



I hope all of you had a fantastic track out and enjoyed the extended break with your student. I have had a great time getting to hear all about our students' fun trips, gifts, and experiences. This week we continued our math lessons from the second quarter and started a new unit in reading and social studies. We also had our second math NC Check-In on Friday.

We have some exciting events on the horizon. Our Global Family Festival and family night at the book fair will take place on February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating as a Global Family at Festival, please contact me as soon as possible.



To stay up to date be sure to read each issue of the "Rockin' Croc Times."

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 3, 2020 – Science NC Check-In

February 11-21, 2020 – Book Fair

February 13, 2020 – Book Fair family night

February 13, 2020 – Global Family Festival

February 25, 2020 – Club Pictures

Character Trait Nominee

Connection/Purpose: Riley

Pick of the Week: Ben

## CHOMP Update

Our students have had a great week and earned their CHOMPliments in the cafeteria each day this week. We did fairly well in specials, however we did not earn our CHOMPliment in engineering with Mrs. Wright. We also did pretty well transitioning in the hall, but we were somewhat chatty at times during lessons.

CHOMPliments: We currently have 177 CHOMPliments

## Backpack Buddies

We need your help collecting donations for our BackPack Buddy Program. This program provides food for students in our community for weekends and extended holidays/track out. You can sign up to donate or volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ca5ac2daafc1-february>

Thank you for your support. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions!

## Newsworthy Announcements

### Sycamore Creek Chess Team

**Who: Students 2nd Grade and Up**  
**When: Thursdays Jan 30 - April 16**  
**Time: 3:00pm to 4:15pm**  
**Fee: \$110**

Sign up for the competitive chess team at school! Students will learn chess fundamentals and strategies that enhance learning skills and critical thinking. We will build confidence and have the option to compete against other local schools. Novice students and experienced players are encouraged to sign up as we will have two levels.

Questions? [Improve@TriangleChess.com](mailto:Improve@TriangleChess.com) or (919) 272-8017

**Online Sign Up:**

- 1) go to [www.TriangleChess.com](http://www.TriangleChess.com)
- 2) Click In School on upper right
- 3) Click Join A Team on right side



Parents at Sycamore Creek are trying to get flashing school signs/lights in front of Sycamore Creek. They need 700 more signatures. Please consider showing your support.

[Petition Get Better Signals for our School Zone](#)

**Wake Up and Read Book Drive**  
**Now-Thursday, Feb. 13.**

Please donate new or gently used children's books to benefit families with children in Wake County. Drop off books in front of the gym in barrels. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Lyons [alyons@wcpss.net](mailto:alyons@wcpss.net)

### Global Family Festival

Click [HERE](#) to Watch the Global Family Festival Introduction in English and Espanol.

We are already getting excited about our second annual Global Family Festival! This special Sycamore Creek event will be on February 13, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Mark your calendars now! Our school community will be celebrating the diversity of our students and families. We would love for your family to share more about your heritage, culture, and traditions. Each family presenting will have table space to present cultural artifacts, demonstrate arts and crafts, offer language lessons, etc. If you would like to participate, please sign up below and we will contact you with more information. Please sign up before December 20, 2019. As a reminder, the following are prohibited; incense, candles, hot plates, homemade food or beverages. Any food being served must be store bought, wrapped, with an ingredient list.

The SCES Book Fair is right around the corner and we are looking for parent volunteers. If you have time to help out from February 10th - February 21st, please sign up at the link below. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a4af238-volunteers1>

### Raleigh Police LEAD Program

This week we began our weekly class with Raleigh Police Department Officer, Jeremy Thompson. The sessions will range from peer pressure, bullying, drugs, and gangs. These sessions began on January 28th and will continue throughout the remainder of the quarter. If you have any questions let me know.

# Curriculum Update

**Math:** In Math this week our students continued their study of adding and subtracting decimals. Prior to track out students had solved problems using decimal notation and the standard algorithm. This week students were shown a visual number line model that allowed them to see the problems in a more concrete manner. Students also practiced decomposing decimals ( $.39 = .3 + .09$ ) to easily add numbers on the number line. This [video](#) shows number line models in more detail. Next week we will continue our study of decimals. In the next few weeks we will be studying fractions. Students also completed their second NC check in on Friday. Results from this assessment will be available to teachers in the coming weeks.

**Reading:** In Reading this week, students began their third quarter unit of study, athletes as leaders of social change. To begin students participated in a mystery quote protocol. After examining quotes relating to various athletes including Jackie Robinson, we were introduced to our new text, "Promises to Keep" by Sharon Robinson, Jackie Robinson's daughter. We spent our first day reading the first few pages of the text for the gist. Before diving deeper into our study of Jackie, we examined segregation, slavery, and Jim Crow laws. We then found main ideas and supporting details for this portion of the text. Finally, at the end of the week we practiced crafting summaries of the text. Next week we will continue our study of Jackie Robinson and breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

**Social Studies/Science:** In Social Studies this week our students began their new unit of economics. We began the unit by learning about market, command, and traditional economies. We then reviewed various labels of products and noticed that many items are made in various countries. We then discussed trade and the impact it has upon the United States. We reviewed our largest trade partners and answered questions pertaining to trade. Next, we delved further into production by learning about the key concepts of supply and demand. We will continue our study of economics next week.

## OBJECTIVES



### I Can Statements:

I Can... In order to bring purpose to what your child is learning, we post I CAN statements on our board daily. It is important that your child is continually utilizing these to evaluate their understanding. You can check in with your student by discussing the following statements.

#### Math:

I can add and subtract decimals using drawings, models, or methods based on place value.

#### Reading:

Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details.

I can engage effectively in collaborative instructions.

I can draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.