



"REED ROCKET EXPRESS SCHOOL NEWS" JUNE 2021



Vision: 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.

Mission: 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:

As we wrap-up the year, I hope we can all agree how amazingly resilient our students, teachers, families, and community members are. I am very proud of our students and staff for all of their hard work and well-earned successes this school year. I would like to thank everyone for their patience, enthusiasm, and support. Together, we have been able to ensure that students had the opportunity for engaging in-person and remote learning. Together, we made the most out of the year!

As we move into summer, please encourage you students to read daily. Below are some quick facts about the impact and importance of summer reading.

Research shows:

- Students who read over the summer do better in school in the fall.
- Students who do not read over the summer demonstrate academic loss in fall.
- 8 out of 10 studies indicate students who read for fun out performed those who did not.
- Students read more when they can choose their own books.
- Reading 5 books over the summer can prevent academic loss.
- Summer reading loss is cumulative.
- By the end of 6th grade, children who do not read over the summer are 2 years behind other children.

What Parents Can Do:

- Stress the importance of summer reading with your child.
- Make reading exciting; don't think of it as a chore.
- Create a reading list.
- Create a no TV or electronic game time during part of each day.
- Join a summer reading program at your local library.
- Let your child choose his/her own books.
- Keep a supply of reading materials around the house.
- Ask your child questions about the books s/he is reading.
- Read a book to your child.
- Listen to your child read to you.
- Pick a favorite author or series and read all the books.
- Listen to books on tape while traveling.

Model reading. (Sources: <http://www.improve-reading-skills.com>; www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm)

Once again THANK YOU to all our Reed families for working together with our staff to ensure that our children become responsible, respectful, and productive members of society. Have a safe summer!

-Mrs. Tomasella

Principal





JUNE CALENDAR

June 16th- Last day of school/Early Dismissal



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_gOazhg9hkQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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





COMPUTER DEVICES:

As a reminder, there will no longer be an end-of-year device collection occurring on June 1st and June 9th, as previously communicated.

ALL students will keep their devices over the summer in order to remain connected to all the academic platforms and extended learning opportunities Waterbury will continue to offer.

The devices must be cared for and properly handled over the summer to ensure they are NOT damaged or lost. **Students that damage or lose their device will not be receiving a replacement in the fall.** Please thoroughly review the Board of Education's Policy [Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use Policy](#) and complete the following [Technology Use Expectations form](#) by **Tuesday, June 1st**.

PLEASE SEND REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES DAILY!

As the weather is getting warmer and students are out at recess, the students are very thirsty during the day. We don't have water fountains that they can get drinks from due to Covid, but they did install machines to fill the water bottle without the students putting their mouths next to the water release. If you can, please have your child come in with a refillable water bottle. Remember no other beverages can be consumed in class. **ONLY WATER!**
Thank you,





CONGRATULATIONS DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Pre-K

Rinaldi- Kayson Wilson
Jade Terry
Hanna Bartley

Kindergarten-

Morotto- Kaius Diaz
Pelletier- Lex Roman

Grade 1

Shampang- Kayden Phair
Rodgers- Ingrid Bano-Bano

Grade 2

Albizu- Guillianna Guzman
Selvarajan- Shawn Daniels

Grade 3

Valletta- Dylan Morales- Diaz
Steffero- Cameron Behling

Grade 4

Hakim- Isaac Torres-Barretto
Coty- Jazlyn Williams

Grade 5-

Choi- Mia Derraben
Grant- Madison Lindo

Grade 6

Crosby- Yumarlin Valdez
Fort- Kyle Silva

Grade 7/8

Colon- Jeremiah Kelley
Bolduc- Thayshamar Rodriguez
Rock- Hector Leon
Boratko- Princess Dea Daniels

Essential Skills-

Ms. Hastings- Kaleb Leon





What's happening around the school????

