

Week of December 18, 2023

PARENT NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL PLEDGE

Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself, the gift of absolute self-assurance, self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.



“ TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE ”

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY



HOW TO KEEP KIDS LEARNING DURING WINTER BREAK

The winter holiday break is a fun-filled time for you and your family to unwind and spend quality time together, but it will be over before you know it! Children’s school success begins at home, and even the simplest steps can mean a big difference for your child’s future. To keep your child’s skills sharp and ensure a smooth transition to going back to

school, [Scholastic](#) offers tips to keep kids learning:

- **Read for pleasure.** Whether your child is in the mood for holiday favorites like *The Night Before Christmas* or their favorite series, winter break is the perfect chance to stash the schoolbooks and have fun reading.
- **Cook up a lesson.** Ask your child for help in the kitchen to whip up some treats. Using measurements is good math practice, especially in fractions!
- **Write thank-you notes.** Whether your child is writing notes to gift-givers, teachers or neighbors, this is a great way to practice penmanship, spelling and grammar – plus, it teaches gratitude.
- **Let kids help with online shopping.** Need a last minute gift? Help your child shop online with you to help them work on computer and research skills.
- **Maintain reasonable bedtimes.** With no school to wake up early for, it’s tempting to let your child become a night owl. A few days before school starts again, ease back into the regular schedule.
- **Have a family game night.** Chances are many of your family’s favorite card and board games reinforce skills like reading, counting and drawing. Gather your family to play games you don’t have time for on school nights.
- **Make the most of car rides.** Turn the drive to or from holiday gatherings into a fun opportunity to learn. You can look for license plates from different states, count the number of red or green cars you see or play license plate bingo!
- **Continue the learning.** Students should continue to complete Exact Path and focus on mastering 5-10 skills in reading and math over break.

DAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday 12/18	Read and Respond Goes Home Spelling words & Book Clubs go home! Exact Path during intervention
Tuesday 12/19 Reading Rally! All students 1-4 will hold up Read and Responds on the way to Reading !!!	Exact Path during intervention NO TUTORING!!!!!! Winter project due!!!
Wednesday 12/20 Reading Rally!	Exact Path during intervention
Thursday 12/21 Read and Respond Due! Spelling Tests Turn in Book Clubs	CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRATION 9:45-11:30 K-4 9:45-12:00 WINTER CONCERT 1:30-3:15 PARENTS WELCOME!!
Friday 12/22	NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK BEGINS

UPCOMING	
12/22	PD No School for students - CHANGE!!!!!!
1/9	Return to School
1/15	No School MLK Day
1/31	Science Fair 3:00-4:30
Week of 2/12	Career exploration week
2/28	Black History Program 1:30-3:00



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
Everyday. On-time.



This is our theme for the school year! Gladiators show excellence in all things we do! Excellence is a habit at New Paradigm Glazer Academy.

GOALS FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

PERFORMANCE

- 65% of students will meet/exceed their NWEA fall to spring growth targets in both reading and math.
- MSTEP/PSAT8 proficiency will increase in both ELA and Math by 20% for grades 3-8.
- The overall college readiness percentages will increase by a minimum of 10% on the Spring PSAT assessment.

ATTENDANCE

- Chronic absenteeism will decrease by 15% in comparison to the 2022-2023 school year.

INTERVENTION

- Students will have an average mastery of 80% or higher of skills during scheduled intervention time.

Emergency Drills

We will practice fire, tornado, and active shooting drills with students. An emergency can happen at any time. We will practice drills rather it is rain or shine. This will help prepare students to know what to do before, during, and after an emergency.

The School wide Getting Along Together Challenge for the week is to **Demonstrate a Focus Strategy**. This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to demonstrate a focus strategy. One way you can help yourself focus is by practicing Active Listening! Remember Active Listening has three parts: look at the speaker, sit still with hands in your lap, and be at zero noise.

KINDER CORNER



Please ask your kinder to watch the Vimeo Video Unit 3 Day 1 Those Nearest and Dearest.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/kchomelink/174688838>

Watch and listen to the video and practice the /K/ sound (located at minute 2:50 on the video). Now practice sounding out the words below.

1st GRADE



Watch the Vimeo video for A Card with Dad day 2. Then practice the letter sounds that are shown at the beginning of the video.

SFA Reading Roots

Look at the Reading Reels video with your parents. Practice the sounds from the video.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rrhomelink/page:4>

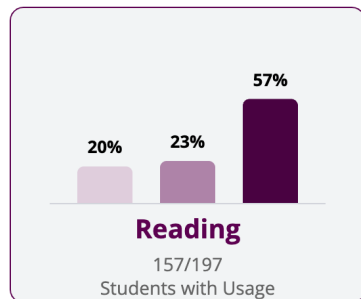
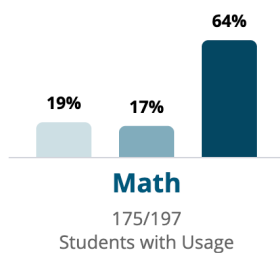
Reading Support K-2

The homelinks link is a link to support kindergarten and Roots students with the letter sounds that they are currently working on during their daily lessons. Whatever letter sound they are working on in class the home link correlates it! Copy the link into your web browser and you will be able to view and listen to the sounds your student is working on in SFA/Reading.

How Much Time Do Students Spend on Their Learning Paths?

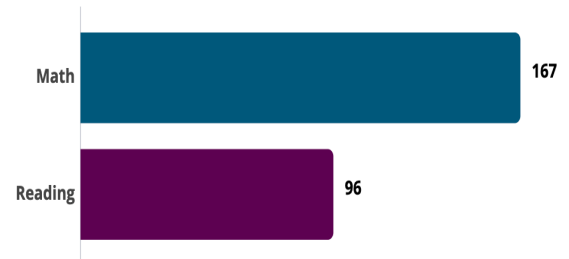
Time Period: Previous Week

<20 min per week 20-39 min per week 40+ min per week



How Many Skills Have Students Mastered?

Time Period: Previous Week



How will you continue your child's learning over winter break?? They will be taking the NWEA in January and their work on Exact Path directly connects to this!!

Read and Respond

Cortez	73%
Reambonanza	63%
Balisco	64%
Hand	100%
Hall	77%
M Antonio	76%
Johnson	86%
5 th Natividad	56%
6 th Natividad	64%
7 th Natividad	76%
8 th Natividad	55%

Parents we need your support to get Read and Respond completed weekly! The only way to increase and improve reading skills, mastery and achievement! Families, we can do it!!!!



This week we are sending home math and reading holiday packets for all students. This will take the place of the weekly math C3 and read and respond homework. Students are required to complete the math and reading packets over the holiday break. They must complete the entire packets with quality answers, showing their best work to receive full credit. All packets must be returned on January 9, 2024.

Attendance Week of 12/11

K	68%
1	84%
2	88%
3	82%
4	86%
5	81%
6	91%
7	83%
8	82%

Families – There are a lot of illnesses going on right now! We need to take precautions to prevent illness! Here are a few key things!

How to help kids from getting sick!

Teach children good **hand washing** habits and make sure they are washing their hands often. Make hand sanitizer available and use it when you are on the go.

Five simple and effective steps for good handwashing:

- Wet your hands with clean water.
- Lather palms, fingers, nails and backs of your hands with soap.
- Scrub for at least 20 seconds.
- Rinse your hands with clean water.
- Dry your hands thoroughly with a clean paper towel.

Use proper technique when sneezing or coughing. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your elbow when you sneeze.

Get plenty of sleep. When we are sleeping, we are healing. While asleep, our bodies has more resources available to fight germs, bacteria and infection.