

READING RANCH ROUNDUP



USD #417

November 2016



Important Dates

- 11/4 – NO SCHOOL
- 11/8 – PHEs Picture Retakes
- 11/11 – CGES Picture Retakes
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day Assembly at CGES 2:25 pm
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day Program at PHEs 7:00 pm

Thank a veteran who served in the US Armed Forces.

- 11/15 – America Recycles Day

Keep America beautiful by recycling your empty water bottles and aluminum cans

- 11/22 – PHEs Pioneer Day
- 11/23-11/25 – Thanksgiving Break

- 11/24 – Thanksgiving Day Share with your family what you are thankful for.

- 11/25 – “You’re Welcomegiving” Day Say “You’re Welcome!” Use #KRRYoureWelcome to post on social media

- 11/28 – Classes Resume

Fall Fun for Kids of All Ages

Say “hello” to fall fun for kids of all ages. The change of seasons can be bittersweet with the departure of warm weather. But the cooler temperatures of fall being a new batch of fun activities for your family with them.

1. Start a Tradition

Family traditions are handed down from generation to generation and can give your kids memories they’ll share with their own children. Start a new tradition that gets your family excited as fall arrives. Make every Saturday family movie night at home during the fall and winter months. Whatever idea you decide upon, keep the tradition alive every year.

2. Play in the Leaves

Get the family to rake all the leaves into pretty little piles. Take a running start and jump in. Playing in the leaves is one of those childhood memories even we big kids like to relive. After you get the leaves out of your hair, save some as a memento. Use them and pictures of your fun day to create a fall scrapbook page.

3. Attend High School Games Together

Pack the family up and head to the gym to share a bag of popcorn and watch some great basketball. Going to a high school game supports your local schools and gets the family out of the house. The kids will have as much fun sitting in the bleachers

and watching their high school friends as they would if you’d paid for the pricey tickets to see the pros.

4. Create Fall Crafts

Fall is a gorgeous season and your children’s crafts can reflect its beauty. The botany behind leaves changing color opens up the door to make leaf art, a leaf rubbing or other creative leaf projects. And you will find many ideas of crafts for Thanksgiving at your local library, at the website listed below, or on Pinterest. Work together with your children to create something unique for the holiday.

More ideas at www.stayathomemoms.about.com

November is National Literacy Month

Get together with your family and read a book together! Reading together is fun. Allow your child to read and read aloud to them. Use #KRRLiteracyMonth to post on social media. You can even include a photo of your family reading together!

Kids have more fun reading when they read books that interest them. During the month of November, each Reading Ranch student will choose one book from our Reading Ranch library to keep.

In addition, each student will be provided with a code that can be used at home to read

from a wide variety of books online. Notes will be sent home during November with Reading Ranch students containing your child’s individual access information.

#KRRLiteracyMonth – We love to read!

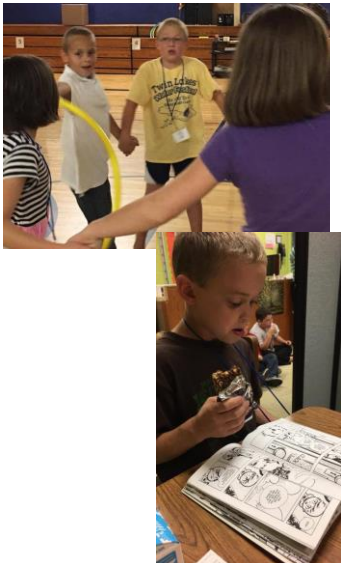


Fall Semester End Date

The information that came home during enrollment indicated that the final day of Fall Reading Ranch would be Monday, December 12th. Please make note that due to missing Halloween day, our final day for the fall semester will be: Tuesday, December 13th.

There is no cost for students to attend the Reading Ranch program thanks to funding provided by Kansas Reading Roadmap, a project funded by the Kansas Department for Children and Families working in partnership with the Kansas Department of Education to promote third grade reading through locally-driven public/private partnerships.

www.readingroadmap.org



Communicating With Your School Year-Round

- Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, or email or phone the teacher. *We need you on our team!*
- Think ahead: at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's successes and challenges.

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Celebrating Proud Partners

There is nothing that we like better at Reading Ranch than celebrating student success. Your children work hard (while having lots of fun) at Reading Ranch and we want them to know that their hard work is acknowledged and celebrated.

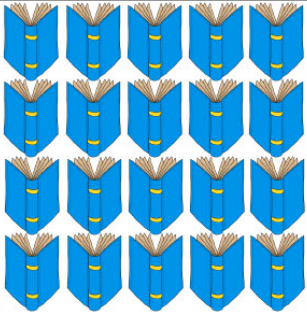


This month, Reading Ranch tutors will have access to Proud Partner postcards that can be sent home with students who meet their goals, make exceptional choices and go out of their way to support their peers.

Students will be encouraged to share the postcards with their parents and care givers. Please join us in celebrating your child when he or she brings a postcard home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If a student starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.