

"REED ROCKET EXPRESS SCHOOL NEWS" APRIL 2021



<u>Vision</u>: Jonathan E. Reed is a forward-thinking school that is the **centerpiece of the community**. Our vision is to produce **major gains in student achievement** and **resilient well-rounded individuals** who will be **successful** today and are **prepared** for tomorrow.

<u>Mission</u>: Our mission at, Jonathan E. Reed School, is to provide a **high quality**, **comprehensive**, and **meaningful education** for **all students**. Each student will be expected to succeed within the bounds of their abilities and chosen educational goals. Students will be **treated as individuals** and **equipped with the tools to succeed** throughout their academic career. **Educators alongside parents** will guide students in becoming **responsible**, **respectful**, **and productive members of society**.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Reed Families:

Spring has arrived and it is nice to see temperatures warming up! Students in grades 3-8 will soon be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment beginning in May. All students will be tested in Math and English Language Arts/Reading. We have reserved the last week in April for grades 5 and 8 to be tested in Science/NGSS. Our teachers have been very busy teaching students the curriculum so the children have the skills to move onto the next grade level and are ready to test in May. Please be sure that your child is completing all homework assignments as these review skills taught during the day.

Spring break is a good time to rejuvenate oneself. I encourage everyone to exercise some self-care © Please be sure to practice social distancing guidelines that have been in place for over a year. Please remember to keep your child home from school if they are not feeling well. Also, be sure that when picking up your child at the end of the day, that you are wearing a mask so that everyone is safe. When we return, we will be in the home stretch and need everyone to work hard so that we can finish strong.

-Mrs. Tomasella



APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL 2nd- NO SCHOOL-GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7th- PARENT CONFERENCES 5-7PM

APRIL 19th – 23rd – NO SCHOOL- SPRING RECESS





School Hours

Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Mon., Tues. Thurs., and Fri. 8:35-2:50 p.m.

Virtual Learning: 8:35 a.m.- 2:50 p.m.

Wednesdays

will follow a half day schedule.

12:35 Dismissal.

Meeting's with Teachers

We encourage meetings and communication with your child's classroom teacher. Working together increases student achievement. We do ask that you please provide your child's teacher with 24-hour advance notice when wanting to meet with them. They will be able to meet with you via Google Meet.

Link for the Student Contact Information Sheet to be completed virtually.

If you have trouble logging on through your personal email, you can log on under your child's account. Please be sure to submit either a hard copy or virtual form for each child you have attending Reed School. Thank you!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ-93NHKVhgTmvFITIWtoifDzBvajAMVdLBH gOazhqg9hkQ/viewform?usp=sf link

Please keep us updated with any changes of phone numbers and addresses





CONGRATULATIONS DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

<u>Pre-K</u>

Rinaldi- Aurora Vega Ruggiero- Hunter Melendez Kachur Yaribeliz Sosa

Kindergarten-

Morotto- Luis Gallego-Bustillo Pelletier- Nadiel Soto-Torres

Grade 1

Shampang- Jayare Quinones
Rodgers- Gyann Santana-Perez

<u>Grade 2</u>

Albizu- Stevenjay Malave Selvarajan- Kamila Camacho

Grade 3

Valletta- Beverly Camacho Steffero- Amari Morgan

Grade 4

Hakim- Rey Santos-Nunez

Coty- Junior Lema

Grade 5-

Choi- Melina Colon
Grant- Deandre Forbes

Grade 6

Crosby- Malia Edwards Fort- Kamani Durrant

Grade 7/8

Colon- Brent Charbonneau
Bolduc- Jacqueline Heredia
Rock- Ingris Perez-Palacios

Boratko- Corey Canady

Essential Skills-

Ms. Hastings- Ayden Morales
Ms. Canfield- Winter Fahye





What's happening around the school????

PRE-K

Spring has finally arrived. Here in Pre K we are looking forward to spending time outside on our playscape playing and learning in the sunshine.

