

RISE Arkansas

An informational newsletter exploring the Science of Reading in Arkansas

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Inside this issue - Traveling Arkansas

It's summertime in Arkansas and there is nothing better than taking a road trip to one of our state's beautiful destinations. In this month's newsletter, we explore some of the exciting, but lesser-known destinations that we know your family will really enjoy! We have also included some fun ideas for your family to try on your journeys.

In the April RISE Newsletter, we celebrated National Poetry Month. We challenged students around the state to put pen to paper and write about their hometowns. We hope you enjoy the poems from our Arkansas students, as we highlight the winners of the Hometown Poetry Contest on page 3.



Arkansas Quilt Trail

While exploring Arkansas this summer, travelers might notice colorful adornments popping up on structures around the state. These decorations are block quilts, wooden panels painted with textile-inspired quilt patterns. At the time of this publication, there are 21 quilt trails to explore and more are coming soon!! Each participating county has photos and information about each county's quilt blocks including why the pattern was selected, information on the artist that created it, history about the structure it adorns, and stories about the community. Visit arkansasquilttrails.com to find out how to start traveling the Arkansas Quilt Trails!



CHECK OUT THIS BOOK FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY AND READ IT AS YOU TRAVEL THE QUILT TRAIL!

COUNTIES THAT HAVE QUILT TRAILS!



The Little Rock Mural Tour

All around the downtown area of Little Rock, tourists can see larger-than-life artwork that no art gallery could contain. Visitors can enjoy the Butterfly Mural in the River Market Area or a mural of a giant robot just a few blocks away. Check out the Little Rock Mural Tour Webpage using the QR Code on the right and plan to make a stop at each and every mural listed on the site! Does your hometown have murals? Take time this summer to research the artists and subjects as a family!



The Kenda Theater

In Marshall, Arkansas travelers will find a throwback to mid-century entertainment at the Kenda Drive-In Movie Theater. Since opening in 1966, the Kenda Drive-In has been a local favorite and continues to draw local and out-of-town crowds every week. Each week, visitors can watch single features and sometimes on the weekends, double features from their car or a blanket under the stars. Take your pets, but leave your credit cards at home. The only form of payment they accept is cash or checks. Check out their website, www.kendadrivein.com, to find out what movie is currently showing!


Go to Paris in a Day - Ooh La La!

Have you ever been to Paris? Now is your chance and you can even be back home by nightfall! Pack a lunch with Parisian treats such as baguettes, croissants, and macarons, and spend the day at the only Eiffel Tower in the state of Arkansas, standing 25 feet tall and featuring a 2-tier water fountain. Situated near the Arkansas River in the Ozark Mountains, the historical town of Paris, Arkansas is the 'Home of Mount Magazine,' which is the highest point in Arkansas. The town even has a Love Lock Fence reminiscent of the Love Lock Bridge in Paris, France. Purchase a lock in Paris or bring one with you. Add your family's name on the lock, place the lock on the fence, throw your key in the Eiffel Tower fountain, and forever seal your family's love in Paris!


Golf Cart Safari and more State Park Fun!

A golf course can look completely different after dark and families that participate in a golf cart safari will discover the animals that emerge when the golfers go home! Golf cart safaris are held at many state parks so be sure to check out the Arkansas State Park Website to see if your local state park has one of these events planned this summer! The QR Code will take you to the Calendar of Events where you might even find another fun event this summer like the Marsh Mystery at Dardanelle State Park or the Scenic Lake Tour at the Ouachita State Park.


ENJOY THIS AUDIOBOOK ON YOUR WAY TO THE DRIVE-IN!



THE BOXCAR CHILDREN



THE GHOST AT THE DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER



MADÉLINE



READ ON THE WAY!

IT'S A CLASSIC!

LUDWIG BEMELMANS

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS!






As you travel Arkansas, see how many synonyms your family can produce for the word **travel**. We have a few listed to help get you started.

tour	cruise	journey	safari
drive	roam	voyage	trek

I ♥ My Hometown!

