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March

- 4:** First Friday Chats with Higher Education
- 7-11:** Spring Break, no school, ECEC childcare available
- 7 & 21:** SRS Ed Board Mtg, 5:15 p.m. via MS Teams
- 14-25:** NWEA Testing, Spring Benchmark (K-6 grade)
- 15:** Kinder Roundup Drive-Thru Event, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 23:** Early Release Day

April

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- 6 & 20:** Early Release
- 7 & 21:** SRS Ed Board Mtg, 5:15 p.m. via MS Teams
- 11-22:** BIE/ELA Math Testing (3-6 grade)
- 15:** Spring Holiday, No School
- 26 & 27:** BIE Science Testing (5th grade)

O'odham/Piipaash Word of the Month

O'odham: Kiohuḍ
Piipaash: Kulyishee
English: Rainbow

Message from the Principal

It seems February passed by in the blink of an eye, and I, for one, am looking forward to sunshine and brighter days! The month of March is a time of transitioning from the many winter activities and into spring. We also want to keep our students focused on doing their best in school. Thank you to all of our students, staff, and families for your participation and continuous support.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up: Gates off Highland Avenue open at 7:30 a.m. for students to be dropped off - not earlier! SRES staff do not start their day until 7:30 a.m. For safety reasons, it is imperative these times are followed by all families. We care about your child's safety.

From 7:15–7:45 a.m., the entrance off Center Street is for staff and visitors to the school only. Lately, we have been experiencing traffic backup prior to 7:30 a.m., which impedes staff from parking to begin their day.

Beginning at 7:46 a.m., parents are to bring students through the Center Street entrance gate, park the car in a parking space, and enter the office to sign your child in tardy for the day.

Report Cards: Quarter 3 report cards will go out to homes on Friday, March 18. Your child's teacher will provide information based on either progress towards grade-level standards or the percentage of work completion during remote/virtual learning.

Kindergarten Registration: Will begin with Kinder Roundup Drive-Thru Event is Tuesday, March 15, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the SRES parking lot along Highland Avenue. The SRES Registrar, Erica Richardson, will be there to help families fill out enrollment forms and will accept completed applications for the 2022-23 school year. We are so grateful that the Early Childhood Education Center is donating fantastic prizes for this event; families who submit a completed kindergarten enrollment form will be entered into a drawing - you could win one of two family packs to Great Wolf Lodge or a brand new Nintendo Switch!

If your child will turn 5 years old by September 1, 2022, they can enroll in kindergarten. Come by for more information. Please be sure to bring in all necessary documents - visit our website for more information.

Thank you,

Dr. Guerrero, SRES Principal
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Congratulations to January's Student of the Month: **Olivia McGilbary (FACE)**

Ms. Sekaquaptewa, Olivia's teacher, says that Olivia had great attendance and participation during Virtual Learning. She is always happy to participate with her classmates and teacher and has a positive attitude.





Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. *Anthony J. D'Angelo*

Spring Summative Testing

As we approach 4th Quarter, we want to remind parents and guardians that the 4th Quarter is our testing season. We will begin our annual Spring Summative Testing after Spring Break. Please be aware of the following dates.

- NWEA Testing March 14-25
- BIE ELA & Math, April 11-22
- BIE Science for 5th Grade, April 26 & 27

These tests will help us gather data regarding your child's learning and help us meet their educational needs. It is very important that your child is in attendance these days to take their assessments. Please ensure your child is well rested for their tests.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Read Across America began years ago with the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and has spread from coast to coast into an annual event celebrating **reading** as a skill, a past time, and a passion! When someone is a **READER**, they can become anything they want, achieve anything they want, read anything they want! **READERS** are writers, thinkers, dreamers, leaders, wonderers....the list goes on and on....

Think about it: What is the last book you read? What is your favorite book? How about your least favorite book? Responding to these questions may have been a snap if you read a lot. Do you want to bake a cake? Unless you know the recipe by heart, you will need to be able to read a cookbook. Going on a road trip? The ability to read a map and road signs will definitely be essential. Catching up on current events? **Reading** a newspaper or navigating the Internet is a must!

But you know what else about **READERS**? **READERS** are better learners, **READERS** are more successful, **READERS** are well-informed and **READERS** are actually more motivated to do....more **reading**!

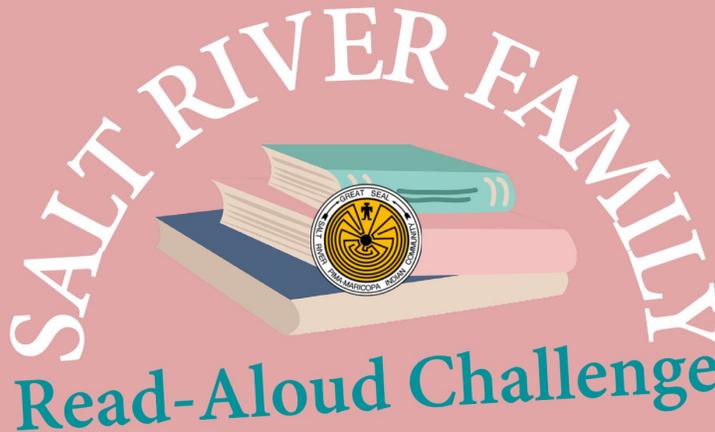
Join in our celebration (and our reading challenge!) by reading as a family. Read aloud, share a book. Set a timer and spend dedicated time reading to yourself, to somebody, or to everybody! **Just read!**

CHALLENGE:
READ 25 BOOKS
AS A FAMILY
BY MAY 4
(ORAL STORYTELLING COUNTS!)

