

HNews from Frank G. Regan School

December 2023 Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA

December is here and winter is in the air! Children are almost halfway done for this school year!

Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. I was pleased to see so many families sign up for conferences. You can also call the school to set up an appointment if that date did not work for you. Teachers have so much information to share with you. If that date and time does not work for you, a mutually agreed upon date and time can be arranged with your child's teacher. They will be happy to meet with you. Feel free to call me at the school or message me or your child's teacher on Parent Square if you have any questions. Your involvement is essential to help your child grow.

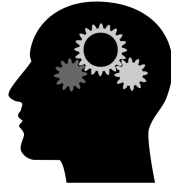
Each month, we have been hosting evening events for our students and families. Our goal is to keep all families and students engaged in learning. We hope to see you at the future events! This month, Mrs. Ciarlo and Mrs. Thompson, Literacy Facilitator will be hosting an informational literacy and math session so you can help your child at home on fundamental literacy practices. This event will be held in person on December 12th at 10am. Free games and materials will be given out to all that attend this event.

We will also host 2 holiday music concerts this month so that all families can safely fit in the cafeteria. At the end of the event, we will get a visit from the North Pole and all students will go home with a book and small plushy from Santa. Kindergarten, grade 2, and grade 4 will perform at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th. Grades 1, 3, and 5 will perform on Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. in our school cafeteria. Be on the lookout for information for these events. We will also have a fun winter break challenge for all students and families to participate in since reading is so important. Winter break will begin on Monday, December 25th through January 1, 2024. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Your child's daily attendance is extremely important! Everyday counts! When your child is absent, he/she misses out on a lot of learning. Please plan vacations when school is not in session. Try to arrange appointments after 2:50 p.m. or on days where school is not in session as well. If your child is going to be absent, you must call the school or message your child's teacher so that we are aware of the reason for the absence. Your child must return to school with a written note. Regular school attendance is part of the State of CT law.

I am wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy new year in 2024! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Best wishes,
Mrs. Angela Razza



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Our students are becoming fluency readers more and more everyday. Fluent readers read words at an appropriate pace (not too fast or not too slow), they read with expression, and they read accurately. You can help build those fluency skills by modeling fluent reading and by providing support and assistance while your child is reading (www.reading.org)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Regan School 203.574.8187

School Fax 203.573.6647

Durham Bus Company 203.591.1847

Special Ed. Bus 203.753.8366

Family Intake Center 203.346.3511

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

- The doors at Regan School open at 8:05 a.m.
- Classes begin promptly at 8:35 a.m. Anyone that arrives after 8:35 a.m. will be marked tardy.
- Dismissal begins at 2:50 p.m.
- All early dismissals begin at 12:00 p.m.
- In the event of a 2 hour delay, school doors open at 10:05 a.m. and classes will begin at 10:35 a.m.

Important dates for December 2023

Wednesday, December 6 - We have a 12 p.m. dismissal

Wednesday, December 6 - Parent Teacher Conference 5 - 7p.m.

Wednesday, December 13 - We have a 12 p.m. dismissal

*****Friday, December 22 - We have a 12p.m. dismissal.**

December 25 - 29 - No school - Winter Break

School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2024



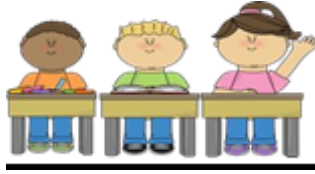
**MESSAGE FROM MS. MEJIA
PARENT LIAISON**

I enjoyed meeting many families at Parent-Teacher Night last week. I hope to see families at the Winter Concerts coming up too. We also have a Title I Parent Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th at 10 a.m. I can translate for any families that are interested in joining us. Light refreshments will be available.

Update: The PTO made \$119 selling cookies made by staff during the conferences. This money will go toward purchasing t-shirts for Field Day in the spring for our students.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The School Governance Council meeting will begin at approximately 6:45p.m.

I hope you can join us. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



CLASSROOM NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY AND MS. WILLIAMS KINDERGARTEN

Happy December! This month in ELA we will begin learning how to tap out and read CVC words. We will also continue working on recognizing our letters and their sounds, as well as continuing to learn new sight words. In Math, we will continue to work on making 10 and counting to 100. We will begin working on learning the attributes of 2D and 3D shapes, as well as how to use positional words. In Science, we will begin learning about forces and motions. This month will be filled with fun experiences and tons of learning!



