

Rocky River Elementary School



Open House 2020

Welcome to 3rd Grade!

This is the beginning of an exciting year for your child - and for you! And even though things look different this year, please know we will work hard to make sure your child has an amazing 3rd grade experience.



Remote Learning - What is it?

Remote Learning refers a class that intends to meet face to face in a traditional setting, but may be started/transitioned online due to unforeseen circumstances (such as COVID-19).



What is Synchronous Learning?

Synchronous Learning is when the whole class is engaged in learning at the same time. The teacher is teaching a live class & the students are all logged in through Microsoft Teams to watch, learn, & interact.



What is Asynchronous Learning?

Asynchronous Learning is when students are engaged in learning at different times. The teacher will record instruction and/or activities for students to access at a later time when it is convenient.



How Does it All Work?

Teachers will use a learning management system called **Canvas**. Canvas is a virtual classroom. Just about everything your child will need to access will be found in Canvas.

Teachers will use an online meeting platform called **Microsoft Teams**. Teams allows many people to meet & work together at the same time.

Using Canvas & MS Teams, teachers will deliver remote instruction using a combination of synchronous & asynchronous learning.

Accessing Canvas

To get into Canvas, help your child take the following steps:

- Go to the Rocky River Elementary homepage:
(cabarrus.k12.nc.us/rockyriver)
- Click on the Clever icon 
- Log in (see teacher for login info)
- Click on the Canvas icon 
- Click on your teacher's Canvas Course



Accessing Microsoft Teams

Teachers will have a button on their Canvas homepage for your child to click that will give them access to Teams.



JOIN MY CLASS!

Monday-Thursday, they will go into Canvas & click that button to begin learning.**

On Friday, teachers will post videos & activities for the children to complete at their convenience.

You may want to try joining a little early to make sure your camera & speakers are working.

Our Schedule

Time	Monday - Thursday	Friday	
Whole Group Synchronous Learning			
8:30-8:50 Synchronous	Morning Meeting	Asynchronous Project Based Learning Activities and/or Independent Practice Activities	
8:50-9:00 Synchronous	Read Aloud		
9:00-9:10 Synchronous	Word Work		
9:10-9:20 Synchronous	Reading Mini-lesson		
9:20-9:55 Synchronous	Math Whole Group		
9:55-10:10 Synchronous	Science/SS Whole Group		
10:10-10:20 Synchronous	Writing Mini-lesson		
Asynchronous Learning and Synchronous Small Groups			
10:20-12:00 Combination	Synchronous Small Groups (Math/ELA)		
	Asynchronous Independent Practice (All Content Areas)		
12:00-12:45	Break/Lunch		
12:45-1:05 Combination	Monday/Wednesday: Istation ELA Tuesday/Thursday: i-Ready Math		
	Synchronous Services as needed ESL/AIG/EC		
1:05-1:50 Asynchronous	ENCORE		
1:50-2:20 Combination	Independent Reading		
	Synchronous Services as needed ESL/AIG/EC		



School Supplies

Since we are learning remotely, we won't need the usual supplies right now. To get started with this year, your child will need:

- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Lined notebook paper
- Composition books (4)
- Kid scissors
- Headphones



3rd Grade Curriculum

Reading - Our first unit will focus on characters & what shapes them. We will then move into informational reading for several weeks before coming back to characters & how they are connected across a series. As the year moves on, we will look at how cultures help shape one another. We will then finish out the year with biographies & reading about social issues.



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Math - The year begins with using data to solve problems. We will then move to solving word problems before jumping into multiplication & division. We will learn more about shapes & their attributes & then apply what we know in order to solve for area & perimeter. The last part of the year will be focused on learning fractions, measurement, & time.



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Writing - Our writing units include crafting true stories, informational writing, reading & reflecting on poetry, reading, adapting & crafting fairy tales, persuasive writing, & literary essays.



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Science - We will learn about the human body, earth's systems & structures, ecosystems, the universe, properties of matter, energy conservation & transfer, & forces & motion.

Social Studies - We will learn about earth's geographical processes, citizenship & government, cultural diversity, & resources.



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Social Emotional - Rocky River recognizes the importance of every child's social & emotional well-being. In the summer of 2019, teachers at RRES came together & created a SEL curriculum to address the specific needs we were seeing in our students. Our monthly themes include: responsibility, self-discipline, empathy, kindness, integrity, friendship, mindfulness, respect, & perseverance. We teach SEL each day during Morning Meeting time.



What Can You Do to Help?

- Communicate frequently - This is new to all of us, so please reach out if you have questions or concerns.
- Encourage your child to read every night - So important!
- Make a special spot for your child to be “at school”.
- Give your child help as needed.
- Talk to your child about his/her day! (What was the best thing you learned? What are you looking forward to next time? etc.)
- Be patient - with your child & with the teacher. :)



Questions?

