



REISTERSTOWN ELEMENTARY

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



From Your Proud Principal...

I am very proud of our students for all their hard work as we come to the midpoint of Marking Period 3. We have recently taken the MAP assessment and we had so many students show growth from their Fall MAP score. This is evidence of the dedication that they have for learning and the wonderful instruction that is happening each day at Reisterstown Elementary.

In March, our 5th grade students will participate in MISA testing. MISA is the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment. The test will assess the 5th grade knowledge from topics covered in grades 3-5. The test is given over 4 days with 1 session tested on each day. Specific dates and times will be provided to the 5th grade families as we get closer to the dates.

During the month of March, we will celebrate Read Across America with a March Madness book bracket and spirit days on Fridays! Teachers will communicate our spirit days so that students can participate. It is important that our children are reading or listening to someone read to them as much as possible in order to build their reading stamina, as well as their decoding and comprehension skills. We are excited to celebrate reading as a school this month and always!

There have been many days where it feels like spring is almost here and so is Spring Break. Spring break begins at the end of the day March 22nd. We also have many upcoming PTA events that I hope you will participate in! Please check their section for updates!

Again, I want to thank our staff, students, and families for their engagement and support of everything that we do here at Reisterstown Elementary.
Ms. Brinkley



Important Dates

March

- 5 - PTA Event (Ready, Tech, Go! - 6:00 PM)
- 25 -30 Spring Break

April

- 1 - Spring Break
- 2 - School Reopens
- 5 - 3-hour Early Dismissal (End Quarter 2)
- 10 - No School for Students
- 12 - Spring Pictures (Individual and Class Photos)
- 16 - Report cards sent home
- 26 - 3-hour Early Dismissal
- 29 - No Pre-School, Pre-K, and Kindergarten (Conferences)
- 30 - No Pre-School or Pre-K (Conferences)

Attendance Counts!

Research consistently shows that students who attend school daily and arrive on time are more likely to achieve academic success. Regular attendance is strongly correlated with higher grades, increased engagement in learning activities, and better overall academic performance.

LOST AND FOUND

We still have many items in our lost and found. If your child is missing anything, please encourage them to visit the front lobby to check for those items. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

Early Dismissals

For the safety of our children we ask that you complete all early dismissals by 2:15 PM.

The end of our day is busy and children are transitioning from one place to another.

Your cooperation with this request will assist in ensuring a safe and smooth dismissal.



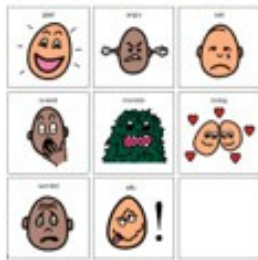
Pre-School: Ms. Winkler

This Month in Miss Jessica's EC3s

Theme: Emotions

Book: *Glad Monster, Sad Monster*

Vocabulary:



Book: *Silly Sally*

Vocabulary:



Nursey Rhyme:

If You're Happy and You Know It

Humpty Dumpty

Upcoming Dates

March 25th-April 1st- Spring Break

April 2nd- Schools Reopen

Songs We Love

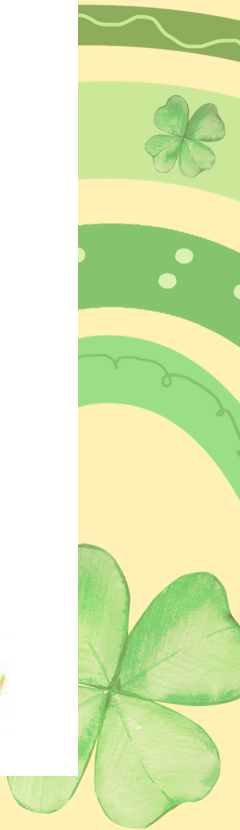
Kids Feeling and Emotions Song

This is A Happy Face

Reminders:

We are running low on tissues, sanitizer, Lysol wipes, and construction paper. If you are able to donate to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated.


As the seasons change and your student grows, please make sure we have a weather appropriate change of clothes at school that fits them.





