

Rivercrest School District –

ALTERNATE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION (AMI) Replaces Snow Day

The Rivercrest School District has been approved to participate in a plan to provide an Alternate Method of Instruction to replace up to five (5) snow days for the 2017-2018 school year. This means that when a “snow day” is called, students will be provided with school assignments to complete on that day. Students will have up to five days to turn in the teacher assignments. With this approved plan, students will NOT have to make-up snow days as has been done in the past.

All student assignments will be connected to Arkansas Standards and will be based upon the book *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. As we have done this first semester with the book *The World According to Humphrey*, each student will receive a book. The difference with this book (*The Lemonade War*) will be the **student assignments** that **will be required** should we miss any school days for inclement weather. This will be more than just a fun read – though we certainly hope it will be fun for students and families to engage in reading with one another.

The Lemonade War is a financial literacy book. The district will be partnering not only with the One District, One Book initiative, but also with Economics Arkansas. This book incorporates the use of charts and diagrams and cross-curricular content including business terms, mathematics, financial planning, and marketing. Through the district and Economics Arkansas websites, parents will have access to age-appropriate family guides which offer suggestions of activities for parents and students to complete at home. The assignments that teachers provide to students will make use of many of those activities. **So when a “snow day” is called, please look for the assignments that students will need to complete.** Student work will be graded and attendance will be based upon work completion.

WHAT: Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) = SNOW DAY

WHEN: Called for inclement weather

WHERE: Students will stay home to complete their school assignments.

WHY: This will alleviate the need to make-up days missed for school. (Five days are approved – If more than five days are missed, we will have to use the snow days identified on the school calendar.)

