



RIVERTREE ACADEMY

RIVERTREE REVIEW

RIVERTREE ACADEMY EDUCATES UNDER-RESOURCED STUDENTS TO LIVE LIFE WELL: FOLLOWING JESUS, THRIVING ACADEMICALLY, AND TRANSFORMING THEIR COMMUNITIES.



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Reading *increases* AND Math *increases*

WHAT A SCHOOL YEAR!

By Dr. Justina Jenkins,
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The best way I could describe the year is to describe my favorite roller coaster. The Great American Scream Machine at Six Flags over Georgia used to be my favorite roller coaster of all time. I grew up riding the ride! It was a wooden coaster so while sitting on the ride, you often felt and heard every gear,

accelerator, and brake throughout. It started with a slow, loud, upward climb that would ultimately propel you forward so you would have the speed that would be required to meet every rise and fall that you were prepared to encounter on the adventurous coaster. Securely fastened in my seat, I would anticipate the drops, and look forward to the inclines I was about to experience.

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A ride on the Scream Machine is the best way to describe our 2020-2021 school year. Coming into the school year, we knew it would look different. The Covid-19 pandemic created challenges for a face-to-face school environment. However, we decided to move forward with the upward climb of having our students return to campus because all the data was showing that virtual learning experiences were not the best learning environment for our students. In addition to the pandemic, school leadership made the decision to pursue dual accreditation from two of the top accrediting organizations in the country as a demonstration of the pursuit of excellence for a Christian education at Rivertree Academy. We knew the pandemic and the accreditation would be challenges, but we never saw the Texas winter storm coming. Burst pipes and flooded classrooms caught us all by surprise, but just like me on my favorite roller coaster, we had to keep moving forward!

Through God's love, mercy, and grace, we have had a wonderful school year with so many accomplishments, and we have managed to overcome every challenge and obstacle along the way.

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Donors and volunteers have given time, money, and resources to Rivertree. From coming to help us move after the flood to fundraisers where RTA has been the beneficiary, we have experienced so much love and support that shows that Fort Worth loves the children of Rivertree Academy. Thank you to each and every one of you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING 5TH GRADERS!

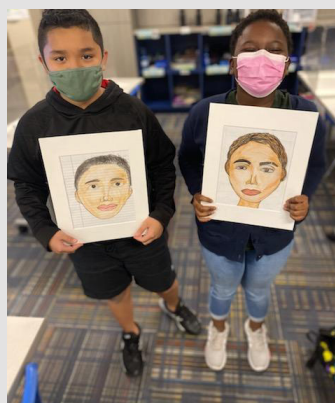
OPTIMISM AND POSITIVE PERSPECTIVES

Our leadership and team have faced every challenge with the end goal in mind. They have showed up, taught every content area, and demonstrated the Love of Christ every day since the first day of school. We have had two successful visits from accrediting agencies, and we are well on our way to receiving full dual accreditation for the program.

SEEMINGLY ENDLESS SUPPLY OF ENERGY AND RESILIENCE

Our students have overcome so many challenges and obstacles both personally and academically. **Through the midst of these obstacles, they have shown academic growth in both reading and mathematics, and their test scores are exceeding the national norms for the 2020-2021 school year.**

I am so fortunate to work with a group of such hard-working, generous, compassionate, and collaborative professionals, donors, volunteers, and families. The Herculean efforts are noticed, appreciated, and inspiring! Just like my favorite roller coaster, this school year is coming to an end. The ride is slowing down, and the students are looking forward to the summer break. I thank God for the ups and the downs. I thank him for his provision at every step of the way. Just like I would run to the end of the line to start the ride again as a child at Six Flags, I look forward to running toward the 2021-2022 school year, looking to see what else God has in store for the students and families at Rivertree Academy.



