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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Above~ Out students and staff celebrated the 100th and the 101 day of school!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

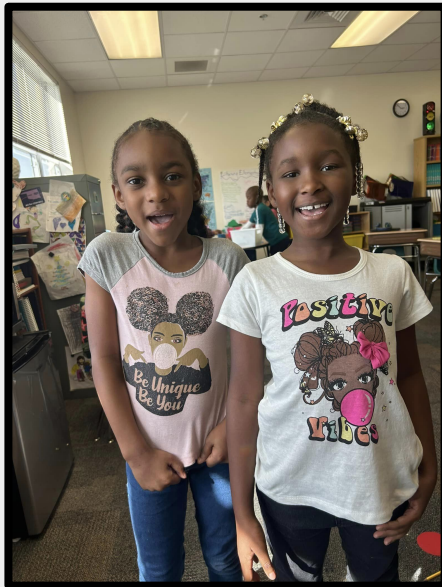
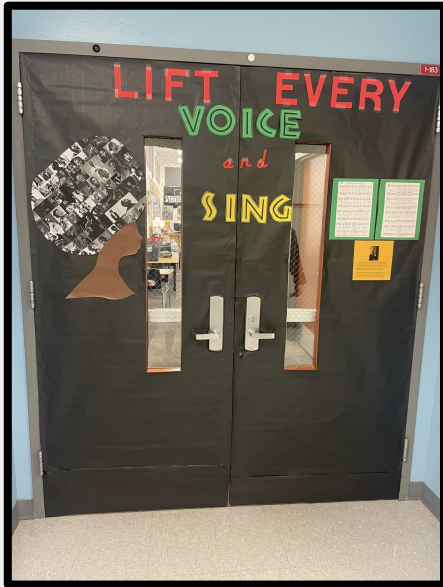
Upcoming Events February



Right~ A few lucky 5th grade boys were invited to golf with our community partners at Heritage Palms!



9th	STEAM Night at RVP from 6-8pm.
11th	Edison Junior Parade - 3pm
16th	No School - Hurricane Makeup Day
17th	Edison Grande Parade
19th	No School - Presidents Day
23rd	Black History Heritage Celebration Kick Off! Snoballs ~ Bring \$2
24th	Odyssey of the Mind Competition at RVP
28th	Early Release Day



Students are working on a variety of class projects that will be displayed all week and viewed up close during a school-wide celebration walk.

Dress-up/Theme Days
 2/23-College Day
 (HBCU-Historically Black Colleges and Universities)
 2/26-Red, Black and Green.
 2/27-Cultural African Attire
 2/28- Influential People
 2/29-Famous Musicians

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Family STEAM Night

Friday, February 9, 2024 6-8pm

A night of fun for RVP families!

You won't want to miss all the exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Music, and Math activities in our cafeteria! All challenges are FREE, and many have items you can take home! Sit inside the enormous STARLab Planetarium and gaze at the stars and constellations! Go for a ride around the galaxy while never leaving Fort Myers! Any RVP student that attends Family STEAM Night will get a FREE ticket good for one slice of pizza, chips, and water! Refreshments will also be available for purchase. Enter a FREE raffle to win prizes!

Refreshments \$1 Each
 Drinks Snacks Popcorn
 (cash only)

The Essence of STEAM

STEAM goes beyond the confines of individual subjects, fostering an integrated learning experience. By merging science and technology with the creativity of arts and the logical reasoning of mathematics, STEAM cultivates a diverse set of skills crucial for the 21st-century workforce.

Science: STEAM incorporates scientific principles, encouraging students to question, observe, and experiment. Hands-on science projects become a vehicle for curiosity-driven exploration.

Technology: Embracing technology in STEAM education opens doors to coding, robotics, and digital literacy. Students not only use technology as consumers but as creators and problem solvers.

Engineering: The engineering component of STEAM instills a problem-solving mindset. It encourages students to design, build, and test solutions to real-world problems, fostering critical thinking and creativity.

Arts: Integrating arts into STEAM brings creativity and expression to the forefront. Whether through visual arts, music, or drama, students learn to communicate and innovate through various mediums.

Mathematics: Mathematics forms the backbone of STEAM, providing the logical framework necessary for scientific inquiry and technological innovation. It enhances analytical skills and quantitative reasoning.

February

Kindergarten

Typically at this point in the year, students have learned letters and letter sounds and are putting them together to make words. If your child is still working on the alphabet – please read books together! While reading, you can say the sounds in a word – /s/ /a/ /t/ what's the word? Have them repeat the sounds to you and see if they can say the word. As they advance with their reading skills, you can support them with asking questions about what they are reading, and can have them draw pictures about favorite parts of the story!

In math, continue to count everything and anything around you! You can have them pull out a handful of toys – and ask them, for example, "How many cars do you have?" Then, you can have them pull out another handful of toys, "How many Pokemon cards do you have?" You can then ask – what do you have more of? Cards or cars? What do you have fewer of? How do you know? How many more? How many fewer? You can have them talk through their math reasoning for which has more or less and how they know.

Second

Happy February!

We are running a Valentine's Day Gram fundraiser. For a \$1 your child can purchase a Blow Pop and a note to send to a friend. The dates of the fundraiser are 2/6-2/13.

In ELA our theme this month is Black History/Influential People. We will be learning about Booker T. Washington, Bessie Coleman and a few other people.

In Math we are wrapping up our unit on time and money and moving towards place value within 1,000.

Please continue to practice at home with your child. We are working hard to meet our AR goal and read non-fiction texts.

Fourth

4th graders loved the experience of seeing the Cypress Lake High School students perform "Willy Wonka Jr" on stage! We are also looking forward to our next field trip to the Imaginarium in February.

We are continuing to work on fractions in math and will be moving into decimals. Keep working on basic multiplication facts if your student needs to! In ELA we are reading about influential people such as Martin Luther King Jr, Harriet Tubman, and others. We are also very excited about minerals and rocks in Science, especially when we get to mine for minerals!

First

Although February is the shortest month of them all, our first graders are anything but short of learning and growing!

In ELA we have begun to focus more on reading TO learn by the use of informational text and learning how text features can help us as we are still learning to read with fluency for comprehension.

In math, our focus has been on place value and the relationship of addition and subtraction for two digit numbers by one digit numbers.

Third

February is an exciting month for third grade!

In ELA, we are wrapping up our theme on influential people and heading into Black History. To celebrate Black History Month, students will be reading biographies and learning about many remarkable Black Americans.

In Math, we are diving into the world of fractions! Students will be exploring how to model and represent fractions as numbers and how to compare fractions.

We are also very excited about exploring and learning about our solar system and the Sun in Science!

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home for twenty to thirty minutes every night. We are so proud of our students and how hard they have been working to meet their AR goals each week!

Fifth

5th grade had a great time seeing their literary benchmarks come to life in "Willy Wonka Jr" at Cypress Lake High School. This month we will be taking a trip to the Lee Civic Center on Feb. 7th for Drug House Odyssey. This is a program that teaches students the importance of making smart choices and staying drug-free.

We will continue working on literary elements of poems and dramas in ELA. In math, we will be working on multiplying decimals to the thousandths. In science we will be learning about Earth and Space.