



# Renaissance Report

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

*Happy Early Release  
Wednesday!*



*Picture Day is tomorrow!*

# *Parking Lot Safety*

For the safety and well being of all our students and family members at Renaissance please remember the following expectations.

- Students must be dropped off in the right lane.
- Drop off may be anywhere between the two crosswalks.
- DO NOT allow students to exit the car before the first crosswalk.
- Students may not walk from a parked car to the school without an adult.
- Cross ONLY at the crosswalk.
- Drivers in the left, drive through lane must DRIVE SLOWLY.
- Drivers should not be on a cell phone while driving in our parking lot.
- Smoking is PROHIBITED on school grounds, including in vehicles.
- Adults should NOT be on their phones while driving.

## Preschool NEWS

We just completed our 2nd week of preschool. We're working on learning our new classmates' names, making friends, learning to work together, and working on sitting through our morning message. We are adjusting well to coming to school and really have been enjoying the house area and the blocks a lot. Outside, we've been building sand castles, scooting around the court on the scooters, and playing some basketball.



Week of  
9.13.2019



Have a  
great  
week!





# Kindergarten News

## Literacy

We continue to focus on letter sounds using our Zoo Animals. Sight words: I, like

## Math

We are using vocabulary words: more and less. We will write and count with numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

## Writing

We are practicing B and R M and N in handwriting.

## Social Studies

We are meeting our stuffed animals who will help us learn to care for others.

## \*Reminders & Events\*

\*Please send a jacket or sweatshirt for our cool morning recess.

\*Picture Day is Thursday, September 19



# Voyager Newsletter



## Academics:

In math, our students will continue to work on counting forward to 20 and backward. Also, they will be practicing place value to the thousands.

In reading, our students will continue to work on beginning, middle and end. Also, how does a character change over time and why.

In science, our students will continue to learn what is special about birds: What are a bird's external parts and why are they important? How and why birds adapt? And why do birds have different types of beaks?

In writing, our students will be writing a personal narrative. This writing will tie into a personal experience that they had and linked to one of our field trips.

Parents,

Please remember to send a healthy snack and water bottle with your child each day to ensure they have the energy to learn throughout the day. Water bottles can stay at school.

Also, please ensure your child arrives at school with enough time to be in their classroom by 8:00 a.m. Thanks in advance.

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

Here is to a great year!

Anderson and Girls Field trip:

When: Monday, October 7th

Leave: 9:00am

Return: 1:00pm

Lunch: Eating there

-Please contact your child's teacher by Friday, September 20 to let them know if your child needs a school sack lunch. Thanks!

# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

September 18th



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** The Islanders will continue to work with summarizing fiction and nonfiction text and identifying key details. The extra handwriting practice that has been incorporated has made a huge difference in our writing! Next we will focus on some typing skills during this time!

**Math:** Rounding and comparing of larger numbers will be continued this week! Students will also continue to practice a variety of math facts and finish some review of last year.

**Writing:** Our students have finalized their topics and began to dig into their own persuasive letters. With the help from many great examples, we are sure we are going to see some very persuasive pieces!

**Science:** The Grass Heads continue to sprout! Students are working with their classroom teachers on giving and accepting feedback as we look to improve our work. We are enjoying some of the creative ways groups have worked together to help make their Grass Head grow! In addition to this project, we have also learned about animal structures and adaptations.

## Ideas for Home

- Have your child read a chapter out of their book to you tonight as you are washing the dishes, making dinner, etc. Now you have a good idea about what their book is like!
- Flashcards! Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division are all important!
- Help your child do some research at home for their science project!

## Important Dates

- Islanders will visit Bryant Farms in Shepherd on September 26th. Teachers will be sending out details via Seesaw this week!
- We are headed to the Grand Rapids Public Museum on October 15th. The students are already excited. We will need to confirm parent chaperones and lunch orders by the end of this week.





# News and Events

## OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can our knowledge of plate tectonics and the history of the Earth help raise awareness of the potential dangers of living in geographically and geologically unstable areas of the Earth through a "Tectonically Speaking Conference?"

**nwea**

Testing in math and ELA will begin on Monday 9/30 at 8:30 for Trailblazers



**We will be at Camp Hartley 9/23-9/25.**

If you have not turned in your papers, please do so ASAP

Please turn in any medications for your child to be taken at Hartley ASAP to Tina in our office

### MATH

Integers, decimal operations and powers of 10- ask your child which one they're working on.

### PBL

History of the Earth

### LITERACY

Narrative Reading

### WRITING

Starting ThinkCERCA soon!

## Middle School Happenings September 18 - 24

**STUDY LAB WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
3:30 - 4:30

Any student that would like some extra time to work on projects, assignments, etc. is welcome.  
A SeeSaw message was sent home last week.

Math		English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
<p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are learning about rational and irrational numbers and how to estimate the value of irrational roots. This week's focus has been estimating square roots to the nearest hundredth and cube roots to the nearest tenth.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's Math: We are working on the 4 operations with positive and negative integers.</p> <p>Resource Math is individualized to the needs of each student. We are working with the KeyMath program.</p>		<p>In Mrs. Liphard's ELA students are beginning their writing pieces. We will have mini-lessons to work on adding details and focus on the structure of a narrative story. We will continue reading our independent reading books as well.</p> <p>In Ms. Hunter's room, students are exploring different versions of fractured fairy tales and writing their own. These will be due Friday, September 20th.</p> <p>Resource Writing is focusing on descriptive writing this month with on a focus on our goal of completing a write-up about our trip to Whiting Forest in Midland on September 30th.</p>		<p>The students have completed 2 Labs, and they are currently working on exploring the Periodic Table of Elements.</p>	<p>In Social Studies we have been brainstorming and planning what our first big project is going to look like. We have also finished chapter 1 of our US history textbook and are working on our end of chapter essay. These essays will be uploaded into student's digital portfolios as they are finished.</p>	
		9/18	9/19	9/20	9/23	9/24
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Early Release	"A" Volleyball @ Heritage Christian 5:30 Temple Hill Baptist - Cadillac			



ATHLETICS

***RAMS VOLLEYBALL  
Coming Up***

September 19  
"A" Team  
@ Heritage Christian  
5:30 PM  
Location: Temple Hill Baptist - Cadillac



ATHLETICS

***RAMS CROSS COUNTRY  
Coming Up***

September 21  
Warrior Middle School Invitational  
Chippewa Hills XC Course

*See schedule for event times*



ATHLETICS

**Attention Volleyball Families:**

**Athletics Fees and Paperwork are Due!**

**Please turn your paperwork into the coach and  
your fees to the office. Thank you.**





## ATHLETICS

### **VOLUNTEERS & SCHOLARSHIP FULFILLMENT**

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted outside the gymnasium during each athletic season. Please feel free to sign up at your convenience...and fulfill your scholarship commitment. Thank you.

See Mr. McCausey or Mr. McConnell if you have questions.

## ATHLETICS

### ***FALL BOYS BASKETBALL OPEN GYM SCHEDULE***

Attention Families & Students (5th through 8th grade): If you are interested in playing boys basketball this year, please consider the following dates for you to attend. Our coaches are holding more open gym sessions in preparation of the coming season.

September 19  
September 26  
October 10  
October 17  
(6 to 7 PM)



Boys that are considering boys basketball this year are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for these sessions. A completed physical is required.