

November

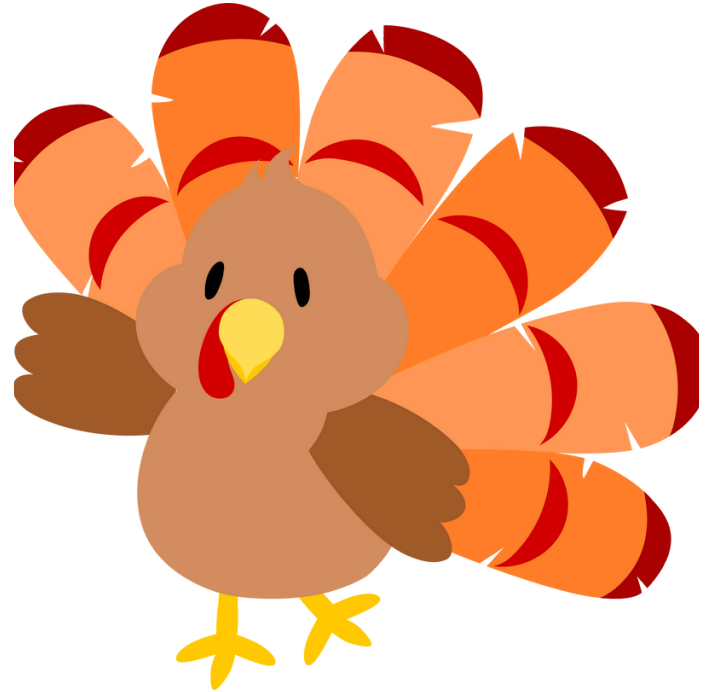
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HELLO PARENTS,

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY BROUGHT IN MEDICATIONS. IF YOU STILL NEED TO DROP OFF ANY MEDICATION, I'M AVAILABLE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION: THE AUTHORIZATION FORM SIGNED BY BOTH THE PROVIDER AND A PARENT. WHEN BRINGING IN THE MEDICATION, IT MUST BE IN A NEW BOX LABELED BY THE PHARMACY.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS NEED A PHYSICAL COMPLETED IN 2024 AND A LEAD TEST TO BE COMPLIANT. I WILL BE SENDING LETTERS TO THOSE WHO NEED TO SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS ALREADY HAD A PHYSICAL AND YOU'RE UNSURE IF I HAVE THE MOST RECENT DOCUMENTATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT 203-574-8305. I'M HERE TO HELP!



PARENT LIAISON

Hello Regan families!

We will be holding the PTO and School Governance Council meetings virtually on the first Monday of each month. The November meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 2024.

All meetings are virtual.

PTO meeting will begin at 6:30p.m.

SGC meeting will begin at 6:45p.m.

SELT meeting will begin at 7:15p.m

Check Parent Square for the Google Meet link on 12/2/24.

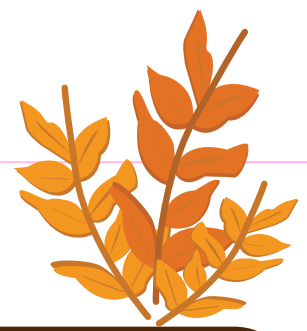
If you have any questions, you can contact me at 203-574-8187 Ext # 3.

Ms. Mejia



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KINDERGARTEN

Happy November! As the weather gets colder it is very important that you send your child to school in a sweater or jacket that your child can put on and remove independently.

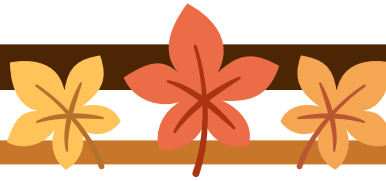
In Benchmark we are learning about characters, story elements, verbs, and nouns!

In ECRI we are learning more and more letters as well as learning to blend those letters together and begin reading.

In Math we are becoming more familiar with the numbers 1-10. This includes comparing numbers and making numbers. This will help us when we learn to add and subtract.