We have finished our study Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and are moving on to the study Pets. To begin the study, we will talk about what we know and what we want to know about pets. From there we will discuss what kinds of animals are pets, some characteristics of pets, where pets live, what they eat, how we should take care of them and how pets make us feel.

We will have opportunities to read many books about pets including Swimmy by Leo Lionni, The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf and The Stray Dog by Marc Simont.

We will continue learning to count and compare and sort and classify. Letter and number recognition practice will help us get ready for Kindergarten. We are also exploring how to put letters together to make words that we can read!

Kindergarten

In Reading, we continue to decode and read words daily. We then apply these learned skills during small group reading instruction where students are reading stories. We are also focusing on comprehension, where the students are retelling the story from beginning, to middle, to end. Our trick words (high frequency words) are practiced daily to help with students reading, so please practice at home also. In Math, students are adding and subtracting within 5 using pictures, objects, and story problems. We are also focusing on position words, above, behind, below, and next to. Continue to practice to count to 100 at home, by 1's and by 10's. We will begin measurement, including longer and shorter and more or less. Thank you all for your continued support and as always, contact us with any questions or concerns.

1st Grade

Happy Spring! As grade one inches closer the last marking period of the school year, students are working hard and getting ready for second grade! In reading, we will continue working on vowel patterns and strategies for decoding words. In math, we will use our strategies to solve addition and subtraction story problems up to twenty. We will also begin learning about time and money. In Science, we are learning about animals and their young! Students should be completing Google Classroom assignments consistently and making sure to get a good night's sleep. It's very important that students are focused and engaged in their virtual learning (free from any distractions)! Thank you for all your continued patience and support this year! We hope everyone has a very happy, healthy, and safe April Break!

2nd Grade

This is what is happening in Second grade! In Reading students are on unit 4 "Our life, Our World". Students are learning about the different environments that make the world an interesting place. Students are learning how to ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. Students are learning about key details, main topic and the main purpose of a text. Students are learning to compare and contrast texts. Students are now more engaged in small group reading instruction as we have full day schedule Students are learning to segment syllables, suffixes and prefixes. In Math, Students are learning to add and subtract three digit numbers. They are developing an understanding of place value. Students are learning to use various strategies to solve problems involving adding and subtracting three digit numbers such as re-grouping, number lines and using base ten blocks in science students are



learning about the changes that can happen to Earth's surface. They are learning about weathering and erosion and how changes can happen quickly and slowly. Students will compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land. To continue with learning at home please have your child log into Lexia , Ampilfy ,Wonders , i-ready . Submit any missed assignments that were not completed throughout the day Fundations lessons are taught Monday through Friday. Please have your child complete it by Friday in the google classroom. Please make sure you open the Fundations lessons with Kami to watch the embedded audio recordings. When assignments are graded and returned, open it again in Kami to view teacher comments. Second grade team

3rd Grade

HAPPY SPRING!!!! Third grade has been working hard on increasing their reading fluency so they can try to reach the end of year goal of 114 words correct per minute. Please continue to have your children read for at least 30 minutes every day to increase their fluency. We will be doing end of the year assessments in May. We have also been working on comprehension strategies such as: identifying the main idea and supporting details, summarizing a text, identifying the central message/moral, and restating questions. When reading with your children encourage them to use these strategies to help them understand what they are reading. In math, we are wrapping up our measuring and data unit using graphs/charts and starting fractions! Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts with your children to help with their math fluency. As always, please feel free to contact us on Parentsquare if you have any questions or concerns.

-Miss Steffero & Mrs. Valletta

4th Grade-

Fourth Graders are working hard. In Reading and Language Arts, students will be focusing on realistic fiction. We will talk about foreshadowing, characters, setting, plot and theme. The essential question throughout this unit is "In what ways do people show they care about each other?" We have soared into our Ready Core Reading practice as it aligns with the common core state standards. Ready Core is practice for the SBAC testing that will take place near the end of the school year. Encourage your child to read at home.

