



Regan Elementary School

December 2020

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Milo, Teaching Vice Principal



A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Razza

Wow! December is already here and it is amazing to see how well all of our students have adjusted to remote learning. I have been joining in the Google Meets during the synchronous learning time and can see that our children are learning so much from 8:35am - 12:35pm each day. During the afternoon and evening hours, it is extremely important that your child completes the asynchronous learning activities. This includes any additional assignments that is posted in the Google Classroom, the assignment for the Special of the day (Art, Music, P.E or Library). This also includes 20 minutes for each of these programs: Math i-Ready, Reading Amplify, Foundations for Kindergarten through grade 4 and Wonders.

Virtual Parent - Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 9 from 5:00 - 7:00pm. All teachers have posted their sign up sheet through Parent Square. You can also call the school to set up an appointment if you need assistance with the sign up procedure. Teachers have so much information to share with you. If that date and time does not work for you, a mutually agreed 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 through Parent Square if you have any questions or concerns. I would be happy to set up an appointment through a Google Meet as well.

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 try to arrange appointments after 12:35pm or on vacation days. If your child is too ill to participate remotely, you must call the school or email the teacher so that we are aware of the absence.

Each month, we host events for our students and families to attend virtually through a Google Meet. We celebrated the Students of the First Marking Period on December 4th. Congratulations again to all of our recipients! Your teachers and I are very proud of you! The next family event will take place on Tuesday, December 15 at 7pm. It will be a short celebration of stories and magic about the winter holidays. A short trivia game will take place directly after that event. Please join us for some fun!

I am wishing you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Important Information:

Children should be logged into their Google Meet **NO LATER THAN 8:35 a.m.**

The start of the school day begins at 8:35 a.m.

A student is considered tardy after 8:35 a.m.

The first brain break where students will log off is 9:55 - 10:10am

The second brain break where students will log off is 11:10 - 11:25am.

Synchronous learning will end at 12:35 p.m.

Google Meets are available daily from 2:30 - 3:05pm with all teachers.



Students of the First Marking Period

We recently held our first virtual student of the marking period ceremony. Each teacher chose a student to receive this award based on the following criteria:

- Attendance; no more than 3 days out for the marking period.
- Completion of synchronous and asynchronous assignments; done with exceptional effort.
- Participation on Google Meets; always on time, in dress code and follows the rules set forth by the teacher.
- Conduct; follows the Regan School expectations in Google Meets for virtual students, at school and on the bus (if they are in person learners).

Congratulations to our recipients!!!



Kindergarten - **Avery Chandler** and **Sebastian Ramirez**
Grade 1 - **Obianuju Catherine Nwadukwe** and **Nathanel Gonzalez**
Grade 2 - **Alasia Harriott** and **Isabella Tejada**
Grade 3 - **Lucianna Colon** and **Kevin Bylyku**
Grade 4 - **Anthony Cajamarca-Lema** and **Taliah Desire**
Grade 5 - **Madlyn Fac** and **Andy Martinez**
Specials:
Art - **Michael Iacoviello**
P.E. - **Londyn Benjamin**
Library - **Mary-Kate Fac**
Music - **Myasia Reed**

Parent Liaison - Patty Poulter

As we enjoy the winter break, take the time to enjoy family time together reading, doing arts and crafts, playing board games, watching movies or visiting the Silas Bronson Library. Remember every moment can be a teachable one.

www.parenttoolkit.com is for parents and families. This toolkit will help you navigate your child's journey from pre-k - high school. It is designed to help you track and support progress at each stage of your child's education.

Wishing you a very happy and healthy holiday and a wonderful new year!

Remember, if I can assist you in any way, you can contact me at (203) 346-2603 or the main number at (203) 574-8187.

PTO - At the December 2nd virtual meeting, we discussed the status of ordering a welcoming rug for the main lobby. It was also decided that all fund raising for this school year will be put on hold for now. Next Virtual Meeting - Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m.

School Governance Council (SGC) - At the December 2nd Virtual Meeting we discussed the "One School, One Theme" activity. Feedback was that it is going well. Discussed possibly doing this activity again in the spring. Informed everyone that the supplies for the "Parents are Teachers too" tote bags are starting to be ordered. Next Virtual Meeting - Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m.

