Flint Hill Elementary School Welcomes the Class of 2035!

Kindergarten Orientation
2022

Introductions

Dr. Hertzberg & Mr. Baker

Brittany Reiners // Kindergarte

This is my fourth year at Flint Hill Elementary school, and all four years have been in Kindergarten!

*From NY
*Graduated with my Bachelors in Early Childhood Education from SUNY Fredonia
*Currently pursuing my Master's Degree from George Mason University in Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning with a concentration in Teacher leadership! Graduating May 2022

Baby Boy Reiners on the way!

Some of my favorite things:
*my pets! (2 cats and 1 dog)
*Baking
*Crafting
*Spending time with my friends and my husband
*Reading

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

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Kara Strumsky // Kindergarten Teacher

★From Chesapeake, Virginia
★Graduated from Virginia Tech!
★Masters in Elementary Education
★8th year teaching kindergarten
★Married with a 16 month old son named Law and a dog named Sherlock!

I Love...
★Traveling
★Snowboarding
★Hiking
★Baking
★Crafting
★Buying new plants
★COFFEE
★My students!

Name: Suzanne Costanzo- Kindergarten

Education

- Bachelors in Education and Sociology
- Certified Paralegal

Family

My husband Mark, daughters (Emily 24, Erica 22, Marianne 18), Grandson (Jackson 2), Son-In-Law to be (Donovan), 2 dogs (Jack and Durham)

Interest

- Family Time
- Volleyball
- Cooking
- Entertaining

A beautiful garden is a work of heart.

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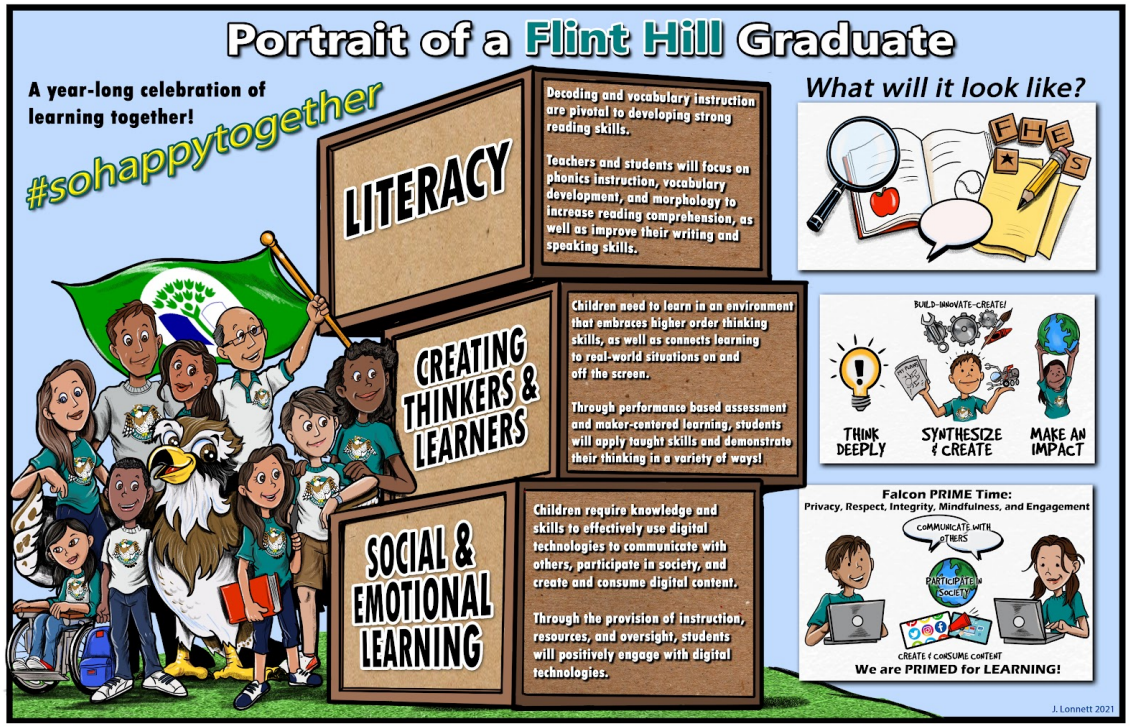
Responsive Classroom

Responsive Home



Social and Emotional Learning

Children require knowledge and skills to effectively use digital technologies to communicate with others, participate in society, and create and consume digital content.