Pre-Kindergarten: Ms. Tannebaum

The children have been doing a fantastic job learning about how things move! They have learned the difference between a Push and a Pull. In Math, the children have been learning how to look at a number and can count how many in their heads! Finally, the children are making outstanding progress with writing.



Kindergarten: Ms. Caccamisi, Ms. Mayo, Ms. Merrel, and Ms. Snow/Mr. Nupp

In phonics we are finishing up learning letter names and sounds in isolation. Please continue to practice letter names and sounds at home. We started building and reading words and writing sentences. We are continuing to develop reading skills using our decodable readers. Please practice reading these stories after they are sent home, we have introduced 30 sight words in class please continue to practice these words at home.

We are in the middle of our fourth reading module is Happy Healthy Me. We will explore ways to be healthy through food and exercise and taking care of ourselves. We are also exploring the food groups and learning what makes a healthy meal.

In math we will continue counting and comparing numbers using the terms “more” and “less”, recognizing combinations that make 5 and 10, matching quantities to a written numeral, we have started learning about 2-d and 3-d shapes, 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.

Please do not send toys to school, we cannot be responsible for them if they are lost or broken.



First Grade: Ms. Boccanfuso, Ms. Erb, Ms. Spielman, and Ms. Theisen

We will continue to work hard during the third quarter with some exciting units coming up in the month of March! For reading, we will start module 6 with a theme of Celebrating America! In this unit, we will examine the importance of celebrating the holidays here in America. We will also learn important landmarks within this unit of study like the Statue of Liberty, the White House, and the Capitol building. We will continue to use text features of nonfiction texts to help us better understand the information in the text. We will also examine the elements of poetry and how that relates to famous songs our country sings during holidays. We will also discuss how elements in poetry can help the reader stay engaged while reading the text.

In math, we will finish up our geometry unit and start unit 6 where we will go back to adding and subtracting within 20 using penguins as the theme for the overall unit. We will continue to work on story problems using the strategies learned in class to solve them correctly. We will also practice our doubles facts and practice fluency in solving these equations. Lastly, we will solve for the unknown addend in an equation using tools in class.

A reminder to keep checking Talking Points for any updates from your child's teacher as this is a quick way for teachers and parents to communicate effectively. Also, please provide some type of absence note when your child is absent so your child's teacher can have it for their attendance records. Thank you and happy March!

Second Grade: Ms. Brekke-Miles, Ms. Ducheve, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Zilberman

Spring break is coming fast but our learning is not slowing down! In math, we are starting our Geometry unit where students will investigate 2D shapes, fractions, symmetry, and transformations.

Our main focus will be on identifying and sorting various types of triangles and quadrilaterals, as well as other shapes. We will also discuss and practice finding the perimeter and area of shapes.

In ELA, we are starting a new module where students will read and listen to stories about important people. These stories will help the children recognize that people's lives are shaped and molded by their experiences. They will also have the opportunity to write their very own autobiography. Happy March!

Third Grade: Ms. Cummings, Ms. DiSanti, Ms. Eskins, and Ms. Jarecha

We are halfway through the 3rd quarter. We are working hard with our multiplication and division story problems. Use flashcards, computer games, and verbal quizzing to practice multiplication facts up to 12 for speed and accuracy. We will begin quizzing multiplication facts several times a week in the next month. In ELA we are enjoying our Animal Behaviors unit. Students are researching how animals survive and adapt to warm or cold climates. The grammar and ELA components are intense, which is pushing back our Driving Forces Unit that we are all trying to get to. Keep your eyes open for Haiku writing opportunities for the county. As always, we appreciate tissues, and anti-bacterial wipes during this sick season.

Fourth Grade: Ms. Bosley, Ms. Morales, and Ms. Moured

Wow! We cannot believe that we are pushing through to the third quarter. Already halfway through the year!

In ELA we just finished Module 5: Art Everywhere. We were able to study different types of arts such as drawing, architecture, painting, and dancing. The students enjoyed reading/watching videos about all of these different ways to express themselves. We conducted research about a specific artist and wrote an expository essay about them. Moving forward we are working on Module 6: Marvels of Nature. This unit has been so exciting to explore the wondrous natural features of our earth. Your scholars will be writing a letter to a person that works at a National Park.

