

ROCK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

# Rock Ridge Review

September 2023

400 Heritage Avenue, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Weather Closure: 303-387-SNOW

Attendance Line: 303-387-5152

Office: 303-387-5150

## Principal Message

Dear Rock Ridge Families,

Happy September! Although it feels like summer still, fall will be here shortly and cooler weather is around the corner. Please remember to have your students dressed appropriately.

In case you missed it, we had an amazing back to school BBQ last August with a huge turnout. Thank you, PTO, staff, and the community, for helping us kick off the year with a great social event.

Interested in volunteering? We would love to have you! If you are interested, please reach out to Mr. Dee for volunteer opportunities.

Some friendly reminders:

- Supervision at school starts at 8:20am. Do not drop your child off early due to safety concerns.
- In addition, students are not to be playing on the playground before or after school unless they
- are part of the BASE program where there is direct supervision. Thank you for your understanding.
- Messages for students need to be in the office by 3:00 pm each day.
- Leave messages on the attendance line for all tardies and absences.
- Stay in your vehicle when in the kiss-and-go in order to keep the line moving quickly.
- Don't forget to say hello to Mr. Mosby with fist bumps, high fives and thumbs up!

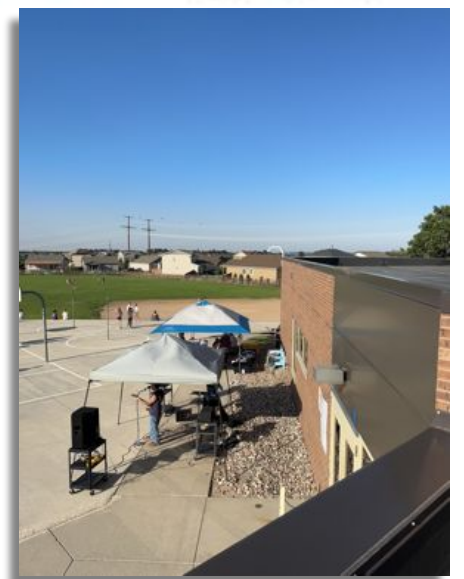
Thank you everyone again for all of your support. Our staff and I greatly appreciate you, our community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mosby, Principal  
Rock Ridge Elementary



Mr. Richard playing his guitar



### HOURS

First Bell: 8:30 am  
 School Begins: 8:35 am  
 All Dismiss: 3:30 pm  
 AM Kinder: 8:30-11:15  
 PM Kinder: 12:45-3:30

Principal: Peter Mosby  
 Assistant Principal: Julie Roach





# RRE Calendar

## Upcoming Events:

### Wednesday, Sept. 27

- Fun Run Donations Due (Money Due Monday 10/2)

### Thursday, Sept. 28

- Climbing Club @ 7:15
- Orchestra @ 7:30
- Band @ 3:45

### Friday, September 29

- 5th Grade Walking Field Trip (8:45-12:45)

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 2: Rock Ridge Run Funds Due
- October 6: Rock Ridge Run Prize Day
- October 9 - 11: 6th Grade Outdoor Ed
- October 16-20: Fall Break
- October 27: Monster Mash
- November 3: No School
- November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break
- December 25-January 5: Winter Break
- January 8: Teacher Work Day
- January 9: First Day Back with Students

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# Thank

# You

Rock Ridge would like to send a big **Thank You** to **212 Pizza Co** for the wonderful and generous lunch they provided to staff on Sept 15th. The lunch was delicious and we thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it. Your kindness filled our hearts and souls.



# Counselor's Corner



Hi! Welcome to the 23-24 school year. I am happy to serve as the Rock Ridge Elementary School Counselor. I am starting my 4th year at Rock Ridge! What does a School Counselor do? A lot! [School Counselor Roles and Responsibilities](#)

The beginning of a new school year is an exciting, yet challenging time. There can be a lot of anxiety about having new teachers, new friends, new routines, and new things to learn! Our attitudes and mindset can be the key to conquering those worries. Separation anxiety is fairly common. Use this [link](#) to learn more about separation anxiety.

988 is the new emergency crisis line. Read about 988 [here](#). October 10th is World Mental Health Day. Are you familiar with [warning signs](#) of someone in a mental health crisis?

