



Stoney Creek  
Elementary  
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## Gamecock and Mountaineer News

### Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We had a great first week and are so excited for a great year!

Our teams are off to a great start! We have been very busy setting classroom and individual goals, learning our schedule and routines, getting to know our new classmates, and of course...learning!

### Upcoming Events

#### No School

Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Teacher Workday)

#### Progress Reports Go Home

September 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>

#### Individual Picture Day

Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

### Announcements

Please make sure your child has an agenda. This is where we will communicate daily colors, HW, and any notes. The cost is \$5.

Please check and sign your child's agenda every night!

### Math and Science

In science, we have been reviewing the scientific method and learning about scientific tools. We are also going to test out our knowledge of the scientific method by completing an experiment later in the week!

In math, students have been reviewing multiplication strategies. We have been learning the difference between factors and multiples. Fifth graders need to know all of their math facts. If they don't, they should be practicing every night. Practice can include flash cards or apps/websites. Some good apps to use can be found by visiting this link: <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/10-apps-for-math-fluency-monica-burns>

Some of Ms. Riley's favorite apps include:

- Sushi Monster (iOS)
- Math vs. Zombies (iOS & Android)
- Quick Math (iOS - \$1.99, great app)



### Literacy

In literacy, students are practicing to pick a book that is a right fit for them. We are learning to read as good readers by responding to our book. We do this by analyzing characters, understanding all parts of a plot diagram, interpreting the importance of a setting, and summarizing their reading.

Students are also applying context clues in helping them determine meaning words relating to science, social studies and their daily reading lives. Vocabulary is an essential part of literacy this year which we also reiterate in our writing.

Please make sure we are practicing this at home nightly as well!