A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK FIRST GRADE

Can you believe we are already in December?! There are lots of exciting things happening in first grade this month. We have begun working with teen numbers and throughout this month we will be making a ten to add and learning how to add with three numbers. In phonics, we will be continuing to learn more long vowels and we will also be learning CVCe syllables. Please be sure to practice the spelling words at home! In Wonders Reading, we will be

starting Unit 3 where we will be learning about things that have happened long ago.

Our winter concert will be on December 20th at 5:30! Please continue to check your child's blue folder for HW, spelling words, and important information.

Happy Holidays!



A MESSAGE FROM MS. SAINFLEUR AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Hello December! In second grade, we will be learning so many new and exciting things! In ECRI, we are continuing learning new affixes, sounds, trick words, sentences and contractions. In Math, we are learning to add and subtract two-digit numbers while finding a missing addend. We will be using different strategies to help us, such as: base-ten blocks and open number lines adding up to ten. We are also learning about adding and subtracting with money. In our current Wonders unit, we are learning about how people can help out their communities.

December will be a busy and fun month, so please be sure to always check the school calendar! If there are any questions or concerns, please message us on ParentSquare!

Wishing a Happy Holiday to all of our Second Grade Families!



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

Happy December! It's hard to believe that December is actually here. We have so much happening during this month. We look forward to talking to parents for conferences on the 6th. If you cannot make that date, please let us know so we can communicate about your child's performance in school. As a grade level, both classes are working on learning all about holidays from around the world. Students will be learning about traditions and cultures from countries like Mexico, Germany, England, Italy, and others.

In reading for this month, we are starting Unit 3 in Wonders. Students will explore the big idea of One of a Kind guided by the following essential questions: What makes different animals unique? How can one person change the way you think? What do we know about Earth and its neighbors? At the end of December, students will be tested to see the progress of their fluency. Students should be reading aloud every day at home. By January, students should be able to read 105 words per minute to be considered on-grade level.

Our students are still learning strategies to solve multiplication facts and problems. All students should now be able to say the multiples (skip-count) of 2, 3, 5, and 10. We will be learning the multiples of 4 next. Please continue to have your child skip-count and practice multiplication facts (0-3, 5, and 10).

Wishing HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of our third grade families!

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

Hi everyone! Believe it or not, we're already a third of the way through the school year! The days are flying by. Here are a few updates about what we're working on in fourth grade.

In English/Language Arts, students will be starting Unit 3, which focuses on community, friendship, and cooperation. As always, please make sure you are reading with your children every night to help increase their fluency, which is extremely important!

For Math, will be moving into multi-digit multiplication and multi-digit division (for example, 35×34 or $345/5$). For this unit, it is especially important that students work on both their multiplication and division fact fluency.

Finally, in Science, we are continuing with our unit on animal biology. This is always a favorite among the students as they learn how animals have adapted to survive in their individual habitats. We will be working on our new unit of rocks and fossils.

We want to wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! Thank you!



**A MESSAGE FROM MISS CARASONE AND MS. SENAN
FIFTH GRADE**

Hi Parents/Guardians! Welcome to December! Could you believe we only have a few more weeks left of 2023?

Here are some updates about what we are working on in the fifth grade. In math, we are learning about decimals and will continue working on decimals for a few more weeks. We will learn how to add and subtract decimals, as well as multiply and divide decimals. Students are working hard to practice and memorize their multiplication facts which will help them with the content. We will finish up with Unit 3 and move onto Unit 4 for ELA. A key skill will be identifying the theme, or lesson, of a story. The students will also be working on comparing informal vs. formal writing.

Finally, in Science, we are currently in our unit, "Systems in Space." We have our Starbase field trips coming up very soon!

Friendly reminder, please practice math fact fluency and reading fluency daily with your child to help them grow. Please continue to have your child complete lessons on their i-Ready and Amplify, especially over the winter break. Thank you.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions and/or concerns.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST READING INTERVENTIONIST

Intervention groups are moving right along. I am very pleased with the progress of my students. The students are enjoying the new decodable book series we received last year. It has great stories and illustrations. The students have loved reading through the different series. Although we do some great work in class, students' reading abilities will improve even more if they read at home. We continue to request that students read at least 10 minutes every night. Students have a green folder that should be going home every night. It will have papers we've completed and words that the students can practice rereading each night. Please make sure your child is reading every night.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. QOSJA ESL TEACHER

Happy December! It's hard to believe that December is already here! During this month students will be developing their oral language skills in order to be able to increase academic vocabulary and engage in meaningful conversations with their peers. Students will be working on increasing their reading and writing comprehension by responding in writing to reading passages and stories from Wonders.

