



Renaissance Report

DECEMBER 11, 2019

Spirit Week!

Week of December 16th - 20th, 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby It's Cold Outside Wear your favorite hat and/or scarf.	Land of the Mismatch Clothes Wear your best mismatched outfit.	Deck The Halls Wear your happiest or ugliest sweater, shirt, or tie.	Holly Jolly Elf Gear Wear Red and Green	Long Winter's Nap Wear your pajamas to school.

Lost and Found

Many lost gloves, shoes, sweatshirts, and more have made their way into the Lost and Found. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each month. A table with items will be placed in the lobby each Friday.



Save the Dates:

*December 17
6PM
Voyager and
Islander Music
Concert*

*December 19
6PM
Trailblazer and
Middle School
Band Concert*

Winter Music Concerts!



Identity

Come check out the Trailblazers' Identity Masks at Art Reach the week of December 9th.

Through literature and self-reflection, students in Mrs. Snyder's class (of Renaissance Academy) have created masks to highlight how they see themselves and how they wish to be seen.





Hey Dad – What does your child really need
for breakfast? **YOU!**

All Star Dads Breakfast • Friday, December 20
Renaissance Lunch Room • 7:00am

Please join us for our monthly All Star Dads Breakfast. It's a one-hour monthly **FREE breakfast** (bagels, muffins, juice, milk, and coffee) held before school where dads (stepdads, grandpas, uncles, mentors, etc.) and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school cafeteria. During this time, we discuss a wide range of character building topics, spend time together, and create memories for a lifetime. **It's fun, and it's free!**

While not required, a RSVP will help us better plan for food. To RSVP, please text Dru Wilson at 989-330-2212 or email at wilso1dm@cmich.edu. Thank You! (Please come even if you forget to RSVP!)

**Return your library books this week, and
you'll have a chance to win a**



\$10 Meijer gift card!



Every time a student returns a book to the RPSA library **between Monday, December 9th and Friday, December 13th**, they will be entered in a drawing to win one of five \$10 gift cards from Meijer.

Look for Renaissance PSA library books at home, in lockers,
in cars, and anywhere else you might find them!
Bring them back to Mrs. Doyle for your chance to win!



THANK YOU

for your submissions we raised over \$50 in November!

Winners of the Monthly Gift Card Drawing:
October is Eleanor from Mr. Wilson
November is Cassandra from Mrs. B

*December submissions are due the 20th! Submit them on a fun sheet (see below) that can be picked up in the lobby or in a baggie/envelope with students name. The drop box is in the lobby.

*Scan submissions are also due the 20th! Just snap a picture of your account and email to renaissanceramspto@gmail.com with students name.

*For additional information visit: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



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WINTER 2019

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Classroom News:



Kindergarten News

Literacy

What is the setting and who are the characters in your book? We have two sight words this week:

what you

Math

We will be working on the teen numbers.

Writing

Lower case letters are tall, small, or fall. This week we will practice:
Ll Kk

Science

We are continuing a unit on the weather. We will try to answer the question of what makes day and night?

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Reminder - Snow pants, boots, warm jacket, mittens/gloves, and hat are needed for recess. Thank you for your cooperation. Fresh air, play, and large motor movement is so important for this age.

HOLIDAY BREAK - December 23-January 3

*Do you
want to
build a
Snow
man?*



Voyager Newsletter



Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on Fact Families. Also, we continue to practice addition and subtraction with and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students continue to work on answering who, what, when, where, and why...as well as how a character changes over time and why.

In science, our students continue to learn what is special about birds and how humans use biomimicry. Also, students are learning about migration, adaptation and hibernation based on patterns using the sun.

In writing, students continue to finish writing a personal narrative. Their writing ties into their personal experience feeding the birds at Anderson and Girls

Parents,

Please ensure your child comes to school with their winter gear. Voyagers must have boots and snow pants when going outside for recess.

As always, if you need to contact us, please use Seesaw and we will respond to you during non-instructional time throughout the day, thanks.

Thursday, December 12
Field trip: Bay City Planetarium
Leaving: 9:00 Return: 12:30

Thursday, December 19
Voyager Learning Celebration
Begins at 2:30-3:15

Holiday Break:
December 23 - January 3
**We hope everyone has a Wonderful break. See you back on Monday, January 6, 2020.