PRE-K

Happy Spring!! PreK is so happy to have the weather warming up so we can enjoy time on our playscape! We are learning all about gardening and the lifecycle of many different living things. We learned how frogs change from egg>tadpole>froglet>adult frogs and we got to see real frog eggs and frogs amongst other animals during a virtual visit from Mr.Chris at Animal Embassy! We will continue to learn the difference between living and non-living things. Teaching the students what living things need to grow and change. We are also teaching our students the meaning of kindness and how doing kind things for others makes the world a happier place. We are busy getting our students ready for Kindergarten and talking about all the important things they've learned that will help them be successful next year! We know this year was a very different kind of preschool experience for our students but were happy to see a lot of growth and development in their learning. They have made friends and appreciate their time together! We wish them all the best next year and hope they know they will always be fondly remembered by all the Prek teachers!!❤️♥️💖💞💞💞

Kindergarten

Kindergarten - As we complete the end of year testing, we are very excited with the progress your children have made during this very different and challenging school year. They are all very resilient and have done a great job navigating all their different programs and teachers. We are very proud of them!! Thank you for all your patience and dedication to your child's education!! Have a fun filled and safe summer! THANK YOU!!

1st Grade

Hello First Grade Families! We can't believe it is already June! We are wrapping up first grade and our students have come so far in their reading and math skills! Make sure students continue to read over the summer to keep their minds sharp and prepared for second grade! This year in math we learned how to add and subtract within 20! Practice those math facts too! The two of us want to thank each and every one of you for your support, patience, and understanding this school year. You were amazing with all the changes and new software we all had to learn! We hope you have a very fun, safe, and restful summer. We can't wait to see all the students next year! Thanks again and take care! Grade 1 Team

2nd Grade

This is what is happening in Second grade!

In Reading students are on unit 5 "Let's Make a Difference". Students are learning that summarizing what they read means that they tell only the most important events and details of a story based on events in the text. To summarize, children should identify the most important details and events. To decide if a detail or event is important, students ask themselves: Does this detail help me understand the point of the story? To summarize, students should use their own words. When students summarize a story, they tell events in the order they occurred.

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 also learning to measure the length of an object by using appropriate tools such as rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks and measuring tapes.

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 , Amplify ,Wonders , i-ready . Submit any missed assignments that were not completed throughout the day

Foundations lessons are taught Monday through Friday. Please have your child complete it by Friday in the google classroom. Please make sure you open the Foundations lessons with Kami to watch the embedded audio recordings. When assignments are graded and returned, open it again in Kami to view teacher comments.

3rd Grade

Congratulations to the Third Grade for completing their Smarter Balance Testing! They worked so hard using all they have learned this year and really tried their best to demonstrate their progress. As the year is coming to a close, we have seen a lot of growth within our 3rd grade, almost 4th grade, students! Mrs. Valletta and Miss Steffero are very proud of all of the students' hard work. We would like to thank all of the parents for helping their child to succeed in 3rd grade. We hope you have a restful and fun summer. We challenge all 3rd grade students to spend time away from electronics and enjoy the long summer days playing outside and staying safe. Happy Summer Everyone!!!

4th Grade-

Fourth Graders have worked very hard. The students did a wonderful job on the SBAC testing. We are now done with the SBAC testing. We only have a few students who need to finish and these students will do so on an as need basis. In Reading and Language Arts, students will be focusing on past and present. Some of the essential questions in Unit 6 are: How do traditions connect people? Why is it important to keep a record of the past? How have our energy resources changed over the years? What has been the role of money over time? How can you build on what came before? We will be working with Historical Fiction stories in this unit.

We will continue to talk about characters, setting, plot and theme. We will continue to work on our Ready Core Reading practice as it aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Ready Core was an excellent practice for the SBAC testing that took place.

Reminder Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes every day and to continue using Lexia or Amplify Reading.

In Math, students will continue to work on Unit 5. 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. Please continue to read and practice math skills over the summer. We will see you all in the fall. Have an amazing summer!!!!

Thank you,

The Fourth Grade Team (Mrs. Coty and Ms. Hakim)



5th Grade-

Hello 5th Grade Families!! We can't believe that it is June already and the children are getting ready to go to 6th grade. As the year end approaches, please encourage your child to keep up with their school work. This summer please keep them reading every and anything! This will ensure that what they worked hard for this year will be retained. Also, have them practice their math facts which will help them as the math difficulty increases. Have a great rest of the school year and have a safe and relaxing summer!