September 11-15 was Student Sleep Health Week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau report that 78% of high school students and 34% of children don't get sufficient sleep on an average school night. Read [here](#) about understanding the importance of good sleep and how much sleep kids need.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. It is important to recognize the differences between mean/ rude moments, normal peer conflict, teasing, and true bullying. According to [Stopbullying.Gov](#), bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Because of the popularity of smartphones, social media, and video games, cyberbullying continues to be a problem. This [video](#) has some great information about cyberbullying.

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The Front Range Food Pantry is a gracious partner with Rock Ridge Elementary. If your family is in need of extra support with groceries, please request food assistance [here](#).

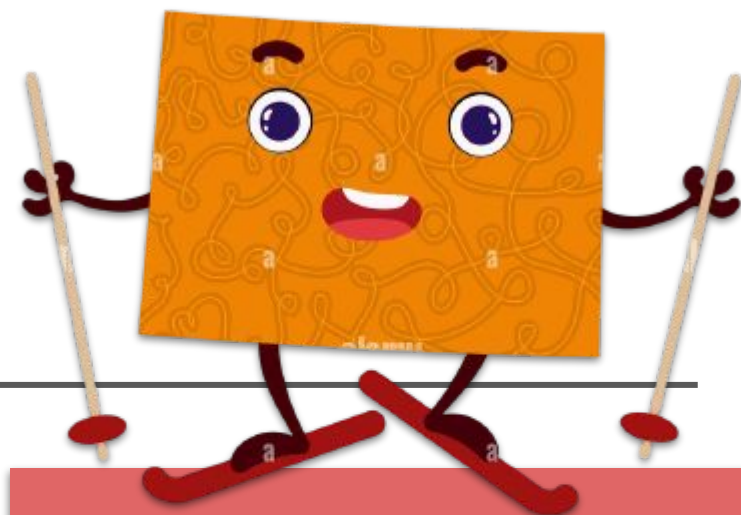
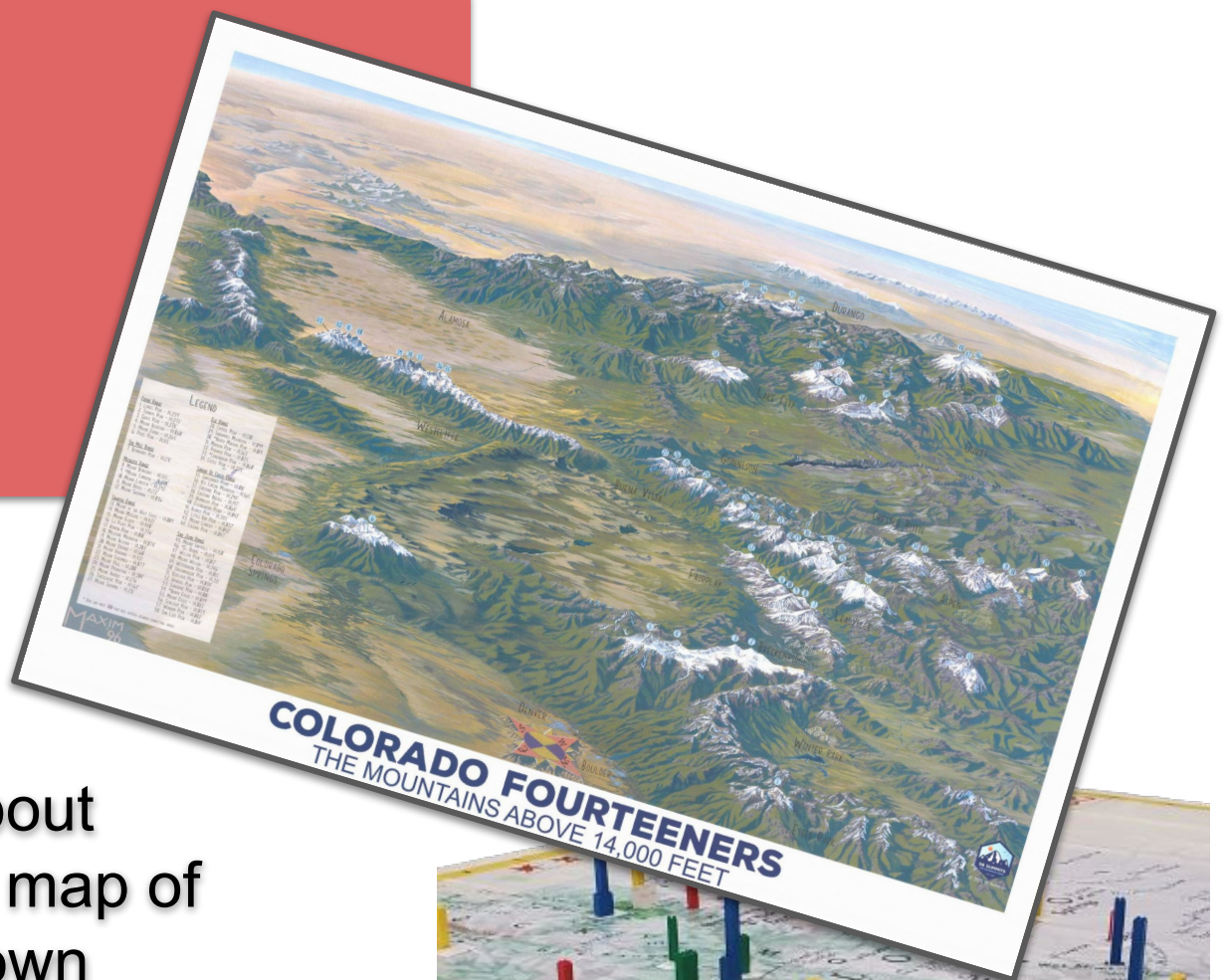
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# LIBRARY NOOK