*All poems were published as submitted by Arkansas students

Madison Plumlee
4th Grade
Malvern Elementary School

Hot and sunny
Outside hiking trails
Terrific lakes
Stores and shopping
Priceless memories made
Relax in the hot springs
Interesting and full of
things to do
Nice hot fountains
Goals made here
So come join the fun!



Korbyn Stewart
2nd Grade
Bay Elementary School

I love Bay because of my baseball games,
playing outside in my neighborhood,
going to church with my family,
the cold winter,
knowing everyone at school,
chasing fireflies,
the sound of crickets,
weather in the summer,
riding dirt roads,
playing basketball,
catching lightning bugs,
and seeing flowers.



Lennon Contreras
2nd Grade
Gentry Primary School

Siloam Springs

A town where you can find planes, trains
With a loud crowd of people
Where spring coils to summer
To autumn to winter
Where I see love of
people
Whom God blessed with a
Great heart
Siloam Springs is home to
One and all!



Levi Bolin
2nd Grade
Gentry Primary School

My Hometown

My hometown is where I
Live, eat, and sleep
Home to the Little Debbies
And Pioneer Pizza
That's my hometown
Where I eat and stop for
a snack
That's my hometown
It's small but mighty
The colors are maroon and white
That's my hometown
Colors to show the football team
Colors to show the great hometown I live in

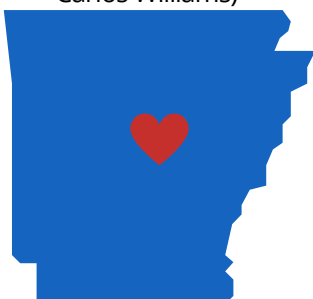


Brayden Garcia
4th Grade
Ward Central

My Loud Hometown

so much depends
upon
a loud city
town
littered with loud
people
beside the quiet
country

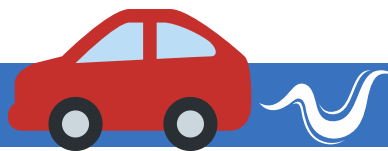
(Inspired By: The Red
Wheelbarrow By William
Carlos Williams)



Congratulations to the winners and thank
you to all the students that
took the time to
write about their
hometown and
enter the RISE
Newsletter
Poetry
Contest!



Arkansas Bingo Challenge



This month is a great time to travel our great state to enjoy fun and interesting Arkansas sites! Take the Arkansas Bingo Challenge and see if your family can get 5 spaces in a row or even get a blackout and tackle every square on the BINGO board! Whatever your family does this summer, enjoy the precious time with them and share your adventures with us using the hashtag **#RISEArkansasBINGO**.

B I N G O



Travel to the northern part of the state.

Visit an Arkansas State Park.



Visit one of Arkansas's beautiful lakes.



Play Alphabet signs: point out signs and billboards that start with the next letter of the alphabet.



Have a parent read a book on the way to your Arkansas destination!



Travel to the southern part of the state.



Visit an Arkansas museum.



Visit a mural somewhere in Arkansas.



After visiting a mural, research the origin of the word mural.



Listen to an audio book on your way to your Arkansas destination!



Travel to the western part of the state.



Take a picture with a park ranger!



FREE SPACE

Research your hometown and find out something you didn't know before.



Write about your favorite Arkansas adventure!



Travel to the eastern part of the state.



Share a picture of your adventures on social media and use the hashtag #RISEArkansasBINGO



Tell a neighbor the top 10 things you learned during your summer travels.

Go to the Drive-In Movie Theater!



Make a travel journal and document all your summer fun!



Travel to the central part of the state.



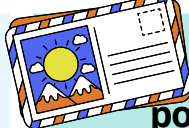
Visit one of the Arkansas Quilt Trail Locations.



Make a list of all the places your family visited. Calculate how many miles you traveled altogether!



Send a postcard to a friend from one of your visits!



Write a letter to a friend to tell them about your favorite place in Arkansas!