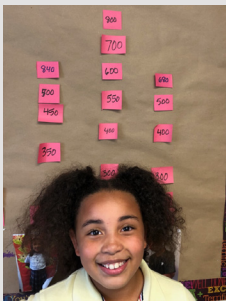
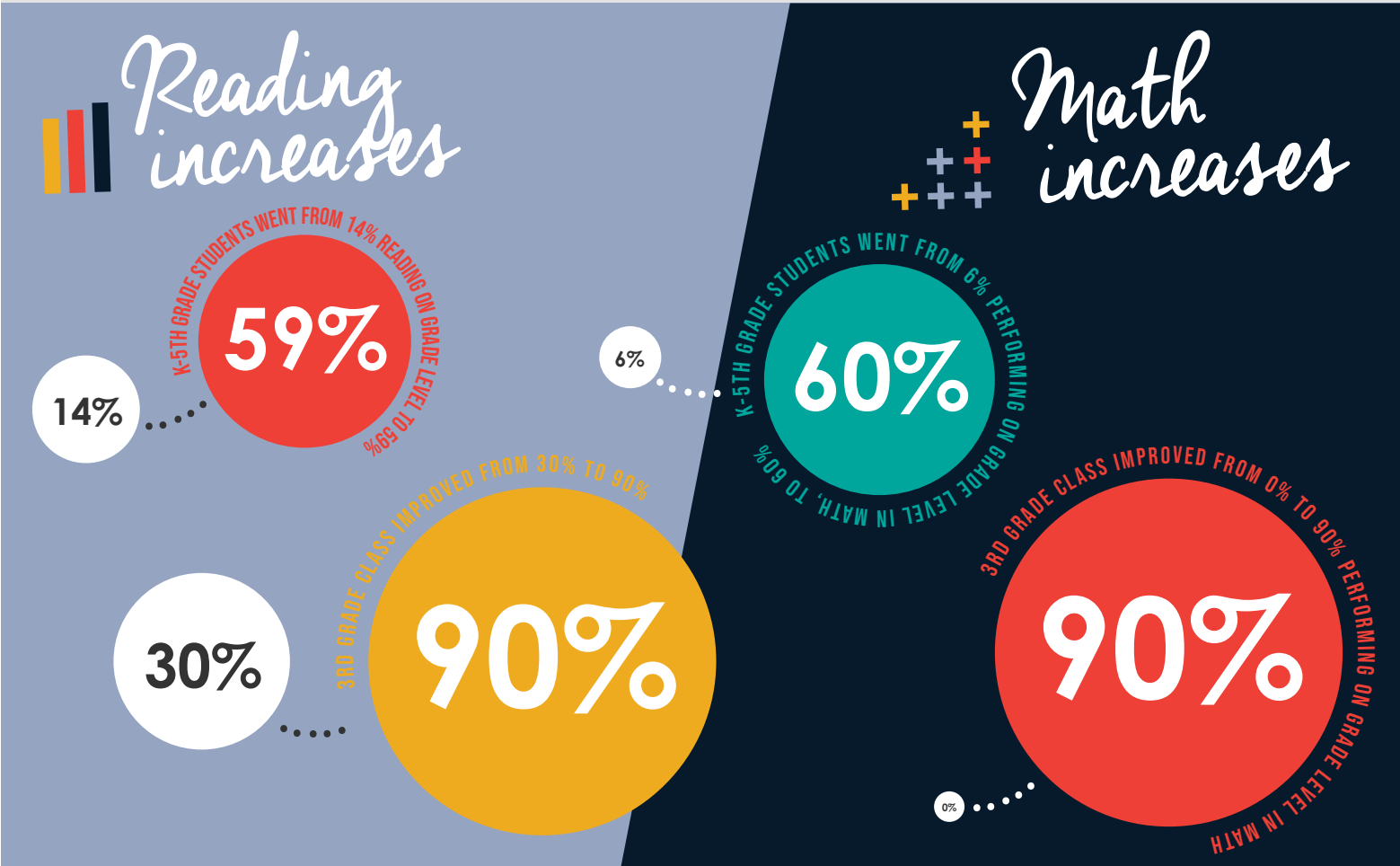
CELEBRATING ACADEMIC GROWTH AT RIVERTREE

We are so proud of the hard work our students have demonstrated and the way our staff has rallied around to support them in incredible ways! In a year marked by nationwide academic loss, our students made incredible academic gains:

This year our K-5th grade students went from 14% reading on grade level to 59% reading on grade level, and from 6% performing on grade level in math, to 60% performing on grade level in math!