## COLORADO MAP

4th grade continued learning about Colorado history by exploring a map of the state. They learned about town names, elevation, and climbing mountains. Coach Lentz and Mr. Goldman came by to speak about their experiences climbing our 14ers.



COLORADO

Laura Keller  
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# Celebrating Students

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## PLANT SCIENCE

The 5th Graders have been learning all about plants in our Sharing the Planet planner. They have been spending time in the garden, dissecting flowers, planting seeds and showing their learning through the cool comics they have written.



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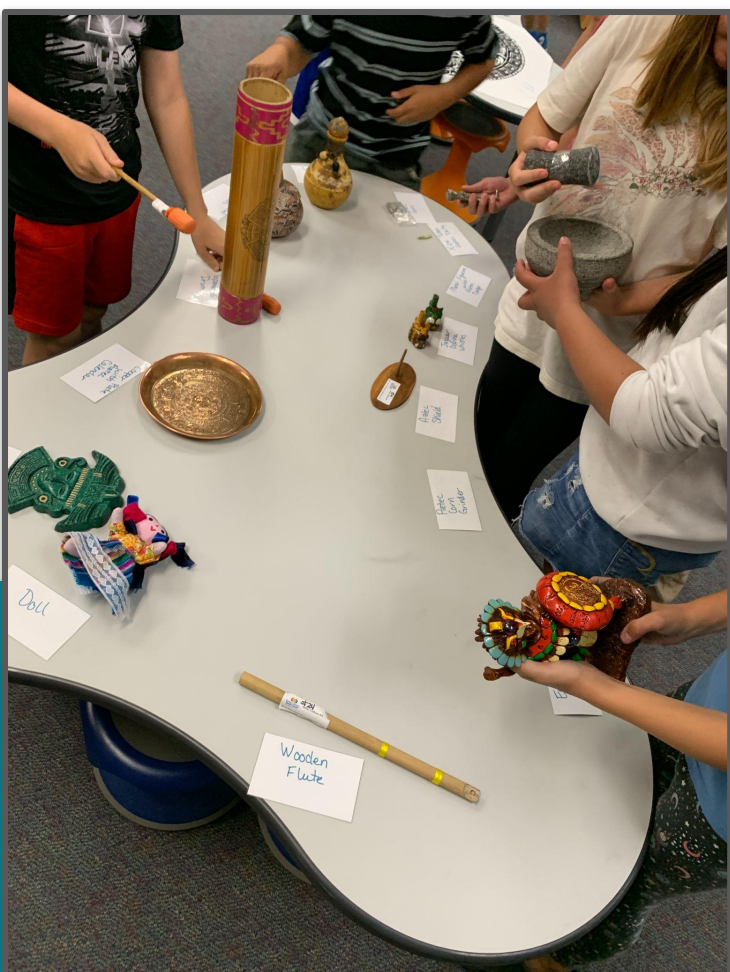


## FOOD CHAINS

6th grade students demonstrated their knowledge of food chains by recreating a food chain of their choice as a “collage”.