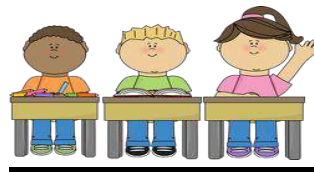
Information from the Main Office

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	203.574.8187		Bus Company	203.591. 1847
School Fax	203.573. 6647		Special Ed. Bus	203.753. 8366
School Nurse	203.574. 8305		Parent Liaison	203.346. 2603
Cafeteria	203. 346.2347		Family Intake Center	203.346. 3511

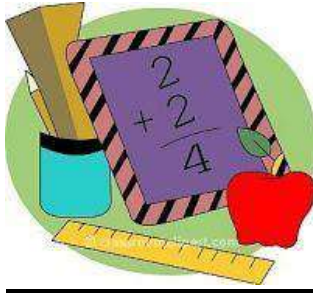
Please notify the main office if your phone number or address has changed. It is important that the office keeps accurate information in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

CLASSROOM NEWS



Kindergarten - Mrs. Chiucarella and Miss Dickey

Happy December! We will be learning so much this month! In ELA, students will continue to learn their letters and sounds. We will also continue learning how to segment and blend CVC words, as well as continue learning new sight words. We also will begin working on writing complete sentences using proper punctuation. In math, we will continue to work on decomposing numbers 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! We look forward to watching your child grow and succeed!



Grade 1 - Mrs. Demollari and Mrs. Swartz

December is an exciting month for all first graders. They successfully completed the first marking period and they are ready for new challenges. One of their challenges is reading "Frog and Toad are Friends". They read one chapter every week and answer one question. During December, our first graders will work on new reading comprehension skills. Wonders stories will help them to learn new vocabulary words, new high frequency words and improve their ability to read fluently.

In math, students will become more confident with their math facts and they will start Unit 2. In science, students will learn more about animals and how they take care of their young. Our students love and care about animals!

Congratulations to Obianuju Catherine Nwadukwe!!!

Congratulations to Natanael Gonzalez!!!

They are the students of the first marking period. We can't wait to see who the next students are to earn that title. We look forward to having an amazing month together!

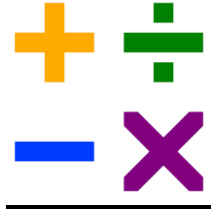


Grade 2 - Mrs. Cipriano and Miss Tyrrell

In math we are adding and subtracting two-digit numbers from (0-100) and one-step, two-step word problems using different math strategies. We have just finished Science, Unit 5 - Changes to the Earth's Surface.

In ELA Wonders, we are learning new reading strategies, skills, comprehension, main idea and key details. For Foundations we are on Unit 6, Week 2. Please keep listening to the Foundations videos, complete your recordings, and complete the assignments as instructed.

Remember to read each day with your child for 15-20 minutes.



Grade 3 - Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Schmied

Happy December!! Our students have been hard at work learning multiplication strategies in math, comprehension strategies/skills in reading, and plant/animal life cycles in science. Ask your child what they are learning about in class every so often.

It is so important that all students join the Google Meet at 8:35 each morning and return promptly following brain breaks for the next class. Also, even though our class meet ends at 12:35, students have asynchronous assignments to be completed during the afternoons. These assignments include 20 minutes of Math iReady, 20 minutes of Amplify Reading, Foundations slides, as well as a special and any additional assignments. We also encourage the children to READ and practice math facts.

Parent-Teacher virtual conferences are being held from 5-7 PM on Wednesday, December 9th. The sign-up is located in Parent Square.

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! Be safe and stay healthy!!



Grade 4 - Mrs. Betancourt and Mr. Welch

You should all have had a chance to review your child's report card available on Power School. Please take the time to go onto Parent Square in order to sign up for parent conferences. Slots are filling up fast. If you need a different conference date, please don't hesitate to call to make an appointment. We are very proud of how hard the students are working and the effort to work from home. Thank you for all your support.

Updates for the month of December:

Science - We are currently working on Unit 3, Waves and Information Transfer. There are many hands on activities that the students can do at home. They are available in their digital science book. We wish we could do them together but doing the activities with a loving adult at home will help them to learn new concepts.

Math - We are on Unit 2, Multiplication, Division, and Algebraic Thinking. Multiplication facts are very important. Please practice with your child to help them be successful in math. Many concepts revolve around knowing their multiplication facts.

Reading - We are currently on Unit 2 Amazing Animals. The students are learning main idea with supporting details, summarizing, new vocabulary, prefixes and suffixes. We are enjoying reading many new stories together.

One Theme, One Read - We are just about half way through our book Restart. The students are answering questions about what they have read. Please take some time to ask them about the book and the characters.

Homework - Every afternoon the students should be on their devices to complete i-Ready minutes, Amplify Reading, special, unfinished work and read 20 minutes every day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach us on Parent Square or during office hours 2:30 - 3:05 M-F. Thank you!



Grade 5 - Mrs. DeFazio and Mrs. Timaul

The 2020 year end has come quickly. Your 5th graders are continuing to impress us daily. They are doing a nice job logging on from home to our google meets.

