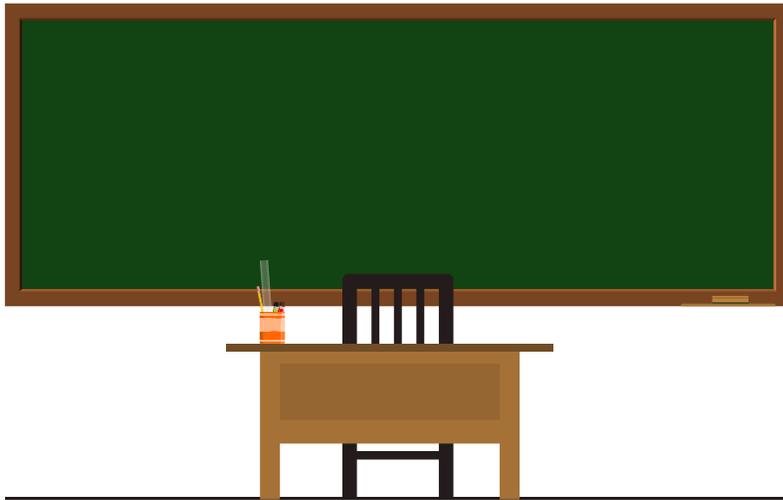


# WARRIOR WISDOM

RIPLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S LITERACY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



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## STATE TESTING

BY: MRS. HOFFMAN

Parents and Guardians,  
State testing is upon us. Your student has been working very hard to prepare for it. Your student will be bringing home the packets we have been working on. Please go over it with him or her to touch on the questions again for extra practice. You can also have them log on to IXL with their account information for extra practice as well.

## Test Day Tips

- **Weeks prior to test** - *Talk to your child about the importance of giving their best effort.*
- **Night before test** - *Make sure your child gets plenty of rest, mention the test to show you're interested but don't dwell, keep a normal routine to prevent test anxiety.*
- **Morning of the test** - *Be at school on time, avoid rushing, eat a good breakfast, be positive about the test to help your child feel comfortable and confident.*
- **After the test** - *Discuss with your child how they feel and how they think they did. Discuss what they felt was hard and what was easy. Remind them you love them no matter how they performed on the test.*



## A.R. ....WHAT IS IT?

**by: Mrs. Brewer**

I'm sure you've heard your child or their teacher mention A.R. before. You may be unclear as to what exactly A.R. is or what it stands for. A.R. stands for Accelerated Reader. According to their website, "the purpose of the program is to give parents and teachers insight into their child's reading practice habits. "When educators set goals based on an individual child's needs, goal setting promotes 'perfect' reading practice" (Renaissance.com). Teachers set individual goals for students to reach based on the reading assessment given known as the STAR test.

Your child may be on blue dot books, green dot books, etc. based on his/her level. The goals set are numerical. A child just learning to read in first grade may have a goal of only 10 points. However, a child in the same class who is reading above grade level may have a higher goal of 20 points. Teachers are able to individualize goals for the students. If you want more information about A.R. or if you'd like to see how your child is doing on their goal, their quizzes, etc. you can check out Renaissance Home Connect or ask your child's teacher for more information.

## COMING UP...

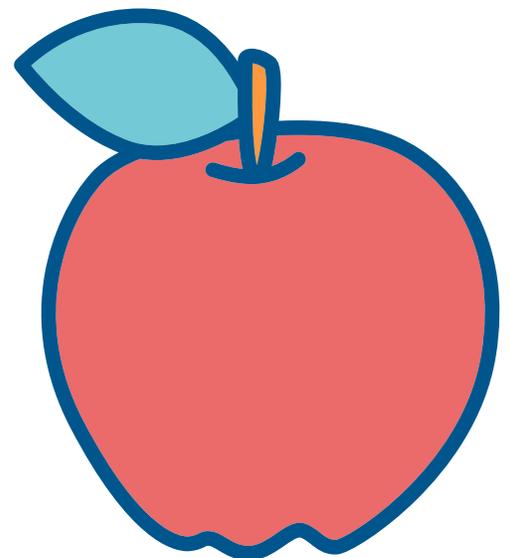
**State Testing**

**Window: April 1st-**

**12th**

**A.R. Deadline: April**

**12th**



# Technology in the Classroom

Mrs. Whitten's 3rd/4th grade classroom

The 3rd and 4th grade students in Mrs. Whitten's Language Arts classroom are getting a lot of experience using different types of technology to learn. Mrs. Whitten took her students through an online safety course before integrating them into the world of technology. Mrs. Whitten shared some of the exciting things they've been doing in her classroom: "We use Kidblog to blog our writing and journal assignments. We have used Flipgrid to write and film a 2 character play. We have used Toontastic to write and animate conflict resolution movie. We have used Educreations to write, record, and illustrate animal alliterations and researched animals to do animal interviews about their important facts. And this week have researched a famous African American for Black History Month to create a group slide presentation through Google Slides." The kids are definitely enjoying using the IPADs to create their stories and animate their reports.

## Make reading a part of your family

- Visit the local library in Cushing, Perkins, or Stillwater
- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Read a recipe and cook something together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home
- Put your child in charge of reading or writing the grocery list
- Aim to read 15-20 minutes per day

## Helpful Websites

**IXL** and **Moby Max** are two websites that students can log into at home. According to the Moby Max website, "just 20 hours on Moby Max will help your child grow one grade level in that skill!" That is amazing!! IXL is aligned to our state standards and will give recommendations on skills your child needs to work on.

<https://www.ixl.com/>

<https://www.mobymax.com/signin>