Reminder Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes every day and to continue using Lexia or Ampliphy. In Math, students will continue to work on Unit 4. We will focus on fractions. Students will understand the relationships between equivalent fractions and be able to add and subtract improper fractions. Students will be able to compare fractions with different numerators and denominators. Students will relate fractions to decimals by developing an understanding that fractions with denominators of 10 or 100 have an equivalent decimal form with the same name. They will compare decimal numbers using the same strategies they used to compare whole numbers. Finally, students will apply previously learned computational skills to solve problems involving time, money and converting larger measurement units to smaller ones.

Reminder Please use iReady at home to enrich our classroom learning, as well as practicing multiplication facts. Thank you. The Fourth grade team, Mrs. Coty and Ms. Hakim

5th Grade-

Hello 5th Grade families. In Literacy, we are beginning our new unit focusing on The Big Idea: In what ways can things change? We will be discussing how experiences can change the way you see yourself and the world around you as well as changes in the environment. Please be sure that your child is logging into Amplified Reading daily as this is part of their homework and participation grade.

In math, we are still working on decimals and will transit to fractions. I have seen growth in so many of my students. Exploring Systems in Space during science classes also allowed me to hear great discussions from further astronomers. Please encourage your child to continue doing i-Ready daily to help build their math skills.



6th Grade-

In ELA this month we will begin Unit 4, Ancient Realms. Students will explore different ways that history informs and inspires us through a variety of perspectives, fiction, nonfiction narratives, myths, and poetry. In our Writing unit students will be wrapping up their argumentative essays with a focus on further developing body paragraphs through their personal perspectives with the use of textual evidence to support their positions and present their claim. This month in Math, students will be learning about percents in Module 7 on HMH. Students will understand, express, and compare percent ratios, use strategies to find a percent of a quantity, and solve a variety of percent problems. In Geography, we will be exploring the continent of Africa and the countries that are in Africa. We will read about physical geography, the history and daily life in these countries. In Science, we will be diving into our Weather and Climate unit. On March 20th, we underwent our spring equinox marking the first day of Spring. The tides are stronger now as the moon is being pulled by a stronger gravitational pull.

We hope that you have a great spring break!

~Mrs. Crosby and Miss Fort

7Th Grade Math-

This month, 7th grade will be continuing in Unit 3 Module 7 where we will learn about expressions, equations, and inequalities. Throughout the month we will also be preparing for the SBAC test with sample questions.

7Th Grade World Geography Studies-

7th Grade World Regional Studies – Students have just finished up their study of the Americas. We will now be traveling across the Atlantic Ocean to being our next unit on Europe. We will begin with the study of Western Europe. During this unit students will be learning about the varied histories of the countries of Europe, the physical landforms, land, and water features of the countries, as well as the culture. Students will conduct research on a chosen country and present their findings to their classmates.

7Th Grade ELA-

This month in seventh grade English, we will continue our study of grammar. As we expand our comprehension of various grammar subjects, students will have the opportunity to practice their writing skills in an argumentative essays. Centered on the thought-provoking essential question, "Why is it essential to defend human rights?" Students will utilize both the writing process and their functional writing skills to produce a well-supported essay.

<u>7th Grade Science-</u> Throughout the month of April our 7th grade students will continue to explore Reproduction in species through the study of bees and animal behaviors.

Gr. 8 American History-

8th Grade American History – Students have learned about the creation of our government and some of the initial challenges faced. Now we will begin learning about westward expansion. Included in this topic is the Louisiana Purchase and Manifest Destiny. Towards the end of the month, students will be learning about the divisions between the North, South, and West that would eventually lead us into the Civil War.