Our 3rd grade class improved from 30% to 90% reading on

grade level, and 0% to 90% performing on level in math! This year could have easily looked so different for our students if not for the support of the community that has loved Rivertree students so well this past year. The pandemic has been an academic setback for the nation, but the growth we have seen from Rivertree students has shown that the continuity and support Rivertree has been able to provide all school year long has made all the difference. Thank you for helping provide this excellent education to our students, and showing them how to Learn Well, Love Well, Work Well, and Lead Well!



3RD GRADE 1,000 WORD CHALLENGE



PRE-K4 OUTSIDE OBSERVATIONS



PRE-K4 ART



FINAL PENCIL BAG DESIGNS FROM LEARNING ABOUT FASHION DESIGN WITH NOBLE 31



3RD GRADE PLAYING A CHESS GAME

VOLUNTEERING IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AT RIVERTREE!

Be on the lookout for IN-PERSON volunteer opportunities coming this Fall! That's right, we can't wait to see our faithful volunteers back on campus! To make sure you receive our monthly volunteer opportunity updates about

mentoring, becoming a classroom assistant, reading and practicing math with students, after-school tutors and more, please email abbie@rivertreeacademy.org.

OUR NEW WEBSITE AND WE SEE COLOR WEBPAGE

Drop by our website with your kids this Summer to see our new website design, and our new "We See Color" page! Our Head of School, Dr. Jenkins, will be adding new blog posts periodically – all

are simple and profound conversation topics with resources about educating your children on diversity!

"I, TOO, AM AMERICA" SHOWCASE

I, TOO, AM AMERICA

My name is Kamela. I am in the 5th grade and I am 10 years old. I like sports, I also like hanging out with my friends and dancing. I really like math but I hate social studies. I like school a little bit but not all the way. I am not a people person, but I like to be around people just not all the time.

I want to either be a math teacher or a surgeon when I grow up. I want to be a math teacher because I love math and teaching. If I become a surgeon, I will help out people in Africa and send them over to America to get the surgery they need.

How I feel as an African American in the United States today. I can't say I feel safe because that would be a lie. Sometimes I feel uncomfortable. One day we might get pulled over and that might be the end of my life because of my skin and racist cops. I know I should not "think that" but sometimes I do. Hopefully we do not have cops like that. I love where I go to school and where I live and I would not change it for anything.

Her and the Bossy 4th Grader!

Her birthday is October 20, 1964
She was a lawyer and a district attorney.
The first Black American
And first South Asian American
To be elected to every office she ran for.

She inspired me to believe
That you can be who you want to be
And have a great future.

She is the 49th Vice President of
The United States.
Her name is Kamala Harris.



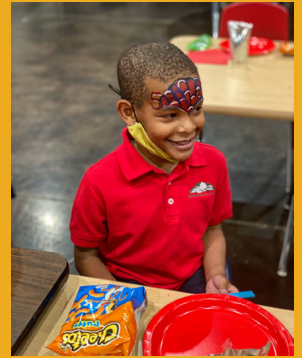
RIVERTREE VISION STATEMENT

Ending the cycle of poverty in every family we serve by educating students from Como to learn well, love well, work well, and lead well.

RIVERTREE CREED

I am a student at Rivertree Academy. God's grace is at work in me. I am fearfully and wonderfully made; a child of the living God, deeply loved, totally accepted, and completely forgiven. I am called to care of all of God's creation. Therefore, I will learn well, love well, work well, and lead well.

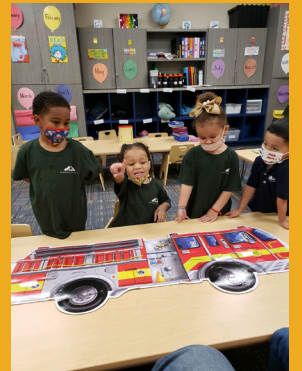
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SETH!



PRE-K-3 FACE PAINTING



PRE-K3 WORKS ON A PUZZLE TOGETHER



PAJAMA DAY



PRE-K4 LEARNS ABOUT APPLES

