



Renaissance Report

NOVEMBER 12, 2018

Dates to Remember:

*All Pro Dads: This Friday at 7am!

*No school: November 22 & 23

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*Save the Date: The first Learning Celebration will be the morning of December 5, 2018!

The Voyager, Islander, and Band concert will be held at 4:30 on December 20th

How do you like this? And the area floods, we will

We would like to clarify that students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Additionally, students should stay home at least 24 hours after vomiting. Thank you for helping to keep RPSA a healthy place to learn.

Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:
a, we, to
We are still rhyming,
listening for
beginning sounds,
and building 3 letter
words.

Math

We are using Math
vocabulary words:
Biggest, smallest,
Bigger, smaller,
longer, shorter.
Longest, shortest

Writing

We are writing
lowercase letters!
Some are tall,
small, or fall
below the lines.
Letters: c, o, s, v

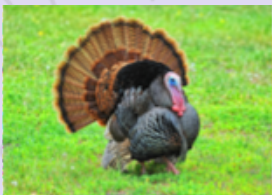
Social Studies

How can I show
that I care for
others? We will be
making the homes
for our "little
friends" special.

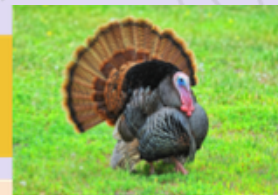
Reminders & Events

We are having a special Grandparent or VIP person social on Wednesday, November 21,
1:00-1:30 in the Cafeteria....RSVP how many will be coming on Seesaw, please!
Please find your boots and snow pants.. If there is snow on the
playground, you need boots and snow pants, jackets, hats, and
gloves.

Make
Today
Amazing



Voyager Newsletter



Academics:

In math, our students will continue to
work on place value. They will also be
working on comparing and ordering
numbers, as well as addition and
subtraction w/ and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students will continue to
work on fiction story structure:
characters, setting, problem, solution,
and summary.

In social studies, our students will
continue working on Core Democratic
Values and how the 7 Habits of Great
Leaders helps our community.

In writing, our students will continue
writing a persuasive piece. This writing
will tie into our social studies unit and
how to ensure the greater good for all in
our community.

Parents:

Please remember to have your
child bring a warm coat, hat, gloves,
and boots would be a great idea too.
It is getting cold and the playground
is very wet; we want the students to
enjoy their time playing outside.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving Break
No School for Students or Teachers

November 30
End of our 1st Trimester

December 5
Learning Celebration

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

November 12 - November 16, 2018



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders continue to read for meaning, seek main idea and details, and find text evidence to prepare for our upcoming test.

Math: Once again we will focus on long division and multiplication facts. Next week, many of our students will begin factors and multiples.

Writing: We received our first letters from our Pen Pals. It has been an exciting week to read and respond to those. Ask your child who their CMU Medical student Pen Pal is.

Social Studies: We are so proud of our Islanders. They did a great job with our practice debate this week. Ask your child what the topic was.

Staying Up To Date

- The weather is unpredictable and the snow is here. Please send appropriate snow gear for recess. Remember that boots are for outside only. Your child needs to wear shoes inside school so our floors stay dry and we can sit on them.
- Read 30 minutes each day.
- All Pro Dads this Friday.
- Our first Learning celebration is fast approaching.

Important Dates

November 16 - All Pro Dads at 7am

November 22 and 23 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving break

December 5 - Learning Celebration 8-9am

December 20 - Islander Winter Music
Concert 4:30-5:30pm



Week at a Glance

November 12-16

MATH

- Decimal operations
- Division of fractions
- Operations with + and - integers

ASK YOUR CHILD WHICH TOPIC THEY ARE WORKING ON. THEY'D LOVE TO FILL YOU IN!

PBL

Science - Properties and States of Matter

READING

Characters and Character Development using the novel, Wonder

WRITING

Providing evidence to support your claim in a persuasive essay.



COLD WEATHER IS HERE!

We do have times during the day that all students are expected to go outside. Please make sure that your child is sent to school with enough outside clothing to keep them warm.

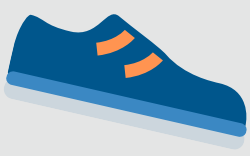


REMINDER: If your child has/had a fever or has thrown up within the last 24 hours before school starts, they should remain at home to recover and prevent the spread of illnesses.

Middle School Happenings November 12-November 16

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30

Math		English Language Arts		Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's math students will be taking their expressions assessment this week.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are working on operations in scientific notation!</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on calculating equivalent fractions to put them in lowest terms.</p>		<p>This week, students will be finishing up with theme. They will be finishing their informational paper very soon! Students are to turn in their final draft upon completion.</p> <p>Students will begin presenting their <u>Book Talks</u> next week in ELA as well.</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using graphic organizers to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading</p>		<p>Students are working on their Body Systems Project. Part 1: Pamphlets should be done by the end of this week.</p>	<p>We have finally begun working on our Museum Project! Talk to your students about what aspect of the museum they will be working on. We are excited to see the amazing exhibits that our students create!</p>
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Manny Monday	Study Lab Student Council	Early Release Wednesday Celebration of Día De Los Muertos and Anishinaabe during the afternoon.	Study Lab <u>NO Student Council</u>	



Athletics



Boys Basketball:

Our Renaissance A/B teams open their season action on Monday (today) against the Raiders of St. Peter. The first game begins at 5:30pm. We hope to see you out there supporting our Rams!

Thursday, November 15, our A/B teams are in action once again. We are hosting the Patriots of Heritage Christian. The action begins at 5:30pm.

Basketball & Cheer:

Remember all fees and paperwork are due at this time. Players that do not have fees or paperwork turned in will not be able to participate in athletic contests until that has been taken care of.

Cheer:

Our cheer team will be on the sidelines cheering for our Rams at every home event!

Winter Pictures:

Guys and Dolls will be here on Tuesday, November 13, to take pictures of our boys basketball teams and cheer team. We will begin with the boys "A" teams, so that they can get straight to practice. Remember to bring your uniform and change immediately after school.

Fall Athletics Banquet:

Remember, November 20, at 5:30pm, is our fall athletics banquet. We will be celebrating the achievements of our cross-country team and our girls volleyball teams. We look forward to celebrating with those families.

Scholarship/Volunteers:

Please remember the new scholarship policy that is in place this year.

Scholarship families must volunteer to work at least one home event to fulfill the scholarship process. Sign-up sheets are outside the gym - please sign up at your convenience...or contact Mr. McConnell. Thank you.

Battle of the Books

We are offering an opportunity for interested fourth and fifth grade students to compete in the Battle of the Books competition sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. This program has been offered for four decades and helps build a sense of teamwork and a love for reading.

Teams of students will work together to read and understand a list of 20 books. Individual students will need to read and become familiar with approximately four books in order to support their teammates. Copies of the books are available at school for students to check out. You may also check them out from the local library.

There are a series of written and oral battles that will take place in February and March. The top performing teams will advance to future rounds. Interested students should sign up with Mr. Mayer. This is an extracurricular event, so the majority of reading preparation will need to take place outside of school. Weekly team meetings to check in and support students will take place during lunch time. We will eat and discuss books together. Students will still have plenty of time to eat.

We will need volunteers to serve as team coaches and others to help write practice questions. More information on Battle of the Books can be found at <http://www.midland-mi.org/510/Battle-of-the-Books> Let us know your interest in volunteering or ask additional questions by contacting Mr. Mayer at hmayer@renaissancepsa.com.



Specials and Enhancements



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018
4:30-5:30

WINTER CONCERT

VOYAGERS, ISLANDERS AND BAND STUDENTS