



REISTERSTOWN JANUARY NEWS



FROM YOUR
PROUD
PRINCIPAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Reisterstown Retrievers!

First, I wanted to thank you everyone for a wonderful December. Our students worked hard to demonstrate PAWSome Retriever behaviors! We had many special things happen, including our generous canned food donations for those families that were in need this holiday season, our PTA winter gift shop, and our fabulous fifth grade Winter Concert. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting our students and community! In addition, we welcomed Baltimore Ravens Center Sam Mustipher to talk with our students about the importance of teamwork and using our voices!

The second marking period ends on January 19th. We will dismiss at 12:05 pm. Students in grades 1-5 will receive report cards on January 29th. During second quarter, students will receive special area grades with effort indicators in addition to comments from their homeroom teacher providing progress updates. PS/PK and Kindergarten will also receive progress reports. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact their teacher to set up a conference.

We look forward to 2024 and all of the excellence it will bring. I want to express how thankful I am for our incredible teaching staff, our hardworking students, and our parents and families for their engagement and support of our school. We have such an AMAZING school community!!

Candace Brinkley, Principal

Upcoming Events

- 1/9 - PTA Event
- 1/11-17 - Hearing/Vision testing (grades 1 & 4)
- 1/15 - Schools Closed (MLK Day)
- 1/17 - Yearbook Group Photos

- 1/19 - 3-hour Early Dismissal (End Quarter 2)
- 1/23 - RES Night at the Public Library (5:30 - 7:00 pm)
- 1/25 - Science of Reading (5:30-7:30 pm)
- 1/29 - Report Cards distributed



**Be sure to watch the news when the weather is bad.
All school delays and closings will be announced on
the local news and posted on the BCPS website
(www.bcps.org)**

**If there is a 2-hour delay, Reisterstown students should
report to school at 10:05 AM.**

**If there is a 3-hour delay, Reisterstown students should
report to school at 11:05 AM**



We still have so many items in our lost and found.

**If your child is missing something, please
encourage them to check in the front lobby to see
if their item is in the lost and found. We'd prefer
to reunite items with their owners rather than
let them sit idle in the lobby!**



LATE ARRIVALS and EARLY DISMISSALS:

**Attendance is so important for a student's learning. Every
minute counts!**

**We encourage you to help your child(ren) arrive at school
between 8:05 and 8:20 AM.**

**Appointments should be scheduled on days off or after school
hours whenever possible.**

All early dismissals should be completed by 2:15 PM.



WHAT'S
NEW?

Pre-School

This Month in Miss Jessica's EC3s

Theme: Winter

Book: *The Snowy Day*

Vocabulary:



Book: *Snowballs*

Vocabulary:



Nursey Rhyme:

Peas Porridge Hot

Weekly Focus:

Oval, Star, Heart,
Diamond

Upcoming Dates

January 2nd: School Reopens

January 15th: No School

January 19th: End of marking
period ½ day

February 9th: No School

February 19th: Presidents'
Day

Songs We Love



This Old Man

Reminders:

. Please keep an eye on your child when deciding to send them to school. If they don't seem their normal self, if their nose is runny, or they are coughing a lot. Please consider keeping them home. If you can donate tissues to the classroom that would be greatly appreciated.



Pre-Kindergarten




In January, the Prekindergarten students will be studying Community Helpers and will continue to practice writing letters and counting numbers 1-10.



Let
It
Snow

Kindergarten



In phonics we are continuing to learn letter names and sounds in isolation. Please continue to practice letter names and sounds at home. We are continuing to develop reading skills using our decodable readers. Please practice reading these stories after they are sent home and practice identifying the following sight words to support your child in reading and writing: a, the, and, go, had, he, I, see, has, you, we, of, am, at, to, as, have, in, it, is.

Our fourth reading module is Happy Healthy Me. We will explore ways to be healthy through food and exercise and taking care of ourselves. In math we will continue practicing how many items in a collection without counting, comparing sets using the terms "more" and "less", recognizing combinations that make 5 and 10, matching quantities to a written numeral, we will also begin to explore measurement. Please continue to practice counting to 100 by ones, tens and fives at home, this is an important skill as we prepare for 1st grade. Please remember to pack a water bottle and snack for your child each day and to communicate with your child's teacher on Talking Points or by sending in a written note when your child is absent.



First

Grade

Happy New Year families! In January the first grade students will start our fourth reading unit which focuses on the theme of doing our best and getting along with others. The stories we will read this month will help us practice identifying topics, central ideas, supporting evidence for opinions, point of view, text features and story elements. Encourage students to find nonfiction or real life examples of reading such as recipes, cooking directions, game rules, street signs, and grocery ads. Our writing composition this month will involve writing a procedural or "how to" text. Have your child orally practice giving direction for a task. In phonics, the first grade students will learn how to decode words with the long vowel silent e pattern. Don't forget to practice the Open Court readers that come home. Some sight words for students to practice this month include: yes, were, ride, walk, we, well, make, you and them. Our fourth math unit is called "Leapfrogs on the Number Line". Students will locate and place numbers on a number line, skip count by 5s and 10s, add and subtract in multiples of 10, add three numbers, and solve addition and subtraction story problems. Encourage your child to practice counting forward and backward from any number 1-120, identifying what is ten more or ten less than a number, and deciding which of two numbers is greater. Please remember to check and empty folders and practice reading each night. Don't forget to encourage your child to get a good night's sleep to be ready for school. Thank you as always for your support at home. We look forward to a wonderful start to 2024.



