

December

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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 each month. We we hold our next meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025.

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 each month.

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

Ms. Mejia



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KINDERGARTEN GRADE MISS KRUIJS & MISS HALL

Happy December! This year is flying by and we are learning so much every day. The weather is getting colder so please make sure to send your child with a coat or jacket to school every day so we can stay healthy and warm!

In reading we are still practicing letter names and sound recognition, but we are now using those sounds to blend and read CVC words. We are also adding to the high frequency words we know and practice daily.

In math we are continuing to count to 100, learning ways to combine numbers, and are even starting to learn the attributes of shapes!

Kindergarten is beginning to send home homework. Please make sure you spend some time every day working on the packets we send home as well as counting to 100 and reading. Every day we are learning so much, so please make sure to stay healthy and come to school!



FIRST GRADE MISS ANULEWICZ & MRS. SCARPATI



Hi Everyone! Happy December! We have lots of exciting things coming up this month. We have started building teen numbers and adding/subtracting teen numbers in Math. In phonics, we will continue to read and write words with consonant blends as well as words with digraphs sh, th, and -ng. In Benchmark the next unit will be about how people create stories. In Science we are finishing up learning about plants and animals. We will begin Unit 2, observing the sky.

Our winter concert will be held on December 19th at 5:30pm. Please continue to check your child's folder daily.



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SECOND GRADE
MISS TYRRELL &
MRS. SANINFLUER



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 and telling time. In our current Benchmark unit, we are learning about how folktales can teach us important lessons.

December will be a busy and fun month, so please be sure to always check the school calendar! We are looking forward to Parent-Teacher conferences on December 11th, and the Winter concert on December 18th! If there are any questions or concerns, please message us on ParentSquare!

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



THIRD GRADE
MR. MITCHELL & MRS. SCHMIED



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 11th. 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 during their enrichment time.

In reading for this month, we are starting Unit 4 in Benchmark.

We will be working on "Comparing Points of View." In this unit, we'll be reading plays, humor, a folktale as well as a diary entry from a fictional character. To compare points of view, we'll study familiar stories that have been given fresh twists. At the beginning of December, students will be tested to see the progress on 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). Third graders will be taking the Middle-of-Year i-Ready Assessment the week of December 16th.

Wishing HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of our third grade families!



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FOURTH GRADE

MRS. BETANCOURT & MR. WELCH



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 4, which focuses on fictional stories told from different points of view and perspectives—both human and animal. 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 will be starting our Engineering and Technology Unit. This unit explores how engineers define a problem, design a solution and improve prototypes.

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



FIFTH GRADE

MISS CARASONE & MS. SENAN



Hi Parents/Guardians! Welcome to December! Could you believe we only have a few more weeks left of 2024?

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 author's point of view. The students will also be working on writing narratives.

Finally, in Science, we are currently finishing up in our unit in Matter, and will be moving on to Systems in Space.

Friendly reminder, please practice math fact fluency and reading fluency daily with your child to help them grow.

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

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Miss Carasone and Ms. Senan

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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 fill in the Reading Log that is in the folder. Only grades 1-5 have a reading log.

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 weekly 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



Happy December!

During the month of December students from Kindergarten are working on recognizing letters as well as blending sounds.

Grade 1-5 are working on Unit 3 soon to dive into unit 4. We are practicing Turn and Talk with partners in order to develop oral communication skills. They are also working on learning writing skills and understanding grammar rules.

We are slightly practicing for the LAS Links Assessment which will be right after Christmas break.

Have a happy holiday season!




DID YOU KNOW...



20 minutes of reading at home each day can make a huge difference in your child's success! Research shows that children that read at home with their family regularly develop stronger language skills, better comprehension and a lifelong love of learning. When parents make reading a priority, kids thrive! Let's work together to build a community of readers!

- Read together after dinner or before bedtime.
- Ask questions while reading such as "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think the character did that?" to boost comprehension.
- Make it fun! Let kids choose books they enjoy such as graphic novels, picture books or even recipes!

Information taken from National Institute for Literacy.



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MRS. DAVIS
STEM COACH



Happy holidays everyone! Do you know what December 13th is? It's a day that WPS will celebrate geometry in the classroom. Our students can look forward to a grade level read aloud and a geometry activity during their math block.

We definitely want to keep our childrens' math facts fluent over the holiday break. This is a good time to break out those dominoes, playing cards, and dice from Regan Math Night. You can play mental math games on car rides, "War" at restaurants, or have a family game night so that your child's skills stay sharp into the New Year.



