



December 1, 2021

### **FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Mark Your Calendars! The Santa's Workshop Craft Fair\* is returning to RPSA on Saturday December 4th 9AM-3PM. The PTO will be hosting the concessions stand and a RAMS Card table at the event to raise money that is used to enrich the RPSA experience in many ways for both staff & students. The PTO is looking for volunteers to staff these two areas. See this sign up if you can help us for a shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044CA8AC2EA1FD0-santas>

\*This event is coordinated by "Keep It Local 989" and is not directly sponsored by Renaissance Public School Academy. All inquiries about the event should be directed to [keepitlocal989@gmail.com](mailto:keepitlocal989@gmail.com).

### **RENAISSANCE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR ESSER FUNDS**

Renaissance is applying to receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds to address the impact of COVID-19 in schools.

There are 19 categories of allowable expenditures, and they are listed in the beginning of the survey. Renaissance has already addressed many of these categories using relief funds previously awarded to our school. For example, we have installed medical-grade air scrubbers on all furnace and air handling units to reduce the transmission of airborne illness in the building. We have also increased our building custodial staffing and completed training in sanitizing and cleaning protocols.

After reviewing our current needs, we have identified potential actions that could benefit our school community. We are asking for your input to help prioritize these actions. You may also suggest additional ideas to consider. Please take a few moments to complete this survey so we can consider your input in the overall prioritization and planning phase. The survey will remain open until Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Please access the survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/a7fis9MVnd8rTUAQ7>

## PROGRESS REPORTS

First trimester progress reports will be emailed to parents on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. You may also request a printed copy to be sent home by sending a SeeSaw message to your child's teacher.

We listened to the feedback you provided in our parent survey last spring and have updated the look of our progress reports to provide a more clear indication of student progress. We have kept the narrative comment at the beginning of the report to share specific details on how your child is developing as a learner as well as how they are progressing overall. Each content area section includes standards that students are expected to master by the end of the school year. Progress indicators are included for each assessed standard to indicate your child's current level of understanding. Only about one-third of the standards will be assessed on the first progress report. You can expect all of the standards to be assessed by the end of the year. Below is a description of the progress indicators that will be used on the progress reports.

EXC	Exceeding	The student is demonstrating understanding that surpasses expectations of the standard.
ACH	Achieving	The student is demonstrating understanding that meets expectations of the standard.
DEV	Developing	The student is developing an understanding of the standard.
NY	Not Yet Developing	The student is not yet demonstrating progress toward developing an understanding of the standard.
INC	Incomplete	The student has not submitted project(s) to be assessed.

It is the goal for all standards to be marked as Achieving by the end of the school year. It is common for standards to be marked as Developing during the first and second trimesters, as students are still acquiring this understanding. Content standards indicating progress other than Achieving or Exceeding may be reassessed each marking period to indicate student growth over time. Extra action is needed to support students in their understanding of standards marked as Not Yet Developing or Incomplete. These indicators show that students are not currently on track to demonstrate Achievement by the end of the year.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

- Student Progress Reports emailed to Families - Tuesday, December 7
- Winter Holiday Break begins Monday, Dec. 20
- School Resumes Monday, January 3, 2022
- Monday, January 17 - NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, February 7 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Staff PD Day

# Online Math Resources





Every student at RPSA has access to several online Math tools that can be used at school and at home. Students can sign in using their RPSA login information to access most of these sites, or free at home accounts are available. Quick links are available on the RPSA website, and as always you can message your child's teacher on Seesaw for help getting started.


## 1. [ST Math](#) (aka: Jiji)

Check out these great questions to ask your child while they are playing!



**ST Math Questions**

1. What do you notice about the puzzle? 
2. What can you do to get JiJi across the screen? 
3. Describe your strategy. What did you learn from trying that strategy? 
4. How will you change your strategy based on the feedback? 

  
MIND Research Institute

## 2. [Rocket Math](#) (1st - 6th grade)

## 3. [Prodigy](#)

## 4. [Khan Academy](#)

## 5. [Bedtime Math](#)

(K - 2nd grade): Download the app for iOS or Android devices to make it convenient. After downloading, select Community Edition, use "MI" as the community code, and search for Renaissance Academy.