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

6th grade started their Western Hemisphere unit by examining artifacts from different countries.



# Celebrating Students



## BIRDS

On Thursday Mrs. Hodgkiss' class worked on finding why birds have different shaped beaks with a fun experiment.



## COMMUNITY MEMBERS

1st grade continued learning about community members by trying on a firefighter's coat and a safety vest for police officers. They also were able to try on other uniforms that doctors, construction workers, chefs, and mail carriers wear.





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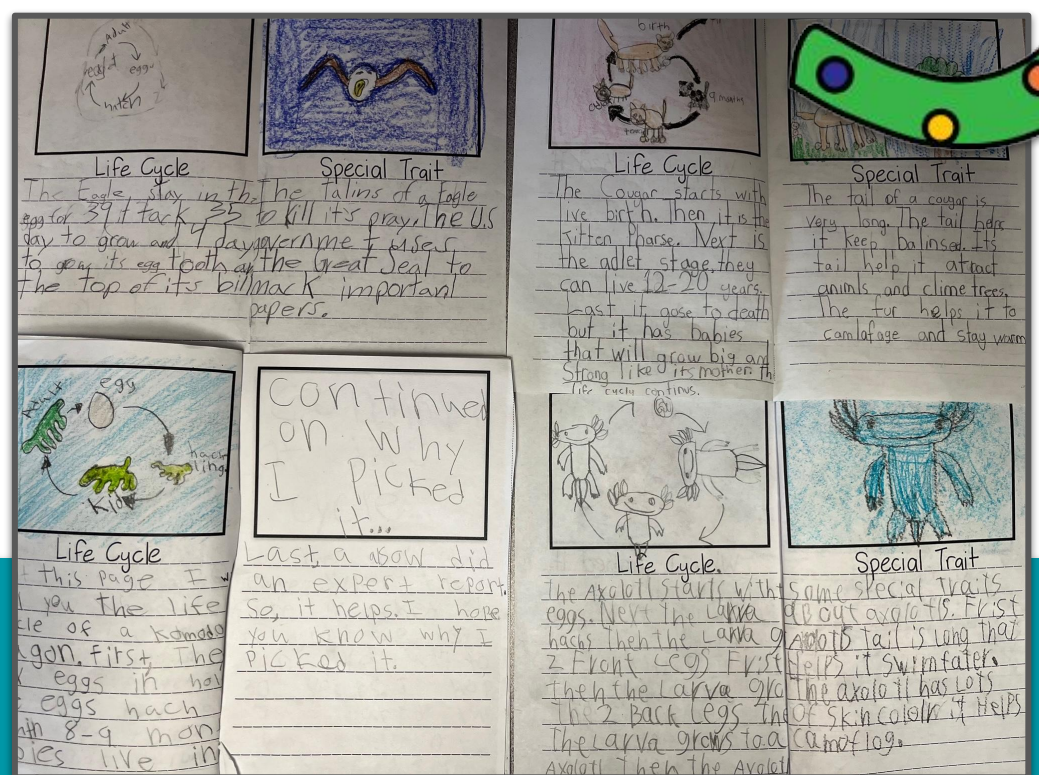


## SAFETY FIRST

2nd grade students have been learning about how to live healthily and safely.

## ANIMAL CYCLES

3rd Grade Students made animal cycle books. They researched an animal of their choice. They wrote about life cycle duration, animal traits, and special facts about the animal.



# SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT



The Kids did an outstanding job on the Rock Ridge Run! Here are a few things to keep in mind:

## After Run

- Remind students/parents of Money Collection Due Date: **October 2.**
- We are encouraging all online donations, but if you have students bring in checks/cash, please send them to the office.