In Science we are learning more about animals and their habitats.

Make sure to check your child's folder every day! We will be sending home a family project to "Disguise a Turkey" to celebrate Thanksgiving. We also send home important notices and homework will start going home after Thanksgiving. We hope all our families have a safe and restful Thanksgiving!



FIRST GRADE

Happy November! As the weather begins to cool down, please send your child to school with an appropriate jacket/sweater. As we begin the 2nd marking period, we have a lot of exciting things coming up! In Benchmark we have begun Unit 2 learning about characters and story elements. In ECRI we are reading and writing words with l-blends. In Math, we will learn new strategies for adding and subtracting.

Look out for a fun at-home project to be sent home within the next few weeks. "Disguise A Turkey" is an at-home project to celebrate Thanksgiving! Please also make sure you are checking your child's folder daily. Important notices and homework can be found there.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



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SECOND GRADE

Happy November to all of our families! The weather is beginning to persistently be cold, so please be sure to send in a jacket without a hoodie for your child each day. A reminder that a healthy snack and water is also recommended each school day as well.

We will soon be diving into Unit Three of Benchmark (our reading program) and talking about the government, different jobs within the government, and why it is important. In ECRI, we will be working on words with short and long u (cub, cube), along with r-controlled words (store, bird, hurt). In Science, we will be continuing to work on the function of plants and animals in their habitats. In Math, we are continuing to add and subtract two-digit numbers with and without regrouping.

Please continue to check your child's homework folder each and every night. Homework is sent home each night (Monday through Thursday), along with weekly spelling words. There is always a spelling test on the weekly words every Friday. Thank you for your continued support this school year, and if anything is needed, always feel free to reach out via ParentSquare!

Miss Tyrrell and Mrs. Sainfleur

THIRD GRADE

Happy November! It is hard to believe that we have completed the first marking period.

In Reading we are continuing to reach our goals. Please continue to have children practice their fluency each night. All students need to remember to do their homework each week. We have been working on learning what an inference is, and how to write an opinion paper.

In Math, our focus is now on learning to multiply. Our students will be using models and strategies to solve multiplication facts and word problems. This month we will target the 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables for memorization. Students receive a math homework assignment every Monday and it is due every Friday.

As the weather becomes cooler, please have your child wear a dress code sweater/fleece jacket that can be removed as the day/room becomes warmer. Hoodies are NOT allowed to be worn in class.

Wishing all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving!

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FOURTH GRADE

Hi everyone! It's hard to believe that we're in the 2nd marking period and that it's already fall! Here are a few updates about what we are working on in fourth grade in math, ELA, and science.

In math, students have begun Unit 2, which includes multiplication and division word problems, multiples, and factors, multi step problems, and shapes and patterns. Please make sure your child is completing their homework!

In ELA, students are currently working on Unit 2. The students are learning about how we reveal our selves to others and how an author develops characters by what they say and do. Please check out ParentSquare for weekly details in ELA.

Finally, in science, students are learning about waves! In this unit we will be learning about the parts of a wave, kinds of waves and how waves interact with matter. Please ask them about the hands on activities they are participating in. Thank you for all your support, and reach out if you have any questions!



Mr. Welch
Mrs. Betancourt



FIFTH GRADE

Happy November! As we settle into this month, we have lots of exciting learning activities planned. Here's what's happening in our classrooms:

In math, we are focusing on reading and writing decimals. Please encourage your child to practice standard algorithms at home and to work on their fact fluency daily. We are also preparing to get started with Benchmark Unit 3, which will build on our skills!

In Unit 2, we've been learning about character traits through dialogue and actions, as well as improving our summarizing skills. Students are developing their ability to understand characters and their motivations in stories.

In science, we are exploring the concept of matter. Students will investigate the properties of solids, liquids, and gases and learn how matter can change from one state to another.

