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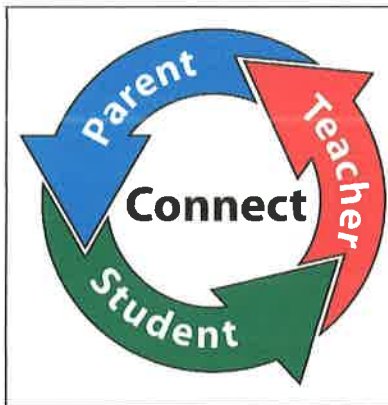
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Our Vision:
Challenging students to become the innovators and explorers of tomorrow

Our Mission:
Redding Collegiate Academy aims to be a high achieving preparatory school that equips K-8 students for life by blending the best practices of traditional instruction, e-learning, and real world experiences.

Take Advantage of What Redding Collegiate Academy Has to Offer You!

- **Workshops:** offered twice per week where students receive small group instruction or participate in mini lessons that focus on specific content.
- **Walk-In Tutoring:** one on one and small group tutoring sessions are offered to students each week. Tutoring sessions are a great addition to their weekly work plan.
- **Collaboration Corner Learning Laboratory:** Every Wednesday students and families focus on our monthly project based learning activities. This year we have teamed together to find solutions to some of the major challenges facing our world today. Whether we are finding solutions to worldwide drought, acid rain and pollution, or recycling and resource management, RCA students are consistently developing their abilities to tackle real world challenges. By working in small collaborative teams, students gain experience in hands-on learning, while families network and build on their repertoire of instructional strategies. Each week builds on prior learning and eventually culminates in a final project where students get the opportunity to share their learnings.
- **Fun Friday:** It is very important for our students and families to connect with each other regularly. Whether going on a field trip, meeting up for games, studying music, participating in Readers Theater, or building with Legos, RCA wants to continue building on these fun and enriching opportunities for our students and families.



Parents: Coaches of Learning
by: Mr. Sellgman

The success of students at RCA is made possible by our amazing parents who make education a top priority. Each of our families truly understands the important role they serve as coaches of learning in the home, in the community, and at school.

As an RCA parent, you demonstrate your daily commitment to helping your children achieve academic success and you strengthen their character by helping them persevere through life's challenges.

You support them in achieving their short and long term goals and you utilize resources both in and outside of school to help them complete projects and investigate new areas of interest.

You contact the school regularly and check-in for assistance and guidance with school curriculum.

The Story of Building Motivation

by: Mr. Sellgman

Once upon a time there was a girl named Hannah who wanted to write a story, but could not come up with any creative ideas.

"Dad, I have been looking at my screen for an hour and my mind feels blank."

Dad listened carefully to Hannah until she had completely expressed her thoughts. Dad said, "I hear you saying that you are having difficulty coming up with ideas for your story, right?"

Hannah replied, "Yes, but actually I have too many ideas and narrowing them down to one is the real problem Dad."

"So, you have a lot of ideas, but you just need to settle on one for now?"

"Yes Dad, but which one?"

"Yesterday you told me about a character you wanted to use in a story, so does she fit into any of your story ideas?"

"Yes, Dad."

"OK, Hannah, how about finishing this sentence...I want to write a story where my main character does what? Goes on a journey, saves the world, goes to college? What's your idea to finish this sentence?" Hannah thinks for a long while and shares her idea with her father.

"Now Hannah, on a scale of 1-10, how would you rank your happiness with this story idea? A 10 would be really happy."

"Dad, I would rank this an 8."

"Right now, is there anything you would add to the story idea that would turn it into a 10?"

Hannah thinks for a moment and Dad says, "OK, Hannah, I am ready with a pen and paper to write down your ideas while you just think out loud."

Hannah shares a long list of story development ideas with her father.

"Hannah, I need your help to put these in order. Let's look at the list together and you can number each event in the order it happens in the story."

California State Testing Prep

Tuesday, April 5th through Friday
April 15th.

STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

April 18th - Language Arts - Non Performance Task
Items- Grades 3rd to 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:00
AM

April 19th - Language Arts

3rd Grade 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

4th Grade 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

5th Grade 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

6th Grade 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

7th Grade 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

8th Grade 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

April 20th - Language Arts - Performance Task
Grades 3rd to 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM

April 21st - Language Arts - Make Ups

3rd to 8th Grades - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

April 22nd - Language Arts - Make Ups

3rd to 8th Grades - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

April 25th - Math - Non Performance Task Items -
Grades 3rd to 8th - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

April 26th - Math

3rd Grade 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM

4th Grade 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

5th Grade 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM

6th Grade 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM

7th Grade 1:00 PM to 1:45 PM

8th Grade 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM

April 27th - Math - Performance Task

Grades 3rd to 8th - 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM

April 28th - Math - Make Ups

3rd to 8th Grades - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

April 29th - Math - Make Ups

3rd to 8th Grades - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

May 2nd - Science - Part 1

5th Grade - 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM

8th Grade - 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

May 3rd - Science - Part 2

5th Grade - 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM

8th Grade - 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

May 4th - Science - Make Ups

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE STUDENTS
ARE WELL RESTED AND ARRIVE 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO THEIR TESTING TIME.

Students will call parent when their testing is
completed for pick up.

You share your ideas and participate in school
workshops and collaborative activities. In doing
so, you demonstrate to your children that you
are a lifelong learner. We truly never stop
being students!

As parents, you check weekly assignments and
support a flexible learning schedule for your
children. You are wise to the amount of time
your children can focus on academics, and you
give them frequent breaks throughout the day.

You make the time to read to your children and
you take an interest in their reading choices.

You help your children to focus on learning by
minimizing distractions (i.e., loud music, TV,
computer games...).

When it comes to school projects, you help
your children to manage their time and prioritize
the projects and work they need to do.

You make RCA an extension of your home and
contact the teachers just like they were a
member of your family.

In my mind, you are truly heroes and I
recognize your tremendous commitment to
education and the success of our children.

Thank you,
Mr. Seligman

RCA Calendar

[Calendar Link \(Click Here\)](#)

[Web Address:](#)

<https://goo.gl/6CbE5n>

*Mrs. Adcock also creates monthly
hardcopies of our events calendar which
you can pick up during your visits or have
mailed to your home.*

After Hannah shows her father the ordering of
ideas Dad says, "What is the next step you
would like to follow to get your story started?"
"That's easy Dad, the first chapter will be about
the first item on the list."

"Wow Hannah, you have really shared a lot of
ideas here. In your mind, imagine a movie
playing about your first chapter. Tell me about
the movie for a little bit and then when you are
ready, start typing your story."

"Dad, I am ready to start typing right now."

"Go for it Hannah."

Registration for 2016-2017

Registration for the 2016-2017 School year
is now open.

When you come to the school to register,
please bring the following:

- Completed, signed registration packet
- Your child's birth certificate
- Your child's up-to-date immunization record
- Your child's Social Security Card
- The most recent IEP for your child (if applicable)
- The Kindergarten Oral Health Form
- The Physical Exam form (for Kindergarten/1st grade students, but since the form is valid for 18 months, those enrolling in Kindergarten may wish to take care of this requirement at this time.)

Forms are available at Redding Collegiate
Academy or on the District's Website:
rca.eesd.net (the forms on the website are
fillable and printable).

**(students currently enrolled do not need
to re-enroll)**

SPRING BREAK

March 25th to April 4th.

Students return on April 5th.