



# Renaissance Report

JANUARY 22, 2020

## **Looking Ahead:**

- February 3: No school: Teacher Professional Development
- February 14 & 17: No school-Mid-winter Break





# MORNING

with Mom

Thursday, February 13 | 7am  
Renaissance Public School Academy

~ A Special Morning For Kids & Mother-Figures ~

Enjoy a light breakfast, a fun activity, and time together!  
Please RSVP through the link below and be  
entered into a drawing for a coffee gift card.

<https://bit.ly/35BL8gV>

IF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENT IS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

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## **Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Volunteers Needed!!!**

Are you looking for a way to earn some extra cash??? Would you like to help the children or older adults in your community? Are you 55 years of age or older and on a limited income? Are you able to commit 20 hours of service per week? If you answered YES to these questions you are the person we are looking for! Become a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion Volunteer. You will receive an extra \$212.00 per month in a non-taxable stipend which will not affect your social security, subsidized housing or other benefits you may be receiving. The additional benefits include training, paid time off, holiday time, mileage reimbursement, an annual health screening, and many hours of fun and enjoyment. For more information about the programs and eligibility please contact Brandi Knivila, Jodi Onstott or Anne Acles at (989) 772-0748 or toll free at 1-800-878-0726. After our initial screening process, which includes several background checks, we will be accepting volunteers for our next training class scheduled to begin soon. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Foster Grandparents**

Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.

**Senior Companions**

Make Independence a Reality



# Classroom News:



## Kindergarten News

### Literacy

It is a Sight Word review week:

**is now**

We continue to "stretch out" words as we read and write.

### Math

We will continue to practice our numbers to 20 and add shapes: flat shapes and solid shapes

### Writing

We are practicing letters that fall below the line. We are writing our thoughts in journals, too.

### Social Studies

As we begin our unit on "Needs and Wants" we will take some time this week to talk about our families.

### \*Reminders & Events\*

\*Reminder - Snow pants, boots, a warm jacket, mittens/gloves, and a hat are needed for recess. Thank you for your cooperation.

\*Reminder that we enjoy a snack from home on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Thank you!

\*NO SCHOOL - Monday, February, 3 - Teacher PD

\*Mid-Winter Break - No School February 14-17



## Voyager Newsletter



### Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on Fact Families w/ missing addends. 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. Also, students will be learning about text features and the importance in text.

In science, our students will be learning about states of matter. Students will be able to recognize solids, liquids and gases they come in contact with daily. In the end, students will be able to explain and complete tasks showing how things can change from one state to another.

In writing, students will begin informational writing. Students will focus on their choice of bird and write about its habitat, migration or adaptation pattern, diet, and other important facts about the bird.

### 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.

### Dates to remember:

Monday, February 3, 2020  
No School for students

Thursday, February 13, 2020  
Muffins with Mom @ 7 a.m.

Friday, February 14 and Monday,  
February 17, 2020  
No School - Mid-Winter Break





# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

January 22, 2020

3rd and 4th  
grade



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** This week the Islanders have been focusing on influential people in history, studying biographical literature and studying the effect Martin Luther King, Jr. had on the Civil Rights Movement and the United States..

**Math:** Our project based math assessment has begun! Ask your Islander about planning their "vacation!"

**Writing:** This week the Islanders have been using much of their writing time to focus on the research, note-taking, and problem solving around a public issue taking place in Michigan.

**Social Studies:** Islanders are learning about our state government, the officials that run it, and what responsibilities each role has.

## Ideas for Home

- It's time to get back into a great routine!
  - Read for 20-30 minutes a night. Switch it up and read to someone at home...or even a pet!
  - Rocket Math is in full force! Practice those subtraction, multiplication and division facts!
- Some students will be presenting their Wonder Workshop project on January 23rd. You may want to ask them to practice in front of you at home!
- Several of our school library books have not been returned from the Islander students. Will you please help look for these at home?

## Important Dates

- Foster Grandparent Day is January 22nd! Thank you, Grandpa Rick who spends so much time with our Islanders each day!
- Our RPSA Middle School students have created, practiced and designed backdrops to their very own performance at the Broadway Theater! Go and see it on January 23rd from 6:00-7:30 pm!
- No School on February 3rd.





# 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	Solving simple equations, measures of central tendency, measurement conversions within a system - ask your child which one they're working on.
PBL	World Geography - AMAZING RACE!
LITERACY	MAISA Unit on Informational reading
WRITING	Using ThinkCERCA to write about weather predictions

Tuesday, February 11th is THE AMAZING RACE - STUDENT EDITION. We will be sending more information home on Friday, through Seesaw.



**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.



# *A New Beginning*

*an RPSA Middle School production  
written and created by our middle school students  
and based on the forming of our nation*

**When: 6-8 p.m. on January 23, 2020**

**Where: Broadway Theater**

**216 E Broadway St, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

# RAMS Athletics:



## ATHLETICS *BOYS BASKETBALL*

The league has not been able to find a date that will work with all of the schools. Therefore, the tournament has been officially canceled for this year. I look forward to seeing all of the basketball families at the banquet.



## ATHLETICS *BOYS BASKETBALL* *Winter Banquet*

Boys Basketball Student Athletes and their families are invited to attend the Winter Athletics Banquet on January 31st in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our boys basketball players and coaches with stories and awards. Dinner will be provided.







## ATHLETICS

**Girls Basketball Pictures  
February 11, 2020**



**Student Athletes please change into your uniforms  
immediately following dismissal**

***Order Envelopes will be coming home soon!***



## ATHLETICS

**Cheer Team  
& Boys Basketball**

**Please return your uniform to Mr. McCausey or  
drop it off in the office when you arrive. Thank  
you.**

# Spotlight on Specials!

## Library with Mrs. Doyle!



**Each week, all classes (k-8) have a designated time that Mrs. Doyle visits their classrooms and shares new or favorite books with our learners.**

**Mrs. Doyle does an amazing job at getting books that our learners will enjoy into their hands! She is always up to date on the newest releases and can recommend a good book to anyone!**

