



Ridgewood Elementary Schools K-5 Summer Update

Dear Parents & Guardians,

June 20, 2023

Happy Summer! We are so proud of our students, staff, and families for working together to make this year possible. We hope you all enjoy a restful and fun vacation!

Summer Reading

Ridgewood School Librarians have compiled fabulous summer reading lists that are sure to please!

[Summer Reading List K-1](#)

[Summer Reading List 2-3](#)

[Summer Reading List 4-5](#)

23-24 School Year Planning

We are excited to share that all district elementary schools will be expanding our commitment to inclusive classroom practices next year by scheduling certain classes in reading, writing, and math to be co-taught by two educators, one who is elementary certified, and one who is special education certified. This research-based best practice is the culmination of a collaboration with the New Jersey Center for Inclusive Education, and with the Board of Education's support, we have hired additional staffing to implement this shared vision for student success. The support of two teachers in certain classes will enhance students' experiences with differentiated instruction by affording teachers the opportunity to collaboratively plan lessons and target small group instruction based on students' formative progress. Our teachers have been engaged in professional development to enhance their proficiency with best practices for an inclusion model, and as a district, we are committed to ongoing support of this initiative. We are pleased to take next steps toward advancing our inclusive classroom practices, and look forward to sharing updates at the start of the next school year.

Technology Update

This summer, our IT department will clean and repair our Chromebooks for students in grades K-5. Although your child will no longer have their own dedicated device at home, they do have access to many of our online resources for practice. The following programs will be available to our K-5 students this summer:

- Savvas Learning Realize (our math program enVision 2.0)
- IXL Math
- Explore Learning Reflex Math
- Raz Plus
- Google Classroom

As a reminder, parents can find their student login information via Skyward:

1. Login to Skyward Family Access by [clicking this link](#)
2. Choose your child's name from the top of the page
3. Click the "Portfolio" tab on the left-hand side of the screen
4. Under your child's name, click the link "**Online Curriculum 2022-23**" to view the instructions on accessing student usernames and passwords and Online Curricular Sites. **This will also include information about signing in from a non-district-issued device.**
5. Your child's individual letter with username and password information will download for you to access

In mid-late August, teacher assignments and schedules will be transferred in Skyward. Once this rollover occurs, students will lose access to some district programs.

We encourage our families to find a way to keep learning alive in these summer months. Remember, there are many ways to do so without being online. As a family, you can play a game, measure your garden plants, write a card, letter, or email to a family member or friend, talk about the news and other current events, and most importantly - read, read, read!

Wishing you a healthy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

The Elementary Principal Team

Mary Ferreri, Caroline Hoffman, Lorna Oates-Santos, Michael Piacenza, Brian Ross, Shauna Stovell