Gr. 8 Reading/Language Arts-

ELA 8: This month, students are continuing working through our unit, "In Time of War". This unit's texts cover the period of WWII and The Holocaust. Students are reading various texts written from and about this time period and are using them to explore the question "What does our response to conflict say about us?" Students have finished reading Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, as well as excerpts from Alan Gratz's Refugee. In addition to this, students will also be



working on Argumentative Writing and preparing for Smarter Balanced testing every Friday with Ready Common Core test prep.

Gr. 8 Math -

This month, 8th grade will touch briefly on scatterplots, as well as the Pythagorean theorem and finish the month learning about systems of equations. Throughout the month we will also be preparing for the SBAC test with sample questions.

8Th Grade Science-

Grade 8 will be exposed to Newton's laws of physics and begin our exploration through the Forces and Motions unit.

Essential Skills-Ms. Hastings

Mrs. Hastings' class has had a busy month!

In Language Arts we have been working on letters Xx, Qq, Mm, Ff, Bb, vocabulary words horizon, out, impossible, put laundry, three, relate, very, retire, were and compound words. In Math, our focus has been on flat shapes, solid shapes, and position words. In Social Studies, we have been learning about dinosaurs, spring, St. Patrick's Day, flowers, trees and plants.

To all the Parents of EL (English Learners)

Parent Conference Night will be held on Wednesday, April 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- Please contact your child's teacher for a google meet appointment, if you need translation we'll be available that night. It is important that you communicate your concerns to the teachers and teachers can also let you know about the great things your child is doing in the classroom, so use www.parentsquare.com to create that bond with the teachers of your children. The messages can be translated.
- We are encouraging students to read at least 15 to 20 extra minutes per night. You can have access to books online: Here is a list of websites that your children can log in for free and have access to books in different languages: The International Children's Digital Library, StoryPlace, Magic Blox, MightyBook, Kids | Read.gov Library of Congress. They have books at all levels in English and Spanish.
- You can also contact me at my office hours via your child google meet link in the google classroom every
 Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 pm 3:00 pm or call me at (203) 574-8180 and ask for extension 129 or 123.
 We are here to assist you.

Mrs. Figueroa (ESL Teacher) and Mr. Garcia (Bilingual Resource/ESL Teacher)

A todos los padres de los estudiantes EL (Aprendices de inglés)

El miércoles 7 de abril, de 5:00 a 7:00 p.m., se llevará a cabo la Noche de conferencias para padres.

- Ponte en contacto con el maestro de tu hijo para una cita en Google Meet, si necesitas traducción estaremos disponibles esa noche. Es importante que usted comunique sus inquietudes a los maestros y los maestros también puede hacerle saber acerca de las grandes cosas que su hijo está haciendo en el salón de clases, así que use www.parentsquare.com para crear ese vínculo con los maestros de sus hijos. Los mensajes se pueden traducir.
- Estamos alentando a los estudiantes a leer al menos de 15 a 20 minutos adicionales por noche. Puede tener acceso a libros en línea: Aquí hay una lista de sitios web que sus hijos pueden iniciar sesión de forma gratuita y



tener acceso a libros en diferentes idiomas: The International Children's Digital Library, StoryPlace, Magic Blox, MightyBook, Kids | Read.gov - Biblioteca del Congreso. Tienen libros a todos los niveles en inglés y español.

• También puede ponerse en contacto conmigo en mi horario de oficina a través del enlace de Google Meet de su hijo todos los martes y jueves de 2:30 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. o llamarme al (203) 574-8180 y solicitar la extensión 129 o 123. Estamos aquí para ayudarle.