Reminders:

- As it's getting chilly, please ensure your child comes to school in long-sleeve uniform shirts to stay warm during outdoor activities.
- Daily practice in math is essential for building confidence and skills, so please support your child in their homework and practice routines. Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out.

Wishing you a wonderful November!

MRS. PRONOVOST READING INTERVENTIONIST

Our Intervention groups continue to practice their decoding skills by blending sounds together to make words. We also are working on fluency skills, such as: reading as if we are talking, with expression. Please know that Mrs. Pronovost's students have a plastic folder which should come to class and go home each day. The students come home with papers for practice and books to read. Please have your child read at least 10 minutes each night and complete the reading log in the plastic folder. I check these every Friday. Your child will receive a prize if the log is complete. Please ask your child about the folder, and the reading log, if you have not seen it.

All students have been working effortlessly in their small groups to improve their reading. Our students are placed in groups based on their individual needs. Your child is monitored monthly to assess the progress he/she is making and instruction is adjusted if necessary so we can ensure your child is progressing. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are in need of reading materials at home. We will be more than happy to help you begin to build an at-home library for your child.

MRS. QOSJA MULTILINGUIST TEACHER

Hello everyone!

Happy November to all!

During the month of November all grades will continue to work on Unit two (2) soon to be diving into Unit three (3).

Kindergarten and First are learning characters, story elements, nouns and verbs.

Grades 2-3 are learning about the Government and the importance of jobs. Also, the parts of speech.

Grades 4-5 are learning about how we reveal ourselves to others and how an author develops characters in the story. As well as character traits through dialog and action. They are also practicing summarizing/writing skills.

Our main focus will continue to be developing oral communication by using the Turn and Talk method on all grades!

Thank you for your support!

LITERACY FACILITATOR MRS. ELLINGTON



Our classes are busy finishing up unit 2 in our new reading program, Benchmark Advance. In Unit 2 we were focusing on "Characters Matter". In kindergarten they were discovering "How are characters different?". In fourth grade they were discovering "How do we reveal ourselves to others?". Be on the lookout for the student books the students have been working on for the last few weeks which will be coming home.

Unit 3 will be starting this month and we will be focusing on "Government and Citizenship". First grade will be answering, "Why do people get involved in their communities?". Fifth grade will be answering, "Why do laws continue to evolve?".

Please continue to ask your child about the stories he/she is reading in school and share some of your own storytelling. Storytelling builds vocabulary, enhances listening and communication skills, and helps to develop a sense of empathy. This month is a great time to tell stories about what we are grateful for and why





MRS. DAVIS STEM COACH

November 8th is National STEM Day. STEM Day is a day where we aim to inspire and encourage students to explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Through these core domains we hope to foster a love of learning and build curiosity in our young minds. On this date, your child will have the opportunity to take an ocean virtual field trip, to have a read aloud based on STEM, or do an activity that will engage them in STEM.

What's going on in math?

Kindergarten is learning to sort and count objects and count to 10.

First Grade is focusing on strategies for adding and subtracting.

Second Grade will use addition and subtraction strategies with two-digit numbers.

Third Grade is working hard on multiplication and multiplication facts.

Fourth Grade continues to work on multiples and factors and then will move on to multi-step problems.

Fifth Grade's focus is reading and writing decimals and then moving to rounding and comparing decimal numbers.

How can you help your child with math?

At this time in the year it is very important for your child to be working on their basic math facts at their grade level. Make sure that their work area is quiet and organized so they can focus on their work. Lastly, make the time fun and enjoyable for you and your child.



Regan Elementary School
Proudly Presents...

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Thursday, November 14, 2024

5:30-6:30pm

COME JOIN US

In the Cafeteria!!

Games,
BINGO and
prizes



Snacks
Provided!

Discover ways to
help your child at
home through math
games

La Escuela Regan
Elementary Presenta...

NOCHE DE MATEMATICA CON LA FAMILIA

Jueves, 14 de Noviembre 2024

5:30-6:30pm

En La Cafeteria

ACOMPANENOS!!

