ Read Across America Week
- 5 ~ Dr. Seuss Day - RFES half-day Read-in
- 8 ~ SIT Meeting - 2:00 pm
- 11 ~ End of Third Grading Period
- 12 ~ Student Remote Learning Day - Teacher Workday
- 14 ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set Clocks Forward 1 hr.
- 15 ~ Cumberland Co Schools Transition to Plan B
- 25 ~ REPORT CARDS available on the Parent Portal

## From the Media Center

We will celebrate Read Across America during the week of March 1 - 5. Please see Class Dojo and our school website for the special activities we have planned for that week.



Our Virtual Spring Book Fair will kick off on March 22 and go through April 4 — all transactions are online. In addition to the numerous offerings of books and other great items, wish lists for our school library and classroom libraries will be posted. A flyer will be sent home as a reminder to visit the book fair with your child and make a purchase. So, please take time to visit our school website soon for more information on how to get some great books for your child!

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten students continue to learn more about phonemic awareness in literacy. Their lessons are challenging them to blend, segment, and read more sight words.



In math, we are adding and decomposing numbers, identifying teen numbers, and meeting friends of ten. Please continue to practice counting at home. Kindergarteners should be able to count to one hundred by ones and tens at the end of the school year.

We have explored more about weather in science and land-forms in social studies. Students presented projects to show how much they learned about Black History/Presidents.

Kindergarten teachers are excited about having our students in our classrooms face-to-face for the first time. We are prepared to welcome them as safely as possible into the school.

Thank you for your continued support at home. We appreciate your help in having your child prepared for class each day!

## RFES MISSION STATEMENT

Rockfish Elementary School is committed to providing a quality education for all students within a safe and supportive atmosphere where all feel secure, loved, and challenged.

## First Grade

“Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” This famous line from Dr. Seuss’ popular book with the selfsame name describes what our first grade team and students are embracing as we grow to higher heights. We are marching out of the third quarter and gearing up for all that is in store in the fourth quarter. We look forward to celebrating Seuss Week, St. Patrick’s Day, and most of all, returning back to the classroom ready to reach the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.



## Second Grade

Spring break is rapidly approaching! Here are a few ways parents can help at home when their children are away from school.

- **Literacy:** Continue to read nightly. After your child reads the story ask him/her to summarize it with the beginning, middle, and end, then explain the problem and solution that occurred in the story.
- **Writing:** Have children journal or create a story about what they have done while on Spring Break. They can even create a colorful picture to go along with the story.
- **Math:** When you are out and about shopping, allow your child to help count the change while at the register. Second graders have learned and practiced how to count up to \$1.00 in change.

## Terrific Third Grade

Third graders need to keep working on those multiplication facts! We have moved to calculating the area and perimeter of a shape, and multiplication continues to play an important role in our learning.

Our students have learned so many new things in science and social studies this month! From celebrating African American contributions and learning about our Presidents, they have done some amazing research. The Solar System continues to be our focus in science. We were very excited to learn about the Perseverance Rover and see actual photos from Mars!

As we enter the fourth quarter, third grade students will begin learning cursive handwriting, so please encourage your child to practice at home! Thank you for all your help and support; we truly appreciate it!

## KIDS’ CORNER!



**Why was the math book always worried?** “Because it had so many problems!”

**Which school supply is king in the classroom?** “A ruler!”

**What has two legs but can’t walk?** “A pair of pants!”

## Fabulous Fourth Grade

Greetings from the fourth grade team! As we conclude the third quarter, we want to thank parents/guardians and students for their continued efforts. We are pleased to see growth from many of our students.

Here are a few reminders as we near the final quarter of this school year:

- Students should be active participants in class daily (virtually or in the classroom).
- Students must have pencil and paper in order to take notes and work out math problems efficiently. Let us know if you need some help acquiring necessary supplies.
- Students should arrive on time to class each day and attend small groups in the afternoons.
- Students should be reading for at least 30 minutes each day in order to reach their set AR goals.
- Students should continue to practice their multiplication facts (0-12s). Quick knowledge of the facts is needed to master upcoming math content.
- Parents/guardians can view grades in PowerSchool. Please check in with your child regularly to ensure work is completed consistently and on time.

Thanks so much for your support this year. We look forward to seeing our students back in the classroom soon!

## Fifth Grade

- ✓ Thank you to all the parents who make sure their child is in class on time every day. We begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Every instructional minute counts when teaching skills that will be needed at the next level.
- ✓ Your child can do SuccessMaker at home. Many have fallen behind the amount of time they need per week so please encourage your child to work on it during his/her free time.
- ✓ Please make sure your child is reading and testing for AR. Independent reading is the key to improving your child’s reading level and ability.
- ✓ Please check PowerSchool grades weekly. You can see if your child is missing assignments that may be turned in. We can only adjust Q3 grades.
- ✓ Have your child study their science definitions and concepts we are learning in class. Mastery of the terminology is the key to understanding science. We are finishing up biomes and ecosystems and moving into force and motion.
- ✓ Thanks again for all of the assistance you provide us with your child. We could not do this without your help!

## MARCH

The March wind blows winter away  
And sweeps the streets from day to day  
March brings surprises, first the day’s hot  
Then it starts snowing, likely as not  
Hurry, March wind, hurry along  
We like to hear you sing your song.



~ Author Unknown ~

*EXPECT THE BEST*