## Prize Day (Oct. 6)

- Pass out prize packs to students on Prize Day (these will be delivered to your classrooms)
- Attend Prize Day assembly with your class (more details to come)

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## **CELEBRATIONS:**

### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Hispanic Heritage Month offers a wonderful opportunity to explore Hispanic culture, pick up some Spanish language skills, or immerse yourself in the works of Hispanic and Latino authors. There are various engaging activities you can partake in during this time, such as watching informative videos about the significance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month or indulging in some creative crafting like making bracelets or earrings with a Hispanic touch. This month holds great significance, making it a perfect occasion to honor and celebrate Hispanic culture.

*By Brinley Burman*



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## STUDY TIPS:

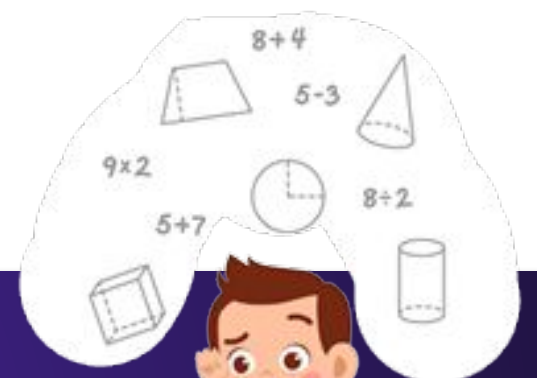
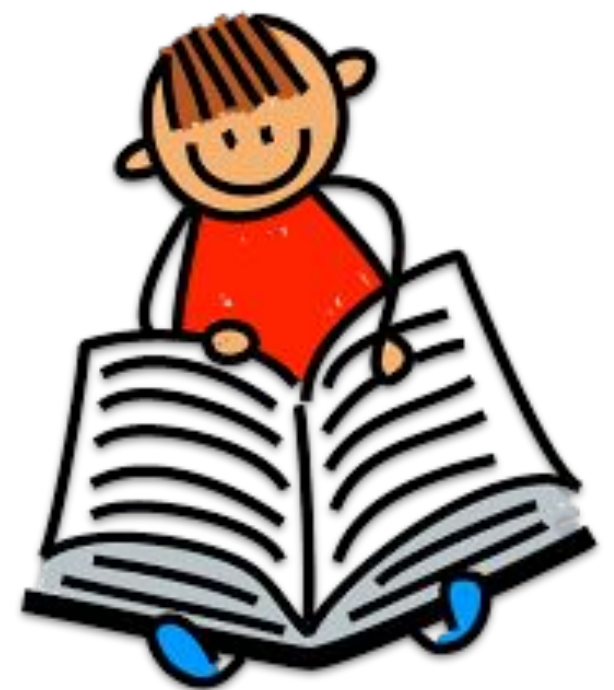
An essential aspect of effective studying is the use of a daily or weekly to-do list, which can significantly enhance your productivity. Additionally, employing a calendar or planner can further aid in organizing your tasks and schedule. Another valuable strategy is rising early to tackle your workload. Furthermore, reading more can have a positive impact on your performance in all subjects.

*By: Mila Cer*

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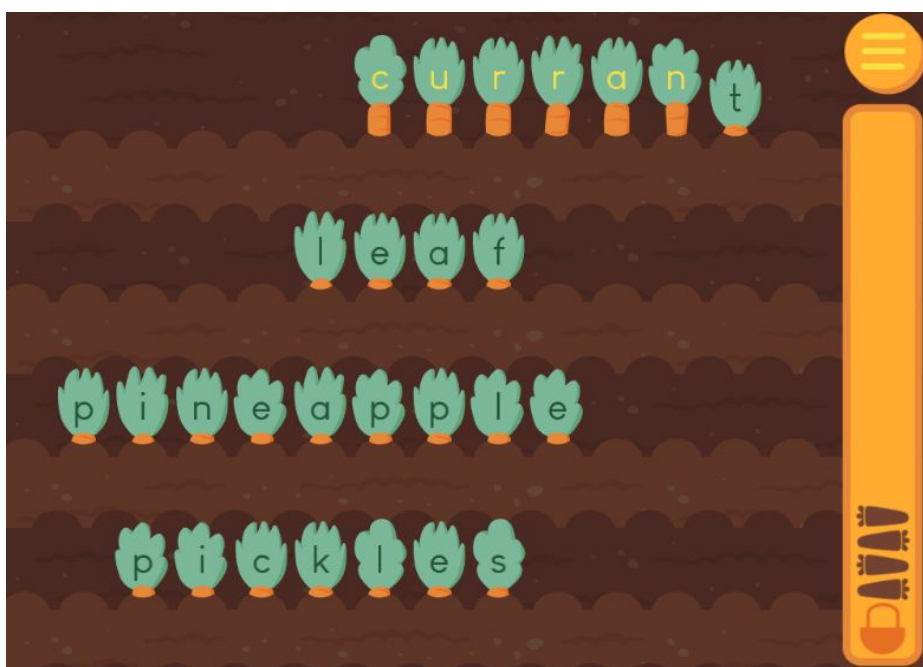


