

Rocky Mountain Elementary Cub Reporter



May 13, 2010



Calendar

May 13 – Thursday
PreK Family Night
3rd grade sleepover
May 18 – Tuesday
1st grade Wyoming Read
Jolley 2nd – Bowling
May 19 – Wednesday
1st grade field trip-Dairy
May 20 – Thursday
K field trip – Red Lodge
May 24 – Monday
1st grade field trip-
Fish Hatchery
May 25 – Tuesday
AR trip to REEF – Billings
May 26 – Wednesday
Last Day of School
Early Release – 12:15

FOR PARENTS

Just a reminder that you can access your student's lunch account and grades at this address:

ps.bgh1.k12.wy.us

The district website has access to each school's calendar, lunch menu, cub reporter, etc. The address is:

<http://www.bighorn1.com>

The DIBELS internet site to access your child's assessments is at this address:

<http://dibels.uoregon.edu/>

AR website for parents

<http://grizzread.bgh1.k12.wy.us>

Our mission statement: Equip all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for success.

School News: A Day at RMES



Mrs. Jolley's class



Mrs. Clark's class



Mrs. Sander's class



Mrs. Townsend's class



Mrs. Banks class



Mr. Honeyman's class



Mrs. Zwemer's class



Mrs. Kliewer class



Mrs. Troutman class



Mr. Winland's class



Ms. Merz class



Mrs. Crosby's class

Classroom News:

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Preschool – Mrs. Richards: We had a wonderful trip to the new school. It is really going to be beautiful! Thanks Groathouse for letting us come and see the progress. The last preschool **Family Night will be Thursday, May 13th from 5:30 to 6:30.** The **kindergarten teachers will be there for you to meet.** They will explain a little about the kindergarten program and will take us on a tour of the kindergarten rooms. **Dinner will be served!** The **last day for preschool** is on **Thursday, May 20th.** We will have a celebration of what they learned this year. All parents are invited. *Every child needs someone there to take them home.* The celebration will last about an hour and then you can take your child home.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Crosby- Mrs. Clark- Mr. Honeyman: School is quickly coming to a close and we have been busily working away! We are reviewing all of the Alpha Friends we've learned throughout the school year, finishing up standard assessments in language arts and math, and reviewing concepts and strategies studied throughout the year. The students have really advanced in their reading and it's showing in their DIBEL testing scores as well! Go Kinder Readers!!!

Next Thursday, May 20th, will be our field trip to the Beartooth Nature Center at Red Lodge, Montana. This will replace our Billings Zoo field trip that was canceled due to inclement weather. Please sign and return the NEW permission slip for your child by Monday, May 17th. Students need to bring a lunch from home as well. If you are interested in helping, please indicate on your students' permission slip.

1st Grade – Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Townsend:

2nd Grade – Mrs. Jolley: This week has been focused on finishing up a few math standards tests. These are concepts that we have worked on all year like place value, comparing and ordering numbers, and mental math skills. The students did very well on these assessments. We have begun the final selection in our reading anthology; it is called "The Mural". In writing the students are working on writing instructions. For science we have conducted several experiments and used the Scientific Method to discuss and write about them. Our field trip to meet our pen pals is coming up next Tuesday; I have sent notes home listing who needs to bring cookies, chips, or be a chaperone. Please ask your students about this note if you haven't seen it. You can also contact me. It has been a great week!

2nd Grade - Mrs. Sanders: GOOD JOB SECOND GRADERS!!! They are finished with the DIBELS testing and overall we did a fabulous job of benchmarking. We have until the 21st to reach our Accelerated reading goals. Most of the kids have reached them already, but we still have a few that are working at it. We had our store activity on Monday in math. I think the kids really enjoyed it and came to a better understanding of how money works. They were very smart shoppers and spent every penny that they had earned. In science we are learning about the scientific method and are having a fun time doing experiments. The kids took home a plastic bag and were to fill it with items that would keep an ice cube from melting, or let's say, melting the slowest. We had fun checking on them throughout the day to see whose was still ice and whose had become a puddle of water. In math we are working on probability. The words we are working with are impossible, possible, and certain. Let's keep up the good work while we finish out the school year.

3rd Grade – Mrs. Kliewer: On Monday we finally found an almost warm day to release our butterflies. They seemed happy to get outside and fly around. Mrs. Kliewer's friend visited 3rd grade and told them about the time he toured the United States on a bike. He even brought in his bike! 3rd graders are more than ready for their overnight. This was a very full and exciting week. Oh, and we even started our last story in our anthology. It is a Ramona story by Beverly Cleary.

3rd Grade - Mrs. Zwemer: Tonight is the 3rd grade overnight. We have lots of fun, learning activities planned. Third graders turned their butterflies loose on Monday. It was a little cold but we needed to let them go. We are finishing up our District Assessments in math and reteaching/retesting some of the students who did not pass them the first time. Our last CORE story of the year is a chapter from a Ramona book. We are enjoying it. Students will be finished with Charlotte's Web in time for the AR tests. We will be doing some writing and a play on it next week. Have a great summer enjoying your children. Please keep them reading. They have begun a good habit!

4th Grade - Mrs. Troutman: This week we read the story "Skylark" by Patricia MacLachlan. Drought has hit the prairie, and Sarah's family is having a tough time on the farm. After the barn burns, the family makes a decision to separate. With Sarah and the children going to stay with Sarah's aunts in Maine and Pa staying on to try to save the farm. We worked on the strategy of predict/infer and the skill of making inferences. In math we are doing a unit on three dimensional shapes. We have been busy making 3-D shapes like cubes, hexagonal prisms, and cylinders. We finished our unit on space and all the students did very well on their unit test.

4th Grade - Ms. Merz: We are finishing up fractions with a review of measurements this week. We also will be taking quite a few District Assessment Tests to finish out the year. The kids did a great job on their planet reports. We invite you to come and read them. They are hanging outside the classroom door. As a research project for writing the kids are putting together Wyoming travel brochures. They are doing online research about particular counties and gathering ideas together under headings along with pictures. Cassidy Crosby has finished her play and will be directing her UAP reading group in its performance. Everyone has a part. I might even get to open the curtains. We are hoping to put it on for the Talent Show on the 26th.

5th Grade – Mr. Winland: We are inching closer to having our rockets finished. Liftoff time could be late next week, or Monday and Tuesday the last week of school. Next Friday will be the last day to achieve Accelerated Reader goals. We are wrapping up the year with some district assessments in all of our subjects. We have one more story to read in our sixth grade book and then we will take the last theme skill test of the year.