

January



2023

Regan Elementary School

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA

Happy New Year! I hope 2023 is off to a great start for everyone! Teachers have been busy planning lessons for our students. We are almost at the mid-year point of the school year! Over the winter break, students were offered an opportunity to complete the Math and Reading Bingo Challenge. We hope they enjoyed the tasks. The students who completed these tasks were recognized during the morning announcements!

Students in grades 1 through 5 recently took their mid-year math assessment. They will take this assessment again at the end of the year. Certificates will be given to those students that showed at least 50% growth and/or showed a lot of effort while taking this assessment in December. We want to recognize all of our hard working students. Kindergarten students will take this test in mid-January.

During the month of January, your child will also take a short reading assessment to determine how much growth has been made. After this assessment, teachers will be working with their students to set new reading goals. Parent letters will be sent home in early February showing your child's results and it will also include different activities that can be done at home to reinforce and strengthen skills. If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Mrs. Pronovost, the Reading Teacher, and Mrs. Thompson, the Literacy Facilitator, are also available. They are always glad to meet with you to discuss your child's progress.

As a reminder, your child can utilize the computer programs at home such as Math i-Ready, Lexia, Literacy Pro and Amplify Reading. Please encourage your child to read each night as well.

We hope you can join us for the next virtual family event on Monday, January 23rd, starting at 7:00p.m. We will hold a virtual Art Night led by Mr. Welch, our grade 4 teacher. More information will be shared soon.

Our next virtual PTO meeting will be held at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, January 25th.

Our School Governance Council meeting will begin immediately after this meeting at approximately 6:45p.m. Please feel free to join in and share any ideas you have.

As a reminder, attendance is extremely important. We expect our students to attend school each day so that they can learn as much as they can from their teachers. Students learn best when they are in school each day building on from the lesson from the prior day. Please plan vacations and appointments on days when school is not in session.

Once again, Happy New Year! Best wishes to all for a wonderful, happy and healthy new year in 2023!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Razza



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Reading just six minutes a day reduces stress by 68%-so curling up with a good book when it's cold outside is not only enjoyable, it can positively impact your mental and emotional health. Enjoy the winter season!

(www.anxietycentre.com)



ADDITIONAL

- Make sure to write a note or message your child's teacher if there is a change of transportation for the day.
- Please notify the main office if your phone number or address has changed. It is important that the office keeps accurate information in the event of an emergency.

INFORMATION

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Regan School- 203.574.8187

Bus Company- 203.591.1847

School Fax- 203.573.6647

Special Ed. Bus- 203.753.8366

Family Intake Center- 203.346.3511



Parent Liaison - Patty Poulter

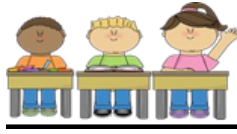
I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered at the Holiday Shop. It was very much appreciated. The children really enjoyed shopping for gifts for their family members! This event was a great success thanks to everyone.

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter season. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage in family time. On these snow days you can enjoy playing cards, playing board games, reading or watching a movie together.

If you need ideas, books, supplies or materials, please contact me at the main number at (203) 574-8187.

Please remember we are always looking for parents or family members to join our virtual PTO and SGC meetings. Mrs. Razza will post dates and times of these meetings

CLASSROOM NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY AND MS. WILLIAMS KINDERGARTEN

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the holiday break.

In Foundations, we will continue to learn how to write uppercase letters. We will also work on sounding out CVC words. The students will get to hear different readings during Wonders and complete activities that go along with each story. In Math, we will learn how to build shapes from other shapes. In Science, we will be finishing up our unit on Force and Motion.

We can't wait to watch your child learn and grow in this new year!



A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK FIRST GRADE

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday break. We only have a couple of weeks left until we finish the 2nd marking period! This month in Foundations we are going to be working with welded sounds. In Math, we will be working to make a ten to subtract as well as finding the unknown number. We will be doing our second unit in Science toward the end of the month where we will learn about light! Please keep an eye out for the family letters that will be sent home at the start of new lessons!