Habra
comida!



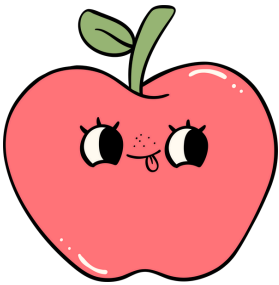
Juegos,
BINGO
premios

Aprenda maneras
de ayudar a sus
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de matematicas.





UPDATES AT REGAN SCHOOL



- If you ordered Spirtwear, it will arrive in 3 to 4 weeks.
- Report cards will be sent home for grades 1 to 5 on 11/14/24.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM MULTICULTURAL NIGHT





MR. BROWN **PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**



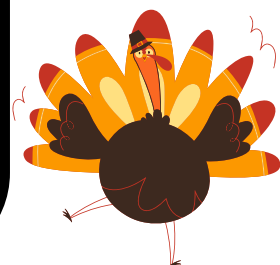
Happy November everybody! The month of October was great in physical education as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders were taught the proper ways to throw and catch a ball, with fun games tied into the learning! Kindergarten and first grade are currently learning cooperative games and how to be a productive member of any team by using communication and collaboration. It is beginning to get colder, but we are still utilizing the outdoors and will continue to do so until the temperatures drop. Now that students have been taught the basic skills, we will begin exploring different sports and introducing more challenging topics. I can't wait!

MR. RIDGEWAY **MUSIC TEACHER**

In music class the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been working on singing the National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner. We are learning proper singing posture and breathing as well as singing low notes high notes and learning the vocabulary and the history of the song. The K and 1st grade students were singing, counting, rhyming and dancing. We will soon begin working on music for the holiday concert. The 4th grade enrichment students have begun playing violins and the 5th grade band is coming together.

MISS MALONEY **LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER**

Hello parents, guardians, and families, and happy November! As we are settling into the school year, we are working very hard in Library and learning plenty of new skills and information. With Kindergarten, we are reviewing what we have learned in the beginning of the year such as authors and illustrators and parts of a book, but we are also learning about different characters in a story. First graders are also learning about characters, but we are also discussing how to be good citizens and community members! Second and third graders are practicing their grammar, writing sentences, and overall strengthening their literacy skills. And finally, our fourth and fifth graders are also building their reading & writing skills, but we are also working on analyzing characters, determining main ideas and supporting details, and becoming stronger, more confident writers.



MR. DABKOWSKI ART TEACHER

Hello everyone, we are creating some wonderful art this November focusing on some fall themes.

In Kindergarten and first grade we are creating some birch forests. Learning about texture, how to handle painting materials, and using our knowledge of lines to add details.

In second and third grade students are creating fall inspired landscapes. While continuing to develop their understanding of space, value, and form.

In fourth and fifth grade students are exploring observational artwork by creating collages based on their own observations of the outside environment.



MRS. MARTIN AND MISS POTENZIANI SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello Regan Families! We will be filling in for Ms. B while she is out on maternity leave. Mrs. Martin will be in on Thursdays, and Miss Potenziani will be in on Tuesdays. Mrs. Martin is the full time counselor over at Washington, and Miss Potenziani is the full time counselor over at Driggs. We are here to help your children with any needs while the Regan counselor is out. Please feel free to send us messages on parent square or via email:

melissa.martin@waterbury.k12.ct.us or
elizabeth.potenziani@waterbury.k12.ct.us We look forward to working with the Regan community!

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](https://www.btfec.com) for information on how to get the app and how it helps our school raise funds.
- **Mega Education** - Attorney Dressler will be joining us each marking period for our ceremonies to help us celebrate Students of the Marking Period!
- **Autumn Lake at Healthcare at Bucks Hill** - Regan School is planning several activities with the nearby nursing home. Events will be shared during the year!