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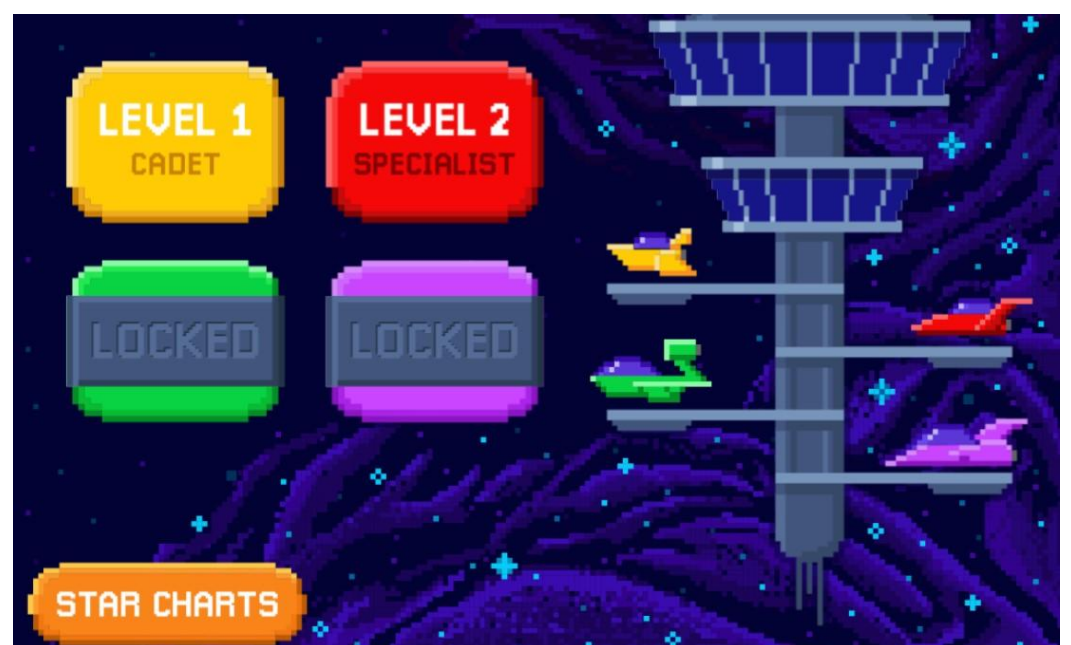
## EDUCATIONAL GAMES



This game, called 'Keys and Carrots,' revolves around typing skills, as the name suggests. It's available on ABCya and is suitable for 6th graders and beyond. In the game, you input words or sentences (whichever you prefer) to earn carrots. For example, I chose the word 'currant,' and upon typing it, I received one carrot. Your goal is to fill up the progress bar on the right to complete each level.

Welcome to 'Constellation Station,' a game designed to foster both drawing skills and knowledge about constellations. In this interactive experience, your task is to recreate constellations, such as Ursa Minor, which is shown below. The ultimate objective is to successfully draw all the constellations featured in the game. 'Constellation Station' also offers a leveling system with ranks, starting from 'Cadet' and progressing upward to 'Specialist,' as illustrated above. As you ascend the ranks, you'll encounter more challenging constellations to draw.