Our middle of year reading assessments will begin in just a couple of weeks as well. We are so excited to see the progress your children have made so far this year! Letters with your child's results will be sent home the first week of February.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We will be working on setting our mid-year goals for reading and math. Our students have just taken the middle of year Math i-ready diagnostic assessment and now will be taking the middle of year mCLASS Benchmark Assessments. Students should be reading 78 words per minute to be considered on-grade level. We can't wait to see the progress the students have made. In Foundations (Unit 6), the students will learn new trick words, v-e syllable types, and new suffixes. In Math, we are working on telling time to the nearest five minutes, along with identifying and adding coins. In Wonders (Unit 3), we are learning about how to express ourselves. We will soon be starting our second unit in science. Our second marking period will be closing at the end of the month. Students should be completing 1 to 2 lessons daily on i-Ready Math and Lexia Reading. Parents please continue to read with your child for at least 15 minutes each day. This will help increase their reading fluency. As always you can always reach us on ParentSquare or call the office at 203-574-8187 and leave us a message.



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. MITCHELL AND MRS. SCHMIED
THIRD GRADE**

Happy New Year! We hope the break was relaxing and rejuvenating. As we enter January we will be looking at our goals for the next few months.

In Reading, students will be taking their mid-year benchmark test. Students should be reading 105 words per minute to be considered on-grade level. We will also be continuing our open-ended questions each week as well as practicing our fluency.

In Math, our students will continue learning about multiplication and division. Please continue to have your child practice skip-counting to learn the multiples of each factor. By now each child should know the multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10. We will be working on 7, 8, and 9 over the next several weeks. During the week before the winter break in December, our students took the mid-year Math i-Ready Diagnostic. We will use the results to set goals for the second half of the school year.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BETANCOURT AND MR. WELCH FOURTH GRADE

Happy New Year everybody! We hope you all had a resting and relaxing holiday break. Here are a few updates about what we are working on in fourth grade!

In ELA, students are learning about how people can make a difference in their community and in the world. They are also focusing mostly on the author's point of view. In writing, students are writing their own point of view essays about a topic of their choice.

In Math, we are completing a unit on multi-digit multiplication. As always, please make sure your children are practicing their basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.

Finally, in Science, fourth grade started a unit on animal and human biology. Students are learning how animals (and people) have adapted to survive and how different external and internal structures help them survive.

Thank you for all of your support! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Mrs. Betancourt
Mr. Welch



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SCARBOROUGH AND MS. SENAN FIFTH GRADE

Happy New Year! We just finished up taking our middle of the year iReady diagnostic and the fifth grade is showing a lot of growth! We are working on adding and subtracting fractions and will be moving onto multiplying and dividing decimals by the end of the month. In Science, we are continuing to learn about the Earth and the patterns that we see. In ELA, we are learning about main ideas and writing a book review.

In the coming weeks, we will begin to make preparations for the Smarter Balanced state testing that will occur in May. We will take practice tests in all subjects so that students feel prepared. As always, students should continue completing their iReady lessons each week as well as their Lexia units. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Scarborough and Ms. Senan



MEDICAL CORNER

Happy New Year! As the weather fluctuates, be sure to keep an eye on the temperatures and send your child to school with appropriate clothing and outerwear. The kids will still go outside for recess as long as it isn't raining or below 32 degrees. Also remember to keep your child home if he/she is experiencing any flu-like symptoms.

Healthy Winter Ideas

- Take a walk on a trail...Walking is a great way to get out some nervous energy and take in some peaceful air!
- Cozy up with hot chocolate and a good book...Don't forget to check out the Silas Bronson Library! Remember, it's also important to exercise your mind!
- Keep Moving...As we begin hunkering down (and turning up the comfort food) for winter, it's important we find ways to exercise either at home, a local gym or the YMCA. Here's a link to some ideas <https://www.verywellfit.com/get-ready-for-fall-fitness-1231605>



**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST AND MRS. THOMPSON
THE READING DEPARTMENT**

In January we will be taking our middle of the year (MOY) mCLASS Assessments. The testing window is set for Jan 18th-Feb 1st. Home Connect reports will be sent home the first week of February so you can view your child's progress. Students will work with their teachers to look at the MOY information and discuss their progress towards their end of year reading goals. We will also look at this information to regroup students in both small groups and intervention. We cannot wait to see the gains your child has made towards reaching their goals.

Students seeing Mrs. Pronovost in grades 1-5 should continue reading at home and filling in their reading log. Students are asked to read at least 20 minutes each night. Mrs. Pronovost will check reading logs every Friday for grades 1-5. Please take time to read with your child at home.