Mrs. Figueroa (Maestra de enseñanza de inglés como segundo idioma) y Mr. García (Maestro recurso bilingüe/ Maestro de enseñanza de inglés como segundo idioma)



ReadingTeam-

We are excited to have our Reed Rockets in school and learning full day! The reading team is very focused on our kindergarten through grade two students receiving Phonemic Awareness instruction. Research tells us that most students with poor word-level reading skills display poor phonological awareness. This is why Reed School uses Equipped for Reading Success, it's a comprehensive phonological awareness program. It's meant to be used in quick fun engaging tasks throughout the day. We use it in K-2 whole group, during small group, during Fundations, and in intervention lessons. We ask students to change parts of sounds in words to form new words. It's a fun learning task and one you can do too when you have a few free minutes: tell your child to say all the sounds in a word, then change the beginning, middle or ending sound to see if they can say the new word. For example: say bulk now instead of saying /k/ say /b/ what's the new word? bulb The phases of phonological awareness is as follow: syllable level, onset-rime level, basic phoneme level and then advanced phoneme level (late first to third grade). If you would like more information or word lists to do with your child please reach out to me at dzukowski@waterbury.k12.ct.us Happy Spring!

Computers-

Hello Reed Rockets, Parents, Friends and Families! April at Reed School will be dedicated to Coding and Financial Literacy Month!! Our older kids will be putting their computing skills to the test when they work their numbers on Google Sheets which is similar to Excel. Wish them luck! My younger students will be working on Coding but in a more introductory fashion. The great thing about coding is that it can be done by any age group and computer skill level. They have just finished their first Coding Unit and we're on to the next one! Hopefully we can finish the unit by the end of the year!

-Mr. Secondi

Family Resource Center

We are having an Open enrollment for our **FREE VIRTUAL** Children Birth to 4 ½, not already in a school setting or program, in our Parent as Teachers Program. This program will give you and your child the opportunity to explore and network with other families in the community. A certified parent educator will conduct personal visits to give you, hands on activities in which you can continue to encourage to encourage your child's development. Group connections, parent networking, free field trips, personal/home visits.

To register please bring immunization shots form, any special screening completed by a healthcare provider, for example: Hearing, vision, dental. Contact Ms. Martinez, FRC Coordinator: 203-8108 ext: 101





From the Health Office:

We are hoping everyone is staying healthy and safe! It is very important during this pandemic year to stay on top of your child/ren's health care! Even if your child(ren) is/are learning virtually, they still need to be up-to-date with exams and immunizations per Connecticut State Law.

- PRE-K flu shot required!
- Kindergarteners physical exam was due December 31, 2020. Please send it in NOW!
- Get a head start, 5th graders physical exam (including MCV and Tdap vaccines) from this year (2021) will count for 6th grade! Letters were sent out last month (March).
- 6th graders physical exam from 2020 or you have until June 2021 (including MCV and Tdap vaccines). Reminder letters were sent out in February.
- 7th graders we are still missing a lot of 6th grade physical exams and immunizations for this grade! Please send in 2019, 2020, or 2021 exams and MCV/Tdap vaccines NOW!

***If your child or anyone in your household gets a COVID test,
PLEASE STAY HOME/QUARANTINE until you receive the results! ***

Any questions at all, please feel free to call the health office here at Reed or email me! Nurse Steph

sflokos@waterbury.k12.ct.us

Phone: 203-575-3745

Fax: 203-575-3746 (have the doctor fax over physical exams, immunizations, notes/orders/asthma action

plans, covid test results, etc!)

https://www.waterburyct.org/schoolnursing (lots of information/resources)



Area Resources for School Physicals & Immunizations Source: Waterbury Health Department, School Nursing:

www.waterburyct.org/schoolnursing July 30, 2020 QUICK VISITS-All Locations Accept Self-Pay, Commercial, Medicaid & HUSKY Health Plans

CVS Minute Clinic 1279 W Main Street Waterbury, CT 06708 Phone: 203-755-5490 *Walk-ins welcome; Register online or using the app before coming in Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm & 3:00pm-7:30pm Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm & 1:30pm-5:30pm Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm & 1:30pm-4:30pm

Doc's Urgent Care – Chase Avenue 279 Chase Avenue Waterbury, CT 06704 Phone: 203-528-4993 *Appointments Available for Shorter Wait Time COVID Testing available Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-4:00pm

