The temperatures are certainly warming up and it feels great to get outside and enjoy the sunshine! Students are starting Spring testing, so please be sure to continue to ask your child how it went and continue to encourage him/her to try his/her best. Thank you for your patience as we worked out the scheduling and kinks. Even though the school year is winding down, we are still fully engaged in our teaching and learning. We are also taking the time to remind our students about our end of the year expectations and behaviors. Please continue to help us and monitor your child’s phone and devices. We understand that the students need the interaction but we want to make sure that the interactions are safe and appropriate. In addition, we will be reminding students about the bus stop and riding the bus rules. Again, these reminders are always about keeping the students safe. Safety and learning are our utmost concerns, every day. Mr. Weber and I will be sending home reminders via our phone blasts and we thank you for your continued support.

Alicia Limosani, Assistant Principal

We are always grateful for the outstanding Carrigan staff!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7

Thank you, teachers!
A time for vacations and catching fireflies, trips to the pool and firing up the grill. While there are probably endless images and activities that come to mind when you think of summer, we are willing to bet that doing math just is not one of them. However, the truth is, for most students, summer is a time when all the important math skills they worked so hard to learn throughout the year are forgotten.

Here are five activities to keep Math alive during the summer:

- **Gardening** - Measure the area and perimeter of a garden
- **Shopping** - Round prices to the nearest dollar then estimate the final cost
- **Sports** - Keep score, count innings, strikeouts & batting averages
- **Road trips** - Keep track of miles per gallon & miles more to go
- **Cooking** - Measure ingredients using fractions, portion size, etc.

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Does your home library offer …?

A variety of books? Kids love to read all sorts of materials, including books, magazines, newspapers, and poems.

Books written at a variety of reading levels? It’s important to have some books that are easy for your child to read, but it's also good to have some that can be read most successfully with an adult.

Some method of organization? Sometimes grouping books by topic or series helps your child find other books they might like to read.

Lots of nonfiction material? Even the youngest readers love to read about real places and things. These materials often include photographs, maps and charts full of interesting information.
Congratulations to our Caring Cougars!


Our new schedule goes into effect on Monday, May 3rd and will add one hour to the school day and adjusts our start time by 10 minutes.

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The Physical Education Department will begin their yearly testing of the Connecticut State Fitness Test in May. This is a statewide mandatory test for all students in grades 4, 6, 8, and 10. Testing is done in four different components of fitness, which are:

- Cardiovascular endurance: tested by running the PACER test
- Flexibility: tested by doing the sit and reach test
- Upper body strength and endurance: tested by doing push-ups
- Abdominal strength and endurance: tested by doing curl-ups

The Physical Education Dept has a system wide goal to see progress on all components of the fitness test and will try to increase the amount of students who pass all sections of the test. Their target goals are based on their age and gender. In order to achieve this goal, we have been doing more exercise specific warm-ups and activities that include running, stretching, and core exercises.

Fifth grade students will also be practicing the test so we can set a benchmark to see what we need to improve on so they can perform better next year as sixth graders. Due to COVID restrictions, all equipment will be sanitized after each use and students will be tested in small groups. All fully remote learners will be exempt from participating in the test this school year.