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



December 11, 2019

This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders are finishing up their point of view literacy stories, and getting an introduction to informational text and text features.

Math: This week, students are getting more familiar with fractions, comparing them and finding equivalent fractions.

Writing: Islanders are continuing to use their creative writing skills! They are choosing ideas from a December calendar, and writing stories and responses to the ones they like.

Social Studies: We had so much fun with art in social studies last week! This week, we will begin a Michigan brochure. Students will include attractions, cultures, history, and natural resources. When we return from break, they will complete the last panel in their brochure about a public issue they want to stand for in Michigan. This will lead into our next unit.

Ideas for Home

- Continue to practice and work on basic math facts at home, both multiplication and division.
- Continue to have conversations at home about your kiddo's goals at school.
- Look for library books at home and get them returned to Mrs. Doyle for a chance to win a Meijer gift card!

Please make sure you are sending winter gear with your student each day for recess.

Important Dates

December 16th-20th: Spirit Week! Check Seesaw for the dress up days!

December 17th, 6:00pm: Islander/Voyager Winter Concert

December 23rd-January 3rd: Winter Break
~School resumes on January 6th~

There will be NO Learning Celebration for Islanders on December 19th



News and Events

OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can we use an Amazing Race style game to inspire others in our community to learn more about geography?



MATH	Fraction operations, expanding and factoring expressions, solving simple equations - ask your child which one they're working on.
PBL	World Geography
LITERACY	MAISA Unit on Informational starting soon
WRITING	Think CERCA - The Future of Farming - Persuasive writing

Bryan Bachman, Chief Meteorologist from WNEM TV5 spoke to us today as a part of our current PBL unit.

Please send appropriate winter gear each day.



Trailblazer students who attend band have a concert on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6PM. Band students should plan to be in the cafeteria by 5:15PM.

Middle School Happenings December 12 - 18

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
Mr. Buzard's math classes are working on solving algebraic equations. Mr. McCausey's classes are wrapping up expressions, and they will be assessed before the holiday break. Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.	Students have been working on their Research Skills as they gear up for Argument Writing. They have been focused on fake news, how to use questions effectively in research, and how to find reliable sources. Resource writing is beginning our unit on narrative writing. Our end goal is to create graphic novels that will be displayed in the library/		Students are working on Interactions with Matter (reflection, refraction, absorption), and will be completing lab activities.	For our Theater Production, students are working as part of an acting team, a production and marketing team, a set design and construction team, or a costume and prop design team. We can't wait to share our work with everyone!	
	12/12 (Th)	12/13 (Fri)	12/16(Mon)	12/17(Tue)	12/18 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events	Study Lab Renaissance A/B at Home vs. Trinity St. Peter 5:30/6:30		Renaissance "A" Basketball vs. Rams "A" 5:30	No Study Lab	

Middle School Band Winter Concert: December 19th at 6PM.

RAMS Athletics:



ATHLETICS **RAMS BASKETBALL** *Coming Up*

December 12, 2019
Renaissance "B" vs. St. Peter & Rams "A" vs. Trinity
5:30/6:30 (Home)

December 16, 2019
Rams "A" vs. Renaissance "A"
Game Starts at approximately 5:30 PM

December 19, 2019
Renaissance "A/B" @ St. Ann (Cadillac)
5:30/6:30 PM



ATHLETICS

**Fulfill your scholarships...
Volunteer today!**

Sign-up sheets are outside the gym!

- Many scholarships need to be fulfilled at this point. Scholarships not fulfilled will be required to pay the full athletic fee of \$80 in order to continue participating in athletics.
- Event nights with no volunteers will result in concessions being closed for the evening.

ATHLETICS

Cheer Team Fundraiser!

Buy a candy bar today!
\$1 each.



ATHLETICS

**Girls Basketball
Informational Meeting
January 14 - 5:15 to 6:00 PM
Mr. McCausey's Classroom**

5th through 8th grade girls interested in playing (and their families) should plan on attending. Learn about new policies and meet your coaches.



ATHLETICS

**Girls Basketball
Tryouts - January 20
3:30 to 5:00 PM**

5th through 8th grade girls interested in playing should plan on attending. You must have a completed physical with you to tryout.

If the athletic department already has your physical on file, you are all set.

