

Panther Press

R I V E R B E N D E L E M E N T A R Y



Communication

This month the durable skill that we are working on is COMMUNICATION. The Portrait of an NC Graduate is broken down into 7 durable skills that students should have before they graduate <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/operation-polaris/portrait-graduate>, we are focusing on one of these skills each month.

Ideas to encourage communication at home:

- Ask Open-Ended Questions: Rather than asking questions that require a simple “yes” or “no” answer.
- Nature Walk and Talk: Take a walk outside and encourage your child to talk about what they see, hear, smell, and feel.
- Letter Writing: Help your child write letters to family members or friends.
- Monitor Screen time: Limit your child’s screen time, and encourage real-life interactions and face-to-face communication.
- Playdates: Set up playdates or social gatherings outside of school where your child can interact with peers.

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Dec. 5th- Dec.13th: 18 Week Testing (3rd, 4th, and 5th)
- Thursday, Dec. 14th : 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade Families invited for Christmas Lunch
- Friday, Dec. 15th: 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Christmas Concert, 1:30 PM
- Friday, Dec. 22nd: 12:30 Dismissal
- Dec. 25th- Jan. 5th: No School, Christmas Holiday Break



Christmas Lunch

1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade families are invited to join us for Christmas Lunch on Thursday, December 14th. Our Riverbend students will eat for free, but any family member meals (adult or child) will be \$6. Look for an RSVP to come home soon!

Clifton: 10:45- 11:15 AM Eller: 11:00- 11:30 AM

Carter: 11:30- 12:00 PM Reilly: 11:45- 12:15 PM

Finger: 12:15- 12:45 PM Landt: 12:30- 1:00 PM



December Attendance Incentive

At the end of December, two new names (K-2 winner and 3-5 winner) will be drawn to receive free admission and 10 tickets for our January Panther Party Fun Night! Each week students with Perfect, Perfect Attendance (no absences, checkouts, or tardies) will put their names in the bucket for a chance to win the prize!

Remember that the tardy bell rings at 8:00 AM, any student who arrives after the tardy bell will receive a tardy and will not be eligible that week.

18 Week Testing

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be participating in the 18-week Benchmark Assessments on the following days:

- **December 5: Reading Assessment**
- **December 6: Math Assessment**
- **December 12: 5th Grade Science Assessment**

***Some students test over multiple days, so their test days will differ.*

Teachers will use these assessments to monitor progress towards grade level reading, math, and science standards. The information obtained from these formative assessments will help us navigate individual progress through guided instruction and the implementation of interventions and/or enrichment where needed.

As with any assessment, it is essential that your child puts forth his or her best effort. Please assist us by making sure your child is well-rested, eats a nutritious breakfast, arrives at school on time, and is encouraged to do their very best.