*By Chase Burger*



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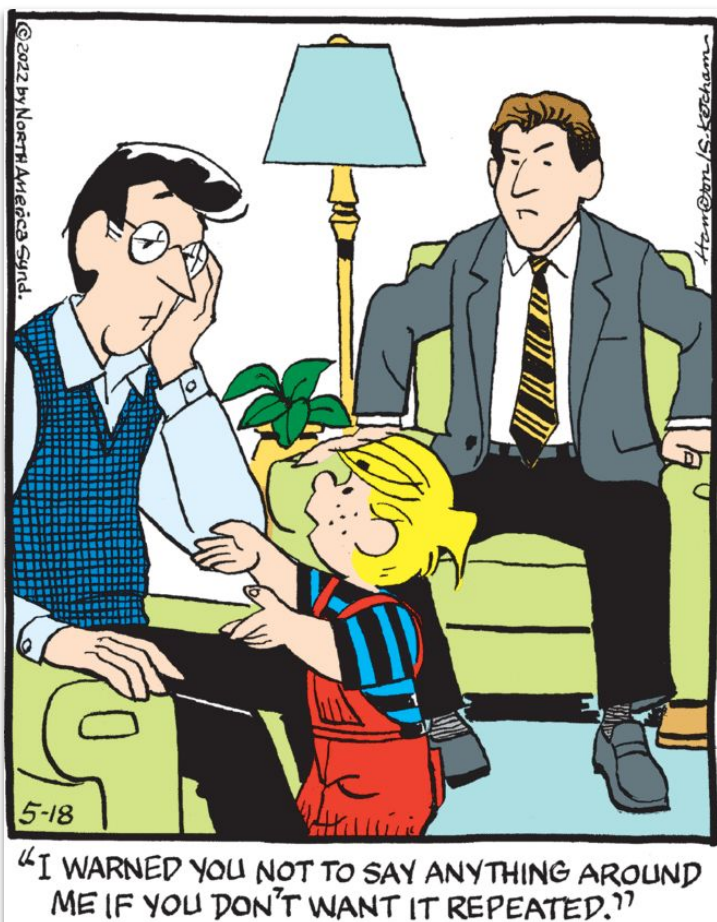


## COMICS & RIDDLES

How do you stop squirrels playing football in the garden?

*Hide the ball, it drives them nuts.*

Whenever I go running I meet new people, like the paramedics.



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## INSPIRATION

“When you have a dream, you’ve got to grab it and never let it go.” Carol Burnett

I think that this inspirational quote is a really good one because it means that never give up on a dream you have. (Unless scientifically it’s impossible).

*By Mila Cer and Kyreena Pervere*



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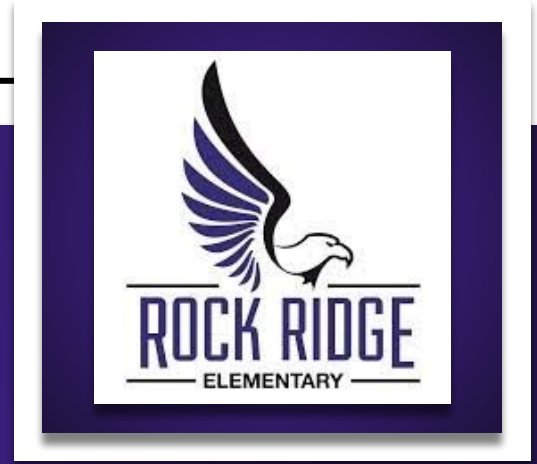
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Orchard  
Acorns  
Teacher  
Sunflower  
Christianity

Aster  
Morning Glory  
Equinox  
September  
Apple Pie  
Fall

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# International Baccalaureate

## INQUIRING MINDS

### "What is Labor Day, and why do we celebrate it?"

"What is Labor Day, and why do we celebrate it? Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September, is a widely celebrated holiday, but its significance may not be clear to everyone. This occasion holds great meaning as it recognizes and honors the contributions of workers to our nation. While the word 'labor' implies work, Labor Day isn't just another workday. In fact, it's far from it. In 1894, the U.S. Congress officially designated Labor Day as a national holiday, a tradition that continues to this day.

So, how do you personally celebrate Labor Day, if you do? We'd love to hear about your traditions and how you commemorate this special day!"

*By- Kyreena Pervere*





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