Happy New Year, 2nd Grade Families! This month in math, we are practicing measuring inches, feet, and yards with different measurement tools such as rulers and measuring tape. We will use proportional relationships to get the students ready to learn about fractions at the end of second grade and multiplication in third grade! In ELA, children will read stories and texts that will help them identify the qualities of a good leader. They can learn to recognize these qualities in themselves so they can work to become good leaders in the classroom and in their school. Throughout the unit, students will also develop a personal essay about what makes them unique. In Social Studies, we will continue to learn about the civics, culture, and history of the United States. We are so excited for the learning 2024 will bring!



Second



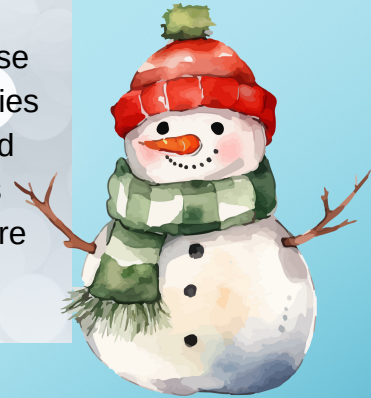
Grade



Third Grade

This month in 3rd grade we are diving into a new year and new topics in math and ELA. We have started module 5 titled "Teamwork." This module focuses on texts that highlight different versions of teamwork throughout the community. They will read a number of realistic fiction and narrative fiction texts and will continue identifying literary elements, author's craft, and theme. Students are continuing to develop their writing skills and have just completed a writing piece about people who help others. In math we have begun unit 4 where students will focus on measurement and fractions. This will include time, elapsed time, volume, and comparing unit fractions.

Be on the lookout for the unit at a glance sheet sent home in take home folders. These are sent home at the beginning of each unit and give a clear idea of skills and strategies being learned. Please check in with your child to be sure they have headphones and pencils. We ask that as the colder weather is rolling in to check that your student is wearing their jacket, so they are comfortable at recess. Report cards will be out before you know it so, please be on the lookout for that as well.



Fourth Grade

As we approach the end of the second quarter and look ahead to the third quarter, 4th grade is making many academic transitions. In ELA, we have just started our Unit 5 Module which is titled, "Art Everywhere." In this module, we will focus on comprehension skills like asking and answering questions, fact and opinion and figurative language. In addition, we will be reading a variety of genres like, biographies, poetry, and informational texts. We will also continue our work on grammar, spelling and writing tasks. In Health this quarter our unit focus is, "Growing and Changing." We will discuss social, physical and emotional health. In Math, students have started the unit, "Addition, Subtraction, & Measurement." In Advanced Math, our new unit is, "Place Value & Decimals."

Please continue to encourage your child to put forth their best effort. This includes coming to school every day prepared and ready to learn. This is also a good time to replenish supplies for the remainder of the year. Students should be reading every night and practicing their math facts, even if no specific homework has been assigned. This will continue to help them be successful across all content areas. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress, please always feel free to reach out to the teacher.



Fifth Grade

We are nearing the end of the quarter. A reminder that student grades are updated frequently in Schoology and that students should be monitoring their grades. If you have not already done so, you may want to take the time to review your child's work in Schoology before the quarter ends.

In English/Language Arts we started our new module that focuses on conservation and the environment. Students will be writing an opinion essay about an environmental issue of their choosing over the course of this unit. In Ms. Harlan and Ms. Lauber's math classes students will be learning about multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals. Mrs. Ormond's math class has progressed from division of fractions to division of decimals and will be moving on to algebraic equations before the end of the month. We have started our Changes in Me health unit and will be communicating with parents about the exact dates of the puberty lessons soon.

Remember to check your student's school supplies to see that they have what they need regularly. Sticky notes and dry erase markers are supplies that many students have said that they are missing. Thank you for your continued support!



Library News



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Reisterstown Elementary at the Baltimore County Public Library

Tuesday, January 23rd
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM



Image credit: Alexandra Koch

The library is hosting a special event for Reisterstown Elementary School! Come enjoy the company of your school community while you play games, make crafts, have a snack, borrow books and more.

6:30 PM Story and Music

Reisterstown Branch • 21 Cockeys Mill Road • 410-887-1165
Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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Reisterstown Elementary a la Biblioteca del Condado de Baltimore

Martes, 23 de enero
5:30 PM a 7:00 PM



Image credit: Alexandra Koch

¡La biblioteca está organizando un evento especial para Reisterstown Elementary School! Ven a disfrutar de la compañía de tu comunidad escolar mientras juegas, haces manualidades, tomas un bocadillo, prestas libros y más.

6:30 PM Cuento y Música

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