Kindergarten students are learning about Wonders of Nature. Also, recognizing letters and sounds as well as learning new sight words.

Other grades are currently working on Unit 3 of Wonders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you!

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. THOMPSON
LITERACY FACILITATOR**

Now that it's getting dark earlier, children are spending more time inside. Take advantage of the situation and get them reading!! Surely there is a subject that interests your child. The children's department at The Silas Bronson Library has librarians ready to help your child find a book that's just right for them. We also have books at the school just waiting to go to a good home. If you would like some books sent home for your child(ren), just send in a note to Mrs. Thompson, and we will gladly help you build an at-home library.



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

Happy Holidays! As we enter December, I am excited to announce that we have 2 music concerts coming up this month. Our students at every grade level have been working towards a performance that can be shared with the whole school community. Our concerts will be held this Wednesday, December 13th for grade K, 2, & 4, and next Wednesday, December 20th for grades 1, 3, & 5. Both concerts are at 5:30 p.m. in the all purpose room at Regan School. There is a flyer that has gone out on Parentsquare with more information. I hope to see everyone attend!



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

Hello Parents/Guardians! Students have been working very hard on improving their fitness, stamina, and mobility. During December, Grades k-2 will be learning Dribbling skills using different balls and sizes. At the end of the unit, the student will be able to drop a ball and catch it before bouncing twice, dribbling continuously in self-space. Grades 3-5 students will learn about the history of basketball and rules. In addition, students will learn proper dribbling and shooting techniques and how to work together as a team. During Physical activities and group interactions, students encounter different challenges that are necessary for their developmental growth. Using positive reinforcement and encouragement, students complete different activities and tasks. Students are also continuing to improve their general fitness and health through fun activities, warm-ups, and strengthening exercises.

**A MESSAGE FROM MISS BAJRAKTAREVIC
SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Happy December! Time is flying by! For the month of December, your child(ren) will be focusing on empathy and kindness. Students will learn how to recognize acts of kindness, explore the effects of kindness on themselves and others, and perform kind acts for others in social situations. According to research, developing empathy (the ability to understand or feel how others feel) and showing kindness are foundational for building and maintaining positive relationships. Children who have well-developed empathy

tend to display more prosocial tendencies, such as assisting or helping others, comforting others, or being responsive to someone else's needs. Students will be reminded that the smallest acts of kindness can mean the world to someone else.

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.



COME JOIN US FOR A LITERACY + MATH PARENT WORKSHOP

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING WITH FREE REFRESHMENTS AND MATERIALS FOR HOME

WHEN: TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023 @ 10:00AM

WHERE: REGAN SCHOOL CAFETERIA



GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S LITERACY NEEDS

LEARN SOME TRICKS TO ENCOURAGE READING SUCCESS



GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S MATH NEEDS

LEARN ABOUT SOME MATH GAMES TO ENCOURAGE MATH SUCCESS



The PTO is having a Winter Raffle
from Wednesday, December 13th through
Thursday, December 21st

Tickets are \$0.25 each or 4 for \$1.00.

Good luck!

All proceeds will go toward student activities.

Regan School - December 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>P.E. on A-Days for these classes:</u> K-Williams 1-Anulewicz 2-Sainfluer 3-Mitchell 4-Betancourt 5-Carson	<u>P.E. on B-Days for these classes:</u> K-Dickey 1-Wojtunik 2-Tyrrell 3-Schmied 4-Welch 5-Senan	<u>Extra P.E. classes on C-Days:</u> Grade 3 - Mitchell Grade 4 - Betancourt		1 End of first trimester for KINDERGARTEN B - Day / Day 62
4 Holiday shopping begins Virtual PTO mtg @ 4:30pm Virtual SGC mtg @ 6:45pm C - Day / Day 63	5 Holiday Shopping continues D - Day / Day 64	6 12PM Dismissal Parent-Teacher conferences 5PM-7PM Sign up on Parent Square E - Day / Day 65	7 Holiday shopping ends A - Day / Day 66	8 CT Children's Foundation Pajama Day \$1 donation B - Day / Day 67
11 C - Day / Day 68	12 Title I meeting with parents & Parent Workshop on Literacy and Math 10:00a.m. @ Regan cafeteria D - Day / Day 69	13 12PM Dismissal *Picture Retake Day PTO Winter Raffle begins Winter Concert for Grades K, 2, 4 & visit from Santa @ 5:30pm E - Day / Day 70	14 Grade 5C - Starbase Field Trip A - Day / Day 71	15 Grade 5C - Starbase Field Trip B - Day / Day 72
18 Grade 5C - Starbase Field Trip C - Day / Day 73	19 Field Trip to Mattatuck Museum 9:15-10:45 Gr.3S,4W,5S Grade 5C - Starbase Field Trip KINDERGARTEN DISTRIBUTE REPORT CARDS D - Day / Day 74	20 Winter Concert @ 5:30pm for Grades 1, 3, 5 & visit from Santa @ 5:30pm Grade 5C - Starbase Field Trip E - Day / Day 75	21 Field Trip to Mattatuck Museum 9:15-10:45 Gr.3M,4B,5C PTO Winter Raffle ends A - Day / Day 76	22 12PM Dismissal B - Day / Day 77