ADDITIONAL INFO



- Make sure to call the school before 2:30p.m., write a note or message your child's teacher if there is a change of transportation for the day. If you don't hear back from your child's teacher, assume he/she has not seen the message. Keep in mind that teachers are very busy teaching throughout the day. Calling the main office before 2:30 is the best way to ensure your child's teacher has received the message regarding the transportation change 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.



Ride a Bike
OR SKATEBOARD



ASK FOR HELP



Blow
Bubbles

Color
Paint
Draw



CREATE ART!

Listen to MUSIC



PLAY a
BOARD GAME

MAKE &
PLAY
WITH
SLIME



Practice
Gratitude



WEAVE,
KNOT OR
CROCHET

Use Kind &
Compassionate
Self-Talk



Make a
Scrapbook
or Collage



PRACTICE
YOGA



Hug or
Climb
a Tree

KICK,
BOUNCE
OR THROW
a BALL



JOURNAL or
WRITE A LETTER



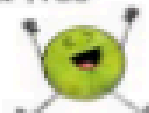
Take Slow,
Mindful Breaths



Outside or Play
with Your Pet



Drink
Water



Smile & Laugh

EAT
Healthy



50 COPING SKILLS for kids



Get Plenty
of **SLEEP**



TAKE A SHOWER
OR BATH



Go on a
Hike,
Walk, or
Run



Forgive
Let Go
Move On



Use
Aromatherapy
(Scent something good)



Cook or
Bake



SAY Positive
Affirmations



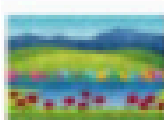
Take
GOOD
CARE
of the
Earth



Look At or Take
PHOTOGRAPHS



Garden or
Do Yardwork



Visualize
a Peaceful Place



Try or
Learn
Something
New



EXPLORE &
DISCOVER Nature's
Treasures



READ a Book
or Magazine



DRINK
A WARM
CUP OF TEA

USE a STRESS BALL
or SQUEEZE (SOFT) TOY



DO a PUZZLE



Cry



Play Outside



Clean,
Declutter or
Organize



Create
ORIGAMI



Get a
HUG



EXERCISE



JUMP on a
Trampoline



Rest,
Take a Break, or Nap



Do
Something Kind



BUILD
Something



TALK to Someone
You Trust



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Based on research, children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade.

For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with low grades and students are more likely to drop out of high school. When students are consistently absent from school, not only do they run the risk of falling behind their peers academically, but they also exhibit poor self-esteem. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Regan School staff is willing to work together with you to help get your child to school daily and on time.





Did you know...

"Put an end to procrastination by doing the crummy job first"

Your child has a math worksheet, a chapter to read and a writing assignment. If your child dislikes writing, recommend doing that assignment first. Here's why:

- Crummy jobs are a part of life.

We all have to do some things we don't like. Talk to your child about some of the jobs you don't enjoy doing, but have to do anyway. Doing laundry and cleaning the bathrooms | every week isn't fun, but it is necessary hygiene.

- Putting off a difficult task just makes it more difficult. Until that assignment is finished, it's going to occupy your child's mind.
- Finishing a dreaded task feels wonderful. Help your child learn to focus on how great it will feel when the job is finished-not how crummy it will feel while doing it. Encourage your child to build in a small reward for finishing a challenging task, such as spending 10 minutes listening to music.

Sometimes, all it takes is a little push. Set a timer for 15 minutes and say, "Work on your writing for 15 minutes. Then you can stop." After getting started, it probably won't be as painful as your child anticipated.

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 School-wide SGC Reading Project begins	5 Election Day No School	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day No School	12	13	14 Math night at 5:30pm to 6:30pm Report Cards for MP 1 will be sent home Grades 1-5	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Student of the 1st Marking Period ceremony at 1:50pm Trimester 1 ends for Kindergarten	23	24
25	26	27 12PM Dismissal Pajama Day	28 No School Happy Thanksgiving	29 No School Thanksgiving Recess	30	1

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