Doc's Urgent Care – Frost Road 506 Frost Road Waterbury, CT 06705 203-437-8368 *Appointments Available for Shorter Wait Time; Walk-ins accepted COVID Testing available Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-5:00pm

Physician One Urgent Care – Southbury 900 Main Street, building 2, Suite 100 Southbury, CT 06488 Phone: 203-262-1911 *No Appointment Required – Online Check-In Available Physicals Only COVID Testing available Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

Physician One Urgent Care – Waterbury 920 Wolcott Street, Suite 19 Waterbury, CT 06705 Phone: 203-574-1200 *No Appointment Required – Online Check-In Available. Appointments preferred Physicals Only COVID Testing available by appointment only Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

PEDIATRIC/FAMILY MEDICINE OFFICES-All Accept Self-Pay, Commercial, Medicaid & HUSKY Health Plans Alliance Medical Group 1625 Straits Turnpike, Suite 302 Middlebury, CT 06762 Phone: 203-759-0666 *Appointment Required- No visitor restriction *Full Medical History Record Required for New Patients Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm Additional Hours for Sick Visits: Monday-Friday 5:00pm-7:00pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00am1:00pm

Child and Adolescent Health Care Associates 179 Roseland Avenue Waterbury, CT 06710 Phone: 203-574-4747 *Appointment Required Monday & Friday 9:00am-5:00pm Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm

Community Health Center 51 N Elm Street Waterbury, CT 06702 Phone: 203-574-4000 *Appointment Required Free COVID Testing available Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30am- 5:00pm Tuesday 7:30am- 7:00pm *2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month – 8:30am-12:00pm

Hartford HealthCare Prospect Family Health Center 73 Waterbury Road Prospect, CT 06712 Phone: 203-527-9444 *Appointment Required Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Naugatuck Pediatrics 577 N Church Street Naugatuck, CT 06770 Phone: 203-729-2186 *Appointment Required Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm *Closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm for lunch Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

Pediatric Associates of Connecticut 160 Robbins Street Waterbury, CT 06708 Phone: 203-755-2999 *Appointment Required COVID Testing can be ordered but not performed Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am5:30pm Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Pond Place Pediatrics *Temporarily moved to 133 Scovill St, Suite 303 Waterbury, 06702 Phone: 203-709-3800 *Appointment Required Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

ProHealth Physicians Oakville Family Medicine 314 Main Street Oakville, CT 06779 Phone: 860-274-3344 *Appointment Required COVID Testing can be ordered but not performed Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

ProHealth Physicians Prospect Family Medicine 115 Waterbury Road Prospect, CT 06712 Phone: 203-758-5660 COVID Testing can be ordered but not performed *Appointment Required Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm Friday 7:30am-4:30pm

ProHealth Physicians Waterbury Internal Medicine 500 Chase Parkway Waterbury, CT 06708 Phone: 203-574-2930 COVID Testing can be ordered but not performed *Appointment Required Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:45pm

Reliable Pediatrics 140 Grandview Avenue, Suite 206 Waterbury, CT 06708 Phone: 203-753-6413 COVID Testing can be ordered but not performed *Appointment Required Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

Stay Well Health Center Waterbury Pediatrics - Downtown 80 Phoenix Avenue Waterbury, CT 06702 Phone: 203-756-8021 *Appointment Required Monday 8:00am-5:30pm Tuesday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Town & Country Pediatrics and Family Medicine – Watertown 380 Main Street Watertown, CT 06795 Phone: 860-274-8891 *Appointment Required COVID Testing available Monday-Thursday 8:00am-8:00pm Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Sunday 8:30am-2:00pm

Wheeler Family Health and Wellness Center- Waterbury 855 Lakewood Road Waterbury, CT 06704 Phone: 888-793-3500 Walk-ins welcome COVID Testing can be scheduled Monday-Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm Friday 8:00am-5:00pm