School Counselor

SCHOOL COUNSELING

NEWSLETTER

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Examples

I felt sad when I received a bad grade on my math test. ✓
The teacher made me sad by giving me a bad grade. ✗

I felt mad when my friends did not invite me to play with them. ✓
My friends excluded me and made me mad. ✗

I feel frustrated when I feel like I am not being heard. ✓
You frustrate me, you never listen to me. ✗

I feel excited when we are able to play together at recess. ✓
When you don't play with me at recess, you ruin my day. ✗

I felt sad & worried when you said you hated winter and hope that it ends soon!

"I" Statements put focus on your feelings & less blame on others making them more receptive to hearing you!

SCHOOL COUNSELING

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Tips

Let each person speak about their feelings

Use "I" Statements

Brainstorm different solutions together & discuss the pros and cons of each solution

Be cordial - you don't have to be friends, but you must be respectful to each other

Use a calm voice, don't yell

Avoid insulting the other person

Solve the problem between yourself and anyone else involved - do NOT involve other friends

Ask an adult for help if needed

Conflict Resolution

- Conflict resolution occurs between two or more people
- Sometimes, another adult is necessary to help mediate the conflict
- The resolution should involve a compromise that benefits all people involved in the conflict

Conflict Resolution Skills will help you succeed in school & the work place!

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MR. BROWN **PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**



Hello, and happy December to all! It has been another productive month in physical education here at Regan. We have been focusing on making fitness/exercise fun for students, as well as seeing the value in good health! Students have very clearly improved their cardiovascular health and stamina through November as we did lots of jump roping, hula hooping and other fun alternatives to normally demanding exercises. I look forward to another great month where we will continue to make your students healthier and more competent movers!

MISS MALONEY **LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER**



It's hard to believe December is here already and we will be diving into unit 4 in our new reading program, Benchmark. All students in grades K-5 will be talking about "Perspectives in Literature". Students will be looking at how authors bring stories alive in different ways.

This is a great time for families to support our students' learning at home. Storytelling about family traditions or favorite memories is a great way to build your child's literacy skills. Also encouraging your child to write holiday cards or wishlists reinforce the skills they are working on. Literacy is all around us, take time to model for your child how important it is to you!

MR. RIDGEWAY **MUSIC TEACHER**



December greetings to our Reagan families. We have been busy in our music classes preparing for our Winter Concerts. December 18th (Grades K, 2, 4) and 19th (grades 1, 3, 5) at 5:30. Each grade will have a song to present. Students are encouraged to practice the lyrics. We will also share the music we have been working on in music enrichment. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders have been drumming. The 4th grade students have begun playing Violin and the 5th graders have started a Band (Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums). Violin and Band students need to bring their instruments to school on B Days and to practice at home. We look forward to sharing the music with our Reagan families.



MR. DABKOWSKI ART TEACHER



Happy December! Over the next few weeks before our holiday break art classes will be focusing on various winter themed art projects.

Kindergarten and 1st grade will be learning about the printmaking process with their own series of block print snowmen.

2nd and 3rd grade will be continuing to explore form and composition in the round by creating their own snow globe sculptures.

4th and 5th grade will be learning about movement, color, and contrast with holiday lights themed artwork.

MRS. MARTIN AND MISS POTENZIAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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 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 nursing home. Students recently made placemats for the patients to enjoy during their Thanksgiving dinner.





