

Literacy First:

Kids can lose two months' worth of reading skills over the summer. CRAZY, huh? That means the teachers at Ruth Clark will spend much of September and October just trying to get kids back to where they were in May. Imagine if, instead, your child came back to school the same place they were when they left in May or maybe even ahead. IT CAN HAPPEN! And, it can be simple and fun! As you make plans for the summer break, please help keep kids' skills fresh by trying some of these fun activities:

- Go on a scavenger hunt – have a written list (or pictures if your child is in PreK/KDG) of things for your child to read and look for outside. Be creative!
- Read and write a recipe of your favorite foods, then make that food. Ask your child to help with measurement and talk about the fact that a cup is more than a tablespoon.
- Hide sight words around your home and ask your child to go find “have” or whatever words you have posted.
- Check out some funny poems from your library and read them in silly voices together.
- Listen to books online, discuss the characters, setting, plot, etc.
- Have your child keep a running total of your estimated expense at the grocery store.
- Play “I Spy” using rhyming words, initial or final sounds, syllables, etc. “I spy something that starts with the sound /s/.”
- Read lyrics to their favorite songs and sing them.
- Write compound words (or any words) in shaving cream, sand or play dough.
- Use side-walk chalk to create words with prefixes and suffixes.
- Read signs you see in your environment – billboards, businesses, etc.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer vacation ~ Don't forget to READ!

Questions or concerns?

Contact your child's teacher or email me at SStein@usd261.com

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RUTH CLARK ELEMENTARY

MAY NEWSLETTER



April 26, 2017

Mrs. Carla Wulf, Principal

Tuesday, May 2 – Kindergarten Roundup at 10:00am. If you have a child that will be 5 years old before August 31 and is **not attending pre-k**, this is for you. You will need to bring immunization records, birth certificate, and proof of residence (current electricity, gas, or water bill).



Wednesday, May 3 – 1st grade field day from 8:45 – 11:15 am. 3rd grade field day from 12:45 – 3:15pm.

Thursday, May 4 – 2nd grade field day from 9:00 – 11:30am. 4th grade field day from 1:00 – 3:30pm.

Friday, May 5 – 5th grade field day from 9:00 – 11:30am. Kindergarten field day from 12:45 – 3:15pm.



Tuesday, May 9 – District wide Band concert at **Nelson Elementary, 125 Delos**, at 7:00pm.



Wednesday, May 10 – 1st and 2nd grades will go to Lawrence Dumont Stadium to take in a Wingnuts game. They will leave our building at 10:00 and return at 2:30.

Thursday, May 11 – 5th grade will have their Invention Fair in the gym from 2:00 – 3:15pm.



Thursday, May 11- District wide Orchestra concert at **Nelson Elementary, 125 Delos**, at 7:00pm.

Friday, May 12 – “Spring Fun Run”. Kindergarten & 1st grades will run at 2:15, 2nd & 3rd grades will run at 2:45, and 4th & 5th grades will run at 3:15. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their student, and are welcome to join in and run with their students. The races will be held in the field west of the school.



Wednesday, May 17 – School zoo trip. Buses will leave our building at 8:30am and return at 2:30pm.



Thursday, May 18 – The year end talent show will be at 9:00am in the gym.

Thursday, May 18 – Early dismissal. School will be dismissed at 11:40am.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!