Winter Break from December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024 School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
Happy Holidays!!! Best wishes for 2024!

Students of the First Marking Period

Congratulations!!!

You make us proud!

KD - Zhavia Alvarez

1A - Adalyn Bano-Caz

2S - Annalise Colon

3M - Marco Romero

4B - Dylan Martinez

5C - Evalisse Munoz



In Person ceremony on
Friday, December 1, 2023
at 2p.m.

KW - Skyler Moeckel

1W -Ariana Raghunandan

2T - Julius Marcano

3S - Earnest Sanders

4W - Emily Garcia

5S -Alexis Zhizhpon

Computers - Taliah Henderson
Music- Eva Ruiz-Gallagher
Physical Education- Angel Melendez

Criteria for the Student of the Marking Period

Last day of MP 1 - November 2



All students will enter in a chance to win an all paid family vacation to Boston, Massachusetts!

- **Completes assignments and classwork with exceptional effort**
- **Follows Regan Eagle SOAR expectations and is a role model for other students**
- **Good attendance; no more than 3 days out for the marking period**
- **Attends school in dress code and follows the school-wide expectations**

We hope all of our students and families are enjoying their at home reading project.

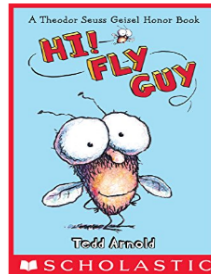
Regan School's at Home Reading Project

Henry and Mudge The First Book



Kindergarten

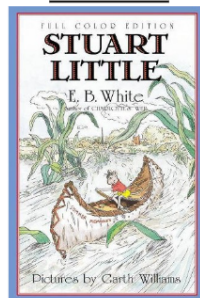
Hi! Fly Guy



Grade 1

Regan School's at Home Reading Project

Stuart Little



Grade 2

Balto



Grade 3

Regan School's at Home Reading Project

Esperanza Rising



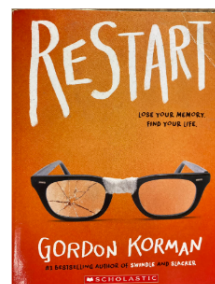
Grade 4- B

James and the Giant Peach



Grade 4-W

Restart



Grade 5

Most Lessons Passed

Math-iReady MP1

KD

Jordan
Maddison
Veronica
Ayrieannah
Samantha

KW

Kimberly
Samadhi
Mia
Skyler

1A

Ian
Eliezer
Aaron
Aryan
Thomas

1W

Jaedyn
Matthew
Lucas
Mayson
Richard

2T

Josiah
Joy
Julius
Jhay
Sofia

2S

Richard
Domenic
Daniela
Athena
Janalie

3M

Nina-Simone
Denard
Victoria
Ella
Azrielle

3S

Sacia
Angel
Emma N.
Sebastian
Avery

4B

Natanael
Sumer
Dylan
Mauro
Madison

4W

Marcus
Jayden
Ethan
Emily
Joel

5C

Rylee
Taliah
Evalisse
Ace
Jace

5S

Cristian
Anisa
Jonah
Scarlet
Andrea

We are so proud of all of our students' hard work!

These students received certificates for the most passed lessons for marking period 1!