In 4th grade math, we finished up learning standard algorithm for multi-digit addition and subtraction. We introduced measurement by talking about conversions, but we will continue to work on that in Unit 5.

Unit 5 is Geometry and conversions. Because this unit is very heavy on vocabulary, consider asking them about some vocabulary words that they have learned. In 4th grade advanced math, we finished up place value and decimals. We will continue working with decimals in the next unit by multiplying and dividing them along with whole numbers.

We have been working hard in content. Lately, we have been learning about the geography of the United States and moving forward we will be learning more about the economy.

Please reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions and concerns. Also, with this being the middle of the year, please consider bringing extra pencils in with your student, it appears that they are all going missing. Along with this, we are dealing with the sick season, every day more and more germs are being spread. If you can, please send some tissues to help contain these germs.

Fifth Grade: Ms. Harlan, Ms. Lauber, and Ms. Ormond


Heading into March, please send in plethora of pencils so your student is primed for proper learning success! Assignment completion (classwork and homework) has been a significant focus throughout the 3rd quarter and will continue to be. The fifth grade is just six short months away from entering middle school and consistently completing assignments on time is vital to their future success. Please continue your efforts to establish a consistent quiet workspace and study routine at home for your child. (Let us know if you need any support or suggestions!)

In the classroom, the Fifth grade will be continuing their work on our science units involving space/time (Becoming Banneker) and water (Where's the Water). In ELA, we will enter into our fascinating new module, Above, Beyond and Below. Student learning will be focusing on the central idea, author's purpose, and structure of the text, as well as applying the proper use of verbs (be and have) and pronouns in their writing. Ms. Lauber and Ms. Harlan's math classes will be concluding Unit 5, learning how to multiply and divide fractions, and introducing Unit 6 on Geometry. Mrs. Ormond's math class will be completing their work on determining equivalent equations. Thank you for your continued partnership in your students' learning!

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From the Art Teachers: Ms. Aus and Ms. Austin



Hi Everyone,

I'm very excited to announce that we have 24 students who have their artwork on display at the Reisterstown Library. The pieces we are displaying are inspired by the artist Kevin Lyons, who does the artwork/characters that we see on the Jolly Rancher packages. So, if you are at Reisterstown Library, please be sure to check them out! The following students have artwork on display:

**Tavon- Ms. Morales, 4th
Ariel- Mrs. Harlan-5th
Nova- Mrs. Harlan-5th
Madison- Mrs. Ormond-5th
Elizabeth- Mrs. Ormond-5th
Hannah- Mrs. Bosley-4th
Nicholas- Ms. Morales-4th
Brianna- Ms. Morales-4th
Chibuike- Mrs. Cummings-3rd
Ben- Mrs. Lauber-5th
Diana- Ms. Morales-4th
Ayyat- Ms. Morales-4th
Cohen- Mrs. Bosley-4th
Armani- Mrs. Bosley-4th
Nathanael- Ms. Morales-4th
Faizan- Mrs. Eskins-3rd
Matilda- Ms. Morales 4th
Navya- Mrs. Eskins-3rd
Genesis- Ms. Morales-4th
Lucy- Mrs. Ormond-5th
Irienne- Mrs. Ormond-5th
Nathaly- Mrs. Di'Santi-3rd
Varneet- Mrs. Bosley-4th
Daphne- Ms. Morales-4th**



Congratulations to all of these students! The artwork will be on display for about a month.

**Mrs. Aus
ART teacher**

From the Library


Click the photo to sign up!


Volunteer Opportunity



Reisterstown Elementary

Book Fair Volunteers

 Meagan Hale

 Contact

The Bookfair will be held the week of May 20-24. Volunteers will help students shop during their assigned library class. Volunteer training must be completed prior to volunteering at the Book Fair. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Feel free to sign up for multiple time slots, if you would like. Thank you!

Please take a few minutes to complete the BCPS Climate Survey. Your voice counts!

Click on the photo to begin the survey.



BCPS Climate Survey

Starts February 5 - Ends March 8