6th Grade-

This month in Math students will be working on solving problems using equations and inequalities. Students will be able to write equations to represent situations, use addition and subtraction equations to solve problems, use multiplication and division to solve problems, and use one-step equations to solve a variety of problems. In Geography, students will be learning about the continent of Africa and all of the many countries there. Students will get a look at physical geography, the history, and daily life in African countries. In Science, we will continue with weather and climate.

In ELA we will be finishing up our novel study for "The Lightning Thief" and continuing our exploration of Greek Mythology. In our Grammar Spotlight, we will be focusing on those everyday commonly misused words. Students will be finalizing their writing pieces and working on properly documenting their "Sources and Citations" within their writing. Have a great summer everyone!!!

7th Grade Math-

For 7th grade, we will be wrapping up the school year with our End of the Year iReady diagnostic test and finishing with reviewing the content that was learned this year.

7th Grade World Geography Studies-

7th Grade World Regional Studies: Students will be learning about the physical features, history, and culture of East Asia. We will be exploring the areas of East Asia through readings and videos to give us a deeper understanding of the diverse culture there.

7th Grade ELA-

In June, seventh grade ELA will bring the final unit to a close. Throughout this unit, students have explored the many challenges human beings face in forming relationships with one another and with the world around them. As we wrap up our study of S.E. Hinton's novel, *The Outsiders*, students will continue to read about the steps people take to overcome these forces so that they can form meaningful relationships with other people.

7th Grade Science-

7th Science: Students will work on completing their Genetic Disorders projects as an end of unit activity. This will tie in everything learned about Heredity and expose students to new ideas and concepts to be developed in the following years.

Gr. 8 American History-

8th Grade American History: Students will be learning about the sectional differences between the North and the South that would eventually lead to the South seceding from the Union and the start of the Civil War.



Gr. 8 Reading/Language Arts-

This month in ELA, students are finishing up our unit in StudySync called "A Moral Compass". Students are reading short stories that focus on characters who have to make important decisions that define their character. Students have also been reading a lot of books this month! We finished our novel *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes, as well as *Tight* by Torrey Maldonado. Additionally, students are reading excerpts from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. It has been a busy year, but students have taken it in stride. Congratulations to all of the 8th Graders for their hard work and commitment this year. Good luck in High School!

Gr. 8 Math -

For 8th grade, we will be wrapping up the school year with our End of the Year iReady diagnostic test and finishing with reviewing the content that was learned this year.

8th Grade Science-

8th Science: Students will work on completing their Jetpack Suit designs and tie everything together with the Forces and Motions unit.



PE-

We come to the end of another year...this year being one I can never forget...I am so proud of every student who pushed through and made the best of our situation. Being your physical education teacher was a pleasure! Those that are graduating best of luck on your future endeavors and those who will return I'll see you in a few short months! Please get outside and stay active this summer. -Mr. Gibson

Essential Skills-Ms. Hastings

We have had a busy month in Mrs. Hastings' class! In Language Arts we have been working on the letters Hh, Dd, Cc, and Aa, vocabulary words flammable, found, identity, our, inspire, over, league, and pretty and compound words.

Our focus in Math has been on capacity, review of addition facts for 7, 8, and 9, greater than, less than and the same.

In Social Studies we have learned about baby animals, frogs and pond, zoo and zoo animals and ocean and ocean animals.

In Health we learned about the importance of getting enough sleep, good nutrition and the five senses.

In Science, we studied grasshoppers, crickets, bees and fireflies.



To all the Parents of EL (English Learners)

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Keep encouraging your child to read during this summer for at least 20 to 30 minutes per day. You can visit the city library to get books or use the internet to find great materials to read. You can also visit the Mattatuck Museum for free. We will see you the next school year. Have a well-deserved rest.

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

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

Continúe motivando a su hijo a leer en su casa durante el verano por lo menos de 20 - 30 minutos diarios. Usted puede visitar la biblioteca de la ciudad para buscar libros o usar el internet para encontrar buenos materiales de lectura. Le animamos a visitar el Museo Mattatuck de la ciudad gratuitamente. Nos veremos el próximo año escolar. Tenga un buen merecido descanso.

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

Family Resource Center

We are having an Open enrollment for our **FREE VIRTUAL** Children Birth to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 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.**

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 - **We are missing a lot of 6th grad physical exams and vaccines!!** 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!

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)



