



# Twin Ridge Elementary

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## Upcoming Events

September 4 : No School

September 6: Back to School Night 6-7pm

September 8: PTA sponsored Family Picnic 6pm

September 22: 3.5 Hour Early Dismissal

September 25: Schools Closed

## CURRICULUM UPDATES

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

**Reading/Writing:** In August, students started the first unit in our new reading and writing curriculum. This is centered around the theme of teamwork. We will be working on understanding the new sound/spelling cards within this program and identifying the sound and its spelling. We will work on blending as well as identifying our high frequency words. We will also work on dictation and spelling by sounding out words and matching the sound/spelling card to them. We will be reading decodable stories based on the phonics and decoding for that day. We will read stories and build skills based around them. We will learn comprehension strategies, building background, developing vocabulary, fluency, and previewing. Finally, in writing we will be introducing workshop time and rules. Learn to recount a story

as well as describing the setting within a story. Later in the month we will write about describing an animal and responding to a poem. Then we will start the prewriting section of our writing curriculum.

**MATH** In our first unit, students have begun working with numbers up to 500 as they learn how to represent 2- and 3-digit numbers using different forms and compare them. Students are also learning about place value and math fact families to build their number sense. In our second unit, students will learn strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers as well as using problem solving strategies. Please see the following resources for more information to support your child at home! [Unit 2 Math Resource](#) ; [Helping Your Child With Problem Solving Resource](#)

**SOCIAL STUDIES** In our first unit, we have begun studying economics. Students have been learning about different jobs. In September we will talk about what they can do with money and how to be a smart consumer. They will also be learning about how individuals make financial choices. Finally in September we will learn about how individuals, businesses and governments contribute to the economy.

**SCIENCE UPDATES** STAY TUNED! We will be starting our first Science unit later in the year.

## **“PATHS” UPDATES**

*Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies (PATHS)* is the curriculum chosen for use in our schools.

Social emotional learning (SEL) is an important part of each student’s healthy development. PATHS will teach SEL skills to help students succeed in school and life. SEL skills include handling emotions constructively, behaving responsibly, making good decisions, and developing caring, positive relationships. SEL contributes to a positive school climate, improvements in academic achievement, and reductions in bullying behavior.

The PATHS program teaches and reinforces many key aspects of SEL, shown through research to improve behavior, reduce conflict and improve academics. Twin Ridge Elementary has taught the PATHS curriculum since 2019 to support an overall focus on developing the whole child. It has resulted in students’ increased attention in the classroom, increased ability to organize thoughts, improved behavior, and better use of conflict-resolution strategies.

In the month of September, students will learn the steps for calming down and learning self-control. Students will also begin learning about different feelings and develop strategies for handling them.

## **News from our Counselor**