Kindergarten families, be sure to help your child practice his/her letter and sound identification and play sound blending games with your child. The more you do at home, the better readers they will be.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MILLER STEM TEACHER

Elementary Math Updates for January

The following is *approximately* what each grade will be working on in January.

Grade K- Students will continue to analyze, compare, create and compose shapes. They will be introduced to the concept of addition and begin to understand that when they join or put together groups, they are adding. They will solve addition problems with the sums within 5.

Grade 1- Students will continue applying the Associative and Commutative properties to add within 20. They will learn that changing the order of addends in addition does not change the total. They will begin subtracting within 20 and apply properties of operations and relate to addition and subtraction equations. Students will use models to solve addition and subtraction word problems with missing numbers in all positions.

Grade 2- Students will be working on reading, writing, and comparing three-digit numbers. They will begin to understand that a three-digit number can be represented using different groupings of hundreds, tens and ones and the value of each digit depends on its location.

Grade 3- Students will continue working on understanding patterns- number sequences, charts and odd and even numbers. They will begin their understanding that area is the space inside a shape that is measured in square units and can be found using multiplication. They will solve multiplication and division word problems involving equal groups, arrays and area.

Grade 4- Students will continue to work on multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers. They will work on solving word problems involving conversions of weight, mass, length and liquid volume. They will begin to work on division of a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number and learn the strategies of making equal groups, subtracting partial quotients and area models. They will work on finding the perimeter and area of a rectangle.

Grade 5- Students will be solving word problems involving subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. They will begin to multiply a decimal to tenths by a 1-digit whole number.



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO
MUSIC TEACHER**

In music, we will begin focusing on songs that celebrate Civil and Human Rights, both the movements and those who paved the way for equality in the United States. We will honor leaders, such as: Martin Luther King Jr. and also discover pioneers in music from the same time period.

Regan students will have the opportunity to represent our school in a district-wide talent show this coming March! Regan students will also begin preparation for the spring concerts and showcases. More information will follow regarding these events.



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. PEREZ
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

Happy New Year! I feel like this is going to be a great year for our students. In Physical Education, the students have been working on different warm up drills, games, and activities that help improve their physical, mental and emotional health. Currently grades K-2 are working on fitness by going through different exercise stations. They are also learning how to identify their body parts. Grades 3-5 are also working on fitness activities and practicing soccer skills like passing, dribbling, running off the

ball and kicking between others. In the last week of January, the students will be practicing golf and going over some basic golf skills with help of myself and certified golf coaches. In health and physical education classes the students have to encounter different tasks and challenges that prepare them to make better choices, build their character, help them to confront their fears, and encourage them to be open and try new things.

Parents, please include a water bottle in your child's backpack-
hydration is essential in our gym classes.

Thank you, Mr. Perez

A MESSAGE FROM MISS BAJRAKTAREVIC SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Happy New Year! My name is Zehra Bajraktarevic and I am the new School Counselor here at Regan Elementary School. My goal is to support all our students to become their best selves. January will be devoted to getting to know the students. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups to help meet their needs. I look forward to collaborating with parents as well so please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a great school year and getting to know all our wonderful students!

Email: Zehra.Bajraktarevic@waterbury.k12.ct.us

Phone number: 203-574-8187 Ext: 27110



**21st CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
MRS. THOMPSON**

Our after school program is going strong! The students will be participating in some engaging vendors this month, such as: Eli Whitney, Flanders Nature Center, and Pannone Science will be back for another exciting session! They are dedicated to completing their homework as well as completing extra lessons on Lexia and i-Ready.


Please remember that attendance is required. If your child is in school, then he/she is required to stay for after school. Unexcused absences will result in removal from the program.

Stay tuned for monthly in-person family events. In January, we hope all of our students and families attend Hands-On Drumming with Craig Norton on Wednesday, January 18th at 5:30! On behalf of the after school staff we are thankful for your support, patience, and wish you a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Razza, Mrs. Schmied, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Betancourt, Mrs. Scarborough, Miss Anulewicz, Mr. Nazario, Mrs. Sciascia, and Miss Wojtunik

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

-  **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Remember to register for the Box Tops program! Download the free app. You can now scan your receipt with your phone. Each Box Top counts! Regan School earns money for school supplies! Go to [BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfec.com/products) for a complete list of Box Tops product. We will no longer be collecting the Box Tops at school.

Happy New Year!

