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Save the Date:

June 10 — 5th Grade Drive-
Thru Graduation @ 5:30pm



June 11 — Talent Show

June 15-17 — Early Dismissal
(at 1:45pm)

June 17 — Student's Last Day

Transportation Changes:

The safety and security of our students is our priority. Please remember to send a note in with your students with any transportation changes for dismissal the morning of the change. We can only accept changes over the phone in emergency situations. You may also fax a note to the school with a copy of your driver's license **before 1:00 P.M.** Any changes made after 1:00 P.M. will be approved in emergency situations and on a case by case basis. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Early Sign-Outs

If you're planning on picking your student up early from school, please send a note with your student so that both the teacher and front office are aware and can be prepared. No students are allowed to be signed out after 3:15pm.



Harry Chapin Food Pantry

We are now in partnership with the Harry Chapin Food Pantry and have a food pantry on-site. Please reach out to Mrs. Otero or Ms. Gonzalez (274-3932) if you are in need of visiting our pantry. It can be accessed by appointment and at all major school events.

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Technology News:

Summer is right around the corner! Your students can still spend time practicing and building upon their academic skills using technology. iReady will be available for students via launchpad; those who signed up for our virtual program will also have their learning tracked by teachers. Students will enjoy working on a variety of programs using the following FREE websites: SplashLearn, Khan Academy, BrainPop, PBS Kids, ABCYa, StudyJams, and Academic Skill Builders. There are also a variety of FREE apps available to download on devices from technology app stores. Have an excellent educational summer!



Clinic News:

Stay healthy over the Summer! Reminders: drink plenty of water every day, keep washing your hands (sanitize when you are out and about), wear sunscreen, play safe in your neighborhood/at the pool or beach. Parents of 5th graders (if 10 years old) are eligible to receive the Tdap immunization (this shot is required for your student to enter 7th grade in two years). Why wait? You can get a jump start this summer! Immunizations are FREE of charge to children under the age of 18 at the Health Department of Lee County, for an appointment please call (239)461-6100. **If your student has medication in the school clinic please either pick the excess medication up by the end of the day on 6/17/21 or by 12:00 pm on 6/18/21** HAVE A SAFE & HEALTHY



Summer Safety Tips for Kids

- Stay Hydrated
- Find Shade
- Proper Clothing
- Sun Protection
- Plant Safety/Thorns
- Bug Spray
- Stranger Safety
- Road Safety
- Helmets
- Eating in time
- Temperature Fluctuations
- Water Safety



Math News:

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived! We hope everyone enjoys time with family and friends during the summer break. Please remember to find some time to keep students' math skills fresh. You can do this by finding math in the everyday. For example: During a road trip, have the kids count the number of cars (types or colors) they see each day. At the airport, count something — the number of people with a yellow shirts or perhaps columns in the terminal. Beyond travel, put them to work counting the seeds in a watermelon or how many steps it takes to walk to the mailbox. Help kids begin recognizing how these numbers interact, such as comparing the number of blue cars to red cars they see each day or adding up all the cars they see or they could compare the number of steps from their bed to the bathroom against the number of steps to the kitchen. For older students, you may have them total up grocery items as you shop or calculate the tip at a restaurant. When you help your child apply real-world examples of math it can help them avoid summer setbacks and arrive in the new school year prepared to learn even more! We hope everyone has a math-filled summer!



ELA News:

Did you know the Lee County Public Library system is offering a summer reading program? Tails and Tales, Lee County Library System's 2021 Summer Reading Program for all ages, kicks off June 14. Starting June 14, weekly "Grab and Go" activity kits for all ages will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis at each of the 13 Lee County Library System branches. In addition, each participating child and teen may choose a new, free book from their closest Lee County library branch, while supplies last. The library is offering both online and paper based reading and activity challenges. To find out more about the Lee County Library System's Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program, visit leelibrary.net/summer



Kindergarten News:

Ready or not, here comes the summer! It is hard to believe that the end of this school year is soon upon us! Our Kindergarten students have made great strides since starting with us. Please help your child continue to grow over the summer by putting time aside to have them read to you (and you read to them). Encourage your child to write about the experiences they are having. Support them with sounding out words and using invented spelling such as writing "bsktbl" for "basketball" as that is developmentally OK. Writing at this stage is about your child expressing their ideas and not about focusing on the correct spellings of words. Math and math problem solving is all around us constantly. Please take advantage of these natural experiences with your child. The Kindergarten teachers thank each family for your support during this very unique school year.

First Grade News:

As this remarkable school year is winding down let's all reflect on the hard work done by all in order to make this another great year at RVP! While there has been challenges, everyone has pulled together as a family to ensure the best learning environment for our students. First grade would like to thank parents for their support and understanding this year and are excited for the students to go into second grade prepared to continue their learning journey. Remember that learning does not only take place at school, but everywhere the child goes. Make every day a fun learning experience in order to foster a love for learning. Encourage your child to read over the summer and practice their math skills in fun ways so they can go into second grade with confidence. Make time to have fun while learning! Stay safe and we cannot wait to see everyone back next school year!

Second Grade News:

The end of the school year is very exciting. This is the time of the year when summer plans are being made, however it is also the time when we are learning new skills that are needed to be successful third graders. Please review your expectations with your child. Let them know that they need to continue to behave respectfully and continue being a responsible learner. The Second Grade Team is proud of the progress that has been made this year. We will continue teaching till the last day of school. Thank you for your assistance in making this a productive year for the children.

Please ask to see the notes and work that they are bringing home. We will be having a virtual award ceremony on June 9th. Please be on the lookout for the zoom link so you can attend.

Joke of the Month



Q: Do fish go on vacation?



A: No, because they're always in school!

Third Grade News:

During the month of May our third grade students finished their final round of FSA testing! We are so proud of our students and all their hard work on the test! We also finished our Math Blitz where students traveled to other teachers to practice their math skills. During the month of June, some of our students will be participating in the RVP Talent Show and we can wait to see all of the wonderful performances from our students. We will also have our end of the year awards ceremony via Zoom to celebrate our students hard work and accomplishments throughout the year! We will also be working on reviewing our skills to close out the school year and help to prepare our students for next year!

Fourth Grade News:

We are both happy and sad that this year is coming to an end! It has been like no other year, with many of our students starting out on Home Connect and then joining us later in the classroom. We are so proud of the students' transitions and flexibility throughout the year and the responsibility they took to stay healthy and safe! They have grown so much academically and socially and we are excited to see that continue as they move into their last year here at RVP as 5th graders. Please encourage them to READ, READ, READ over summer and practice their new math skills. Be sure to enjoy some family time together. All of the 4th grade teachers are appreciative of your support this year - we have truly enjoyed working with your kids! See you in August!

Congratulations
to our Graduating
5th Graders!

Please join us at our Fifth-Grade Drive-Thru Celebration on June 14th at 5:30pm. We will be passing out bags to our 5th grade students on the bus ramp at 5:30pm and then heading to the parent pickup loop to wave goodbye and wish them well.

Class of
2021

**RVP Wishes You A
Wonderful & Safe
Summer!**