Amplify Certificates

KD

Zhavia
Jordan
Maddison
Sean
Samantha

1A

Ian
Adalyn
De'Aaron
Eliezer
Jacob
Aaron
Aryan
Saint
Kungawo
Thomas
Ethan
Jordeen
Jayleen

1W

Armani
Adasha
Enzo
Jaedyn
Brooklyn
Annaliyah
Matthew
Ariana
Nevva-Lei
Aria
Lucas
Mayson
Chloe
Richard

2T

Josiah
Damani
Joy
Julius
Julian
Jhay
Alexandria
Dylan
Ketsana
Sofia
Karylis

2S

Richard
Analise
Jonathan
Anion
Jeramyah
Valerie
Juliet
Avah
Skylar
Javier
Athena
Janalie

3M

Avery
Nina-Simone
Denard
Joao
Pedro
Victoria
Olivia
Ava
Ella
Camille
Jeilianys
Marco
Eva
Jayden
Azrielle

3S

Amelia
Gabriella
Jarielys
Emma D.
Kai
Sacia
Jazalee
Demaine
Loreangeli
Angel
Emma N.
Dakota
Sebastian
Miguel
Earnest
Avery S.
Isabella

4B

Julius
Aliyah
Ava
Natanael
Kyomi
Sumer
Aiden
Dylan
Alex
Eduin
Sophia
D'Lilah
Stefany
Gabriela
Cristian
Madison
Cayenne
Caleb
Ahsani
Makenzie
Mariah
Mauro

4W

Marcus
Matthew
Jayden
Emily
Jonathan
Roselda
Mavis
Andrew
Ciara
Joel
London
Ethan

5C

Elaina
Rylee
Justin
Alasia
Leilani
Jace

5S

Kheyliani
Cristian
Sofia
Anisa
Tramel
Victor
Jaydaliz
Jonah
Lian
Jayce
Danielly
Edwin
Melody
Scarlet
Minielys
Alexis

We are so proud of all of our students' hard work!

**These students received certificates for completing more than expected lessons for the
1st marking period!**

Perfect Attendance Marking Period 1

KW

Richard
Lilyanna
Kimberly
Mia
Skyler
Linda

KD

Zhavia
Jordan
Ayrieannah
Samantha

1A

Ian
Adalyn
Jacob
Aryan
Carlos

1W

Adasha
Jimya
Jaedyn
Peyton
Matthew
Ariana
Jeselis
Mayson
Chloe
Milani

2T

Josiah
Joy
Alice
Jhay
Alexandria
Dylan
Harmony
Sofia

2S

Richard
Starlyn

3M

Pedro
Ella
Minhaj

3S

Amelia
Kai
Demaine
Earnest
Avery

4B

Julius
Makenzie
Natanael
Gabriela
Cristian
Madison

4W

Jai
Roselda
Andrew
Damien
Joel

5S

Anisa
Jose
Melody
Scarlet
Minielys
Alexis

5C

Elaina
Jeremiah
Stiven
Alasia
Dallas

These students were PRESENT and attended school EVERY DAY during the 1st Marking Period!

Way to go!!!

Good Attendance for Marking Period 1

KD

Theodore
Christian
Jah'Zier
Bryan
Benjamin
Sandra

KW

Anthony
Samadhi
Dwight
Nada
Mason
Aziel

1W

Lucas
Nevva-Lei
Aria
Alexandra
Brooklyn
Enzo

1A

Jordeen
Janeishka
Jayleen
Thomas
Carlos
Aaron
De'Aaron

2T

Karylís
Ketsana
Lianny
Mason
Julius
Tevan
Claire
Yannielis

2S

Janalie
Athena
Daniela
O'Ryan
Javier
Avah
Juliet
Valerie
Domenic
Anion
Taylor
Jeremiah
Analise
Luzlainny
Alexander

3M

Eva
Marco
Adereida
Jeilianys
Ava
Victoria
Joao
Denard
Nina-Simone
Avery

3S

Isabella
Miguel
Sebastian
Dakota
Angel
Loreangeli
Jarielys
Emma D.
Emma N.

4B

Ahsani
Gianni
Cayenne
D'Lilah
Sophia
Mauro
Eduin
Alex
Dylan
Aiden
Sumer
Mariah

4W

Aydin
London
Ciara
Liam
Bella-Marie
Sophia
Emily
Melody
Matthew
Marcus

5C

Vanessa
Alyse
Jace
Ace
Ileanys
Areli
Emmanuel
Leilani
Mathew
Taliah
Justin

5S

Dalyla
Annabelle
Edwin
Danielly
Lian
Jayce
Jonah
Jaydaliz
Victor
Sofia
Kheylani

These students received certificates for having good attendance.

They had 1, 2 or 3 days absent during the 1st marking period.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