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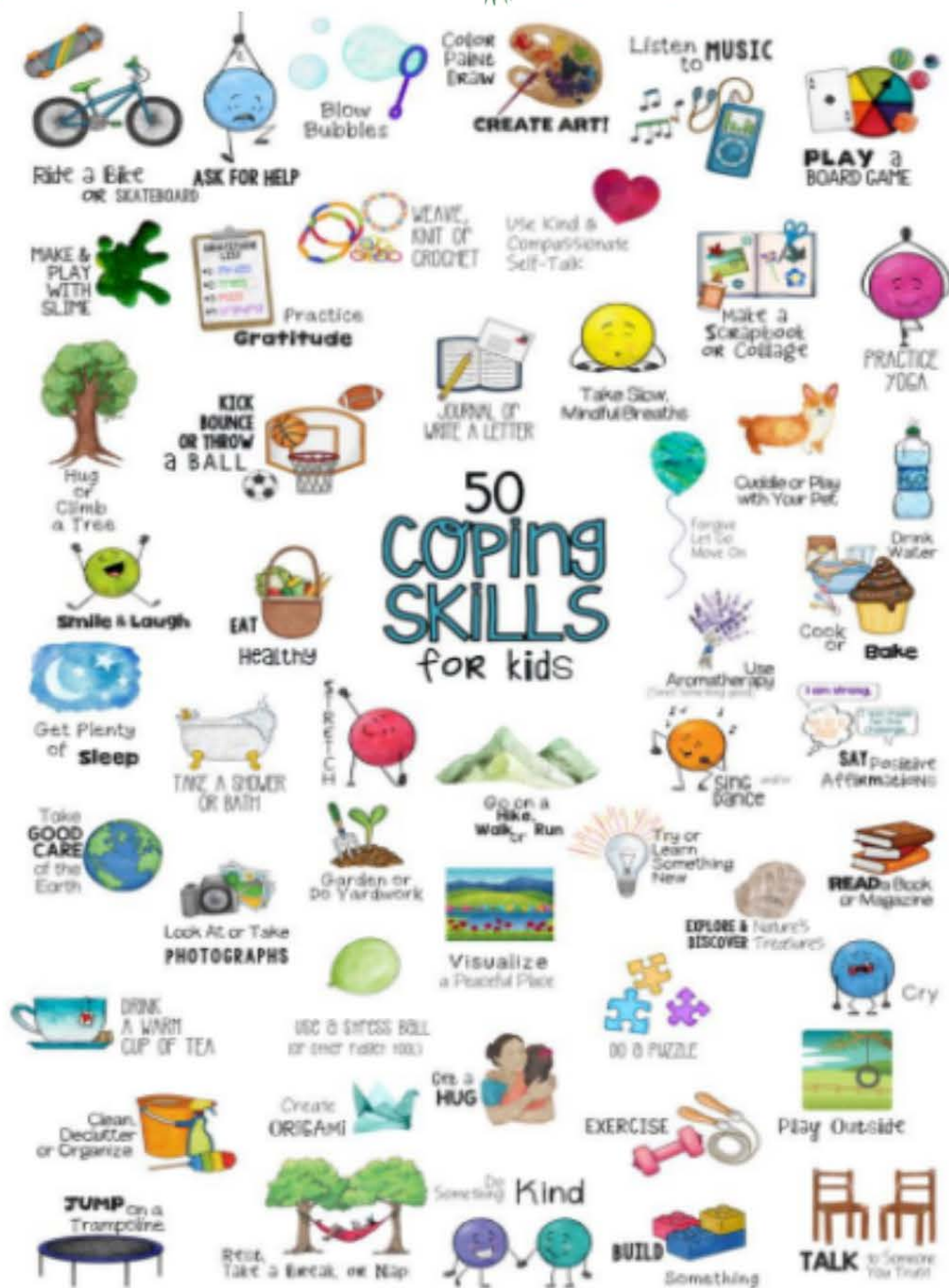


ADDITIONAL INFO



- 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.







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.

Winter Break Challenge

Be on the lookout for the Winter Break Challenge that will be sent home before the break begins. If your child completes the challenge, he/she will get a prize.



Our monthly PTO and SGC meeting will be held virtually on the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. *

We invite all families interested in helping our school community.

Here are the remaining dates:

***Monday, January 13, 2025**

Monday, February 3, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

Monday, April 7, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

We will discuss activities for our students at a school-wide level.

PTO stands for Parent -Teacher Organization - This is a group of parents, teachers and school staff that plan fun activities for the entire school student body.

SCG stands for School Governance Council - This is a group of parents, teachers and staff that discuss student achievement and plan activities to help all students achieve better academic outcomes.

SELT stands for School Equity Leadership Team - This is a group of teachers, staff and parents that will discuss ways to provide opportunities with equity to meet the needs of our diverse students.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 HO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 PICTURE RETAKE DAY 12PM DISMISSAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 5PM-7PM	12 HOLIDAY SHOPPING RIGHT FOR STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN/REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME	13 PLAY & 100 DONATION FOR CT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION	14
15	16	17	18 12 PM DISMISSAL WINTER CONCERT 5:30 GRADE 13 AND 5	19 WINTER CONCERT 5:30 GRADE 13 AND 5	20 FAVORITE HAT DAY	21
22	23 HO SCHOOL	24 HO SCHOOL	25 HO SCHOOL	26 HO SCHOOL	27 HO SCHOOL	28
29	30 HO SCHOOL	31 HO SCHOOL				

