

THE MUSTANG

The Rau Elementary School Newsletter

2021-2022 Fourth Quarter

The 2021-2022 school year is quickly coming to a close with less than 50 days of school remaining. Fourth quarter starts out with spring break. Daylight savings time has already begun and days are getting longer. It is easy to get into Spring Fever. Some simple ideas to help students stay focused and on task for the last quarter of the year:

- Keep to routines as much as possible: same meal time, bath time, and bed time
- Maintain consistent homework times
- Use short term goals for students to easily achieve
- Plan ahead for any big projects that may be due: i.e. science project, book report, essay
- Incorporate exercise into to the daily routine. Let them get the wiggles out before bed time.

Parent Teacher Organization

Parent Teacher Organization, PTO meets at the school library the first week of every month. This is an excellent way to get involved with the school. This year the PTO has provided the following for Rau students:

1. Halloween Carnival Games and Prizes
2. Assistance serving Thanksgiving dinner and providing homemade pies
3. Christmas candy bags from Santa
4. The Glow Dance - Plan this event annually with a changing theme
5. Valentines Day dinner
6. Books for every class on Read Across America Day
7. Fundraising - an example is the new playground equipment
8. Help with props for the Christmas and Spring Program
9. Help with Homecoming week activities
10. Organize events for student and teacher appreciation weeks
11. Develop and print the yearbook
12. So much more



SUMMER FUN

Summer is a time for fun in the sun. Its a great break for kids from school. However there are many fun ways to help your child stay on task for 2022-2023 school year.

The website, <https://www.rauschool.net>, has a list of resources for parents. Some sites are free to practice reading and math. Others do have a fee. Some also include activities for art, language, science and social studies.

Other ideas include the following:

All students

- Read
 - Set aside time each day for a few minutes of reading. Young or struggling readers can benefit from reading out loud.
- Math
 - Young students can practice counting forward and backwards
 - Third to sixth grade should practice multiplication table 1-9 until it comes easily
- Science
 - Look for cocoons in your yard, watch to see if you can catch the butterfly or moth emerging
 - Start a compost pile
 - Check out constellations
 - Name the types of clouds

Kindergarteners - First Grade

- Practice coloring in the lines
- Name shapes and colors
- Practice writing the child's name and/or alphabet
- Practice letter names and sounds
- Practice holding scissors and cutting out shapes

If your child struggles with dexterity

- Paint with a brush
- Thread beads on a string
- Pick up Cheerios or beads and place into a small bowl

MONTANA ACTIVITIES

Did you know that Montana has a lot of great family activities that are right in our region?

Dinosaur Museums

- Glendive
- Fort Peck
- Jordan

Museums

- Baker
- Baineville
- Circle
- Fort Peck
- Fort Union
- Glasgow
- Jordan
- Miles City
- Plentywood
- Poplar
- Scobey
- Sidney
- Terry
- Wolf Point

Many more activities are available such as hiking/backpacking, camping, bicycling, fishing, boating, swimming, rock climbing, and horseback riding just to name a few.

Many small towns in the area offer various Fourth of July celebrations, parades, special events, and county fairs.

Other activities include Medora, Fort Peck Theatre, concerts, much more.

Both Montana and North Dakota offer free tourism guides. Each guide provides statewide information.

*Together may we give
our children the roots
to grow and the wings
to fly.
Author Unknown*