In Science, we will be starting our new unit on Systems in Space. Students will learn about Earth's orbit, the moon's orbit, and Earth's rotation. They will also be able to explain why the sun appears to be large and bright as well as learn about gravity.

In Math, we are starting Powers of 10. We will be multiplying and dividing decimals as well. Students are also asked to complete 20 minutes of i-Ready each afternoon (or during the evening). By the end of a 5 day week, they should have about 100 minutes of i-Ready completed.

In reading we are wrapping up Unit 2. We will be discussing what motivates a person to accomplish a goal. During week 6, we will continue to work on writing. Students have started learning about personal narratives. Students should also log onto Amplify Reading daily for 15 minutes. We are also asking if you would send us a photo of your child reading. These can be sent through email or right through the google classrooms. Thank you for your support!



Nurse Allison

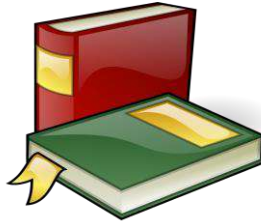
Hi Regan Families, It's December already! I cannot stress enough the need to take care of yourself, wear a mask, wash your hands, keep social distancing and limit the amount of people you spend time around. We may be turning that final corner, but it's important to hang in there and hunker down the best you can. Please maintain these standards and good self-care. Stay hydrated by drinking lots of water, include plenty of fruits and vegetables in your diet, exercise, and be sure to get plenty of sleep. Please contact a doctor if you are running a fever, coughing uncontrollably, having trouble breathing, lose your sense of smell or taste, or have a persistent sore throat. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and can't wait to see the kids again!

Mrs. Gwiazdoski - ESL Teacher

I am so proud of all my students for joining my weekly meets. We have been working diligently on weekly vocabulary words and story comprehension. I will be available on Wednesday evening if anyone would like to stop into my meet and say hello.

Mrs. Pronovost - Reading Intervention

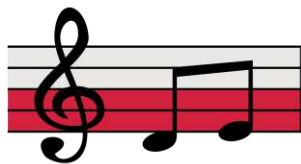
Parents, please make sure your child is logging into their Google Meets for intervention. Attendance is key to achieving reading success. Also, please practice reading with your child every day. Take time during your bedtime routine to snuggle in and read with your child. The more they see you read, the more they will want to read. Kindergarten and first grade students especially - practice those letter names and sounds!! My first grade students are almost ready to read a book, they just need to keep practicing those sounds! Make a game of it, matching, memory, etc. Make learning fun and they will want to learn.



Mrs. Milo - Literacy Facilitator

I am so very proud to be a part of the Regan School community! Teachers, staff, students and their families have worked together to ensure that learning continues in these unprecedented times. We have all taken on new roles, adjusted others and persevered!

Please be sure your children are reading twenty minutes a day, EVERY day. That practice, coupled with the Amplify Reading program, will help to keep our kids on track. Keep up the great work everyone!



Mr. Nazario - Music

In music, we are beginning to ring in the holiday spirit with festive and relevant songs for each grade.



Mr. Gilmore - P. E.

Hello Regan families! We will be working on throwing and aiming activities, balance activities and Tae Bo workouts. The lessons are posted each week on my Google Classroom for gym. Students are expected to complete the lessons every week and send comments to Mr. Gilmore about the lesson. Each week I am available for office hours; these are posted during the week in Google Classroom stream. Have a safe and healthy holiday season!

Ms. Baechler - Art



In Art, students will be working with positive and negative shapes, quilting, and paper craft. They will be learning about the artists Faith Ringgold, Eric Carle, Pierre Bonnard, and Gabriele Muentner. I will be holding office hours on Google Meets B and C days, using the meet nickname *reganartbaechler* from 2:30 until 3:05.

Remember, these office hours are optional and meant to help you and your student if they are stuck on an art assignment or if they have any art questions. I am more than happy to walk students and parents through the process of uploading a picture of their artwork to the assignment. Each student should be completing 30 minutes of Art per week.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or feedback for your student's art class! Stay creative, safe, and have joyful holidays!



Ms. Tata - Library Media

This month in library class, students we will be focusing on digital citizenship. Our virtual library will be changing to winter themed books. The week of December 13th our K-5th lessons will be focusing on Martin Luther King Jr. This will give students time to complete their essay's (pictures/drawings/art work is optional for elementary students) to be participants for Senator Murphy's Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest.

Remember, students should be spending 30 minutes each week on their library Google Classroom for asynchronous lessons. Each week, lesson materials are posted along with the assignment for the week. Library office hours are on A and E days from 2:30-3:05 for December.

Working with our community



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