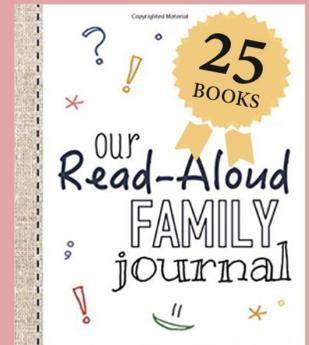
Open to all SRPMIC Families!
Prizes awarded to families who complete the challenge!

Sign up for the challenge and get your family reading journal: email Literacy@saltriverschools.org or call 480-362-2063.

More details about the challenge can be found at www.SaltRiverSchools.org.



The Salt River Family Read-Aloud Challenge encourages families to read 25 books together now through Wednesday, May 4. Sign up today and we'll give you a read-aloud family journal to record the books and stories your family shares.



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FACE Celebrates 20 years in Salt River



Twenty years ago, on Feb. 22, 2002, the Family And Child Education (FACE) program came to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as a new way to engage families of young children through play, literacy, and other holistic and culturally relevant education techniques.

Today, FACE operates out of Salt River Elementary School. The program continues to focus on child development, the importance of parent-child interaction, early detection and intervention for any learning or development issues, learning through play, and school readiness.

FACE serves the Community and surrounding urban areas with the belief that “parents and caregivers are a child’s first and most influential teachers.” FACE offers families several ways to prepare their children for educational success:

- **Home Base:** Families with children who are prenatal to 3 years old receive programming in the comfort of their own homes.
- **Early Childhood:** Programming in a classroom setting to help children ages 3-4 years old prepare for kindergarten.
- **Adult Education:** FACE educators work with the adults of participating children (as well as children in grades K-3, if applicable) to achieve educational and occupational goals.

The program requires families to be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, live within Maricopa County, and complete an enrollment form. Families who register will need to provide their child’s birth certificate, a Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal ID, and their child’s immunization records (or doctor-signed exemption form).

If you have questions or are ready to get started with your registration form, visit the FACE information page at sres.saltriversschools.org or reach FACE at 480-362-2400.

Many FACE parents have had success in furthering their own education and finding employment—some have gone on to become staff at Salt River Schools. FACE staff are always proud when program families reach or exceed their goals.

We wouldn’t be able to celebrate 20 years without the support of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Salt River Schools Education Board, and Salt River Schools staff. The leadership and opportunities provided by SRPMIC and SRS are invaluable. Thank you also to Salt River Elementary School for being a safe place for children, families, and staff to learn and grow. Finally, our deepest gratitude to all past and present FACE participants and team members for your part in making the last 20 years a success.

To future FACE families: We can’t wait for you to become a part of our program and learn how vital you are to your child’s growth and education.

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These simple tips will ready your child for kindergarten success!

Every child develops at their own pace. These tips are based on Arizona's current academic standards. If you have specific questions about grade-level standards, please contact your child's teacher. Information courtesy of [Expect More Arizona](#).

Practice personal skills, such as buttoning, snapping, zipping, tying, washing hands, and putting things away. Providing opportunities for your child to manage personal life skills will build confidence.

Create a task chart. Having simple jobs at home builds responsibility, self-confidence, and a sense of accomplishment.

ABCs and 123s: Help your child notice numbers, shapes, letters, and words everywhere you go. Provide opportunities for your child to count, measure and compare.

Read, read, read! Reading is a valuable time to bond with your child and prepare them for success. Take time to ask your child questions that allow them to retell the story in their own words.

Practice language by singing songs, reciting poems and talking about the world around them.

Build home skills, such as cooking and laundry to build fine motor skills, including scooping, pouring, stirring, sorting, and matching.

Play games, such as Simon Says to get kiddos to run, jump, and walk in line.

Schedule a tour at your new school so your child can see where they will spend their day, including the cafeteria and playground. Ask the principal about their health and safety mitigation strategies.

- Read with your child at least 20 minutes every day. Follow the words on the page with your finger. Ask your child to explain his favorite parts of the story.
- Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's name and sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.
- Write stories with your child. Have your child draw a picture and then tell you a sentence that goes with the picture.
- Have your child count items that can be found around the house. For example, how many light switches are in the house? How many shoes are in your closet? How many forks are in the drawer?
- Ask your child to count groups of objects around the house and identify which group has more, less or an equal number of objects. For example, are there more crayons or markers in the box? Do you have more books or stuffed animals? How many more?



Kinder Roundup | 2022-23 SY Registration Drive-Thru Event | Tues, March 15 | 3:30-5:30PM