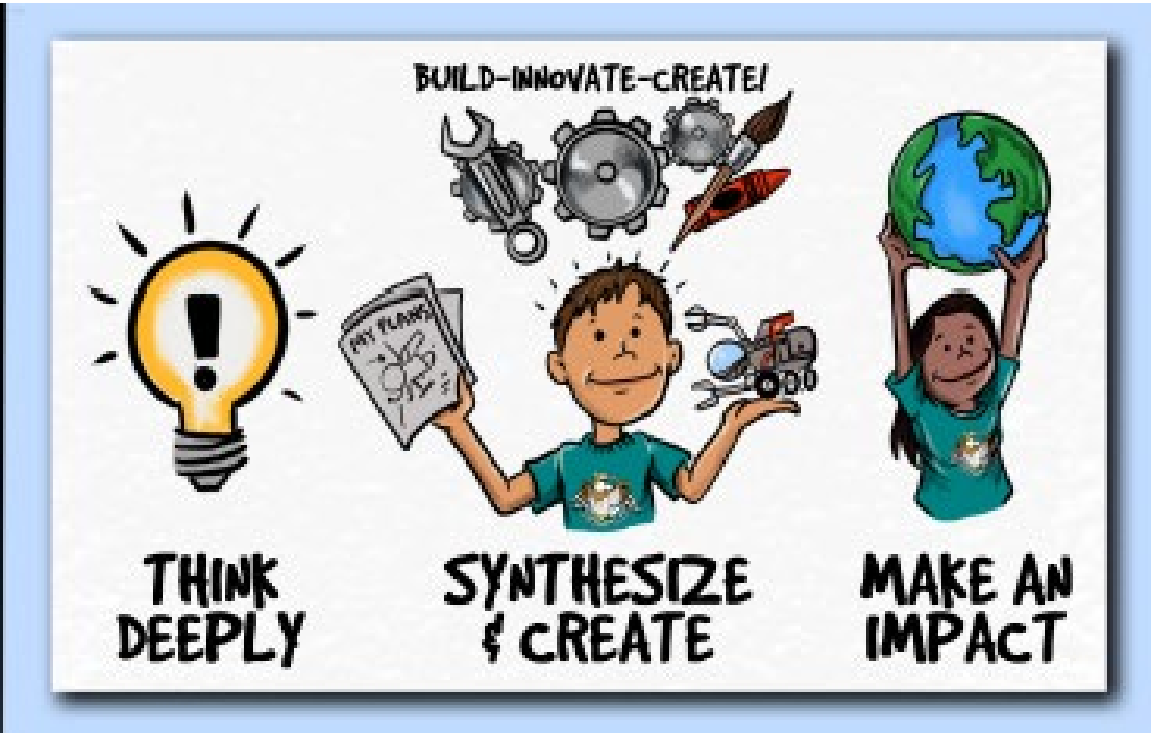
Through the provision of instruction, resources, and oversight, students will positively engage with digital technologies.

It's PRIME Time!

Creating Thinkers and Learners

Children need to learn in an environment that embraces higher order thinking skills, as well as connects learning to real-world situations on and off the screen.

Through performance based assessment and maker-centered learning, students will apply taught skills and demonstrate their thinking in a variety of ways!



Performance Based Assessment &
Maker-Centered Thinking!

Literacy

Decoding and vocabulary instruction are pivotal to developing strong reading skills.

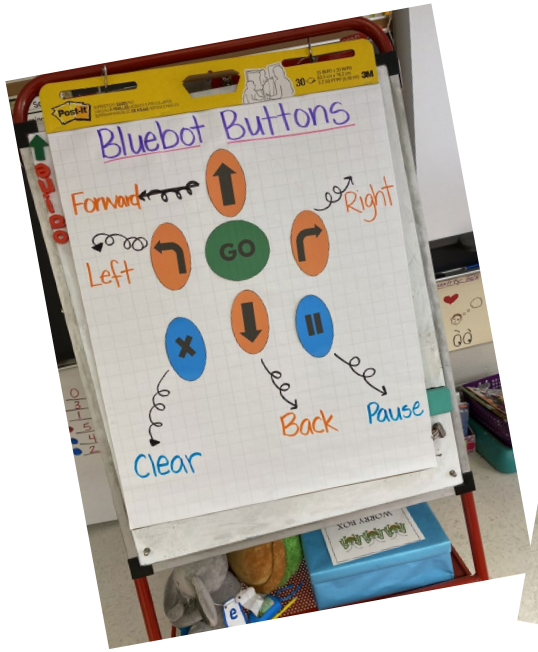
Teachers and students will focus on phonics instruction, vocabulary development, and morphology to increase reading comprehension, as well as improve their writing and speaking skills.

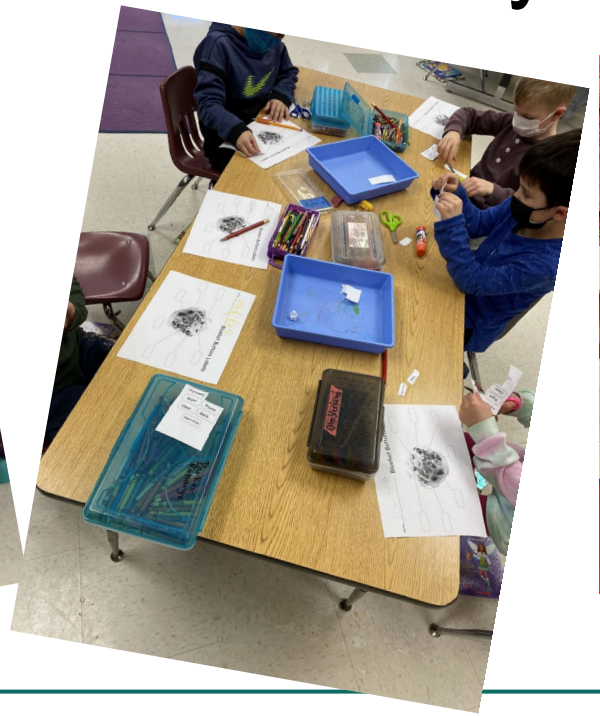
Phonics, Vocabulary, Morphology

STEAM

Science • Technology • Engineering • Arts • Mathematics

Coordinator: Ashley Stout, Technology Coach





Our Coaching Staff: Supporting All Students!

AART: Becky Timm
Instructional Coach: Emily Preston

- Advanced Academic opportunities for all!
- Support teachers with planning
- Learning occurs at the point of challenge!

Mrs. Williams and Ms. Tran

FHES School Counselors

We are here to ensure your child experiences success at school!

- Monthly lessons
- Small group counseling
- Collaboration with administration, teachers, and families

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

We are here to support your family during this exciting time!

Responsive Classroom

- ✔ There is a strong link between academic success and social-emotional skills.
- ✔ A high-quality education for every child is built on the foundation of a safe and joyful learning community.
- ✔ All students have a sense of belonging.

CLASSROOM PRACTICES

Morning Meeting ▪ gathering as a whole class each morning to greet one another, share news, and warm up for the day ahead

Rule Creation ▪ helping students create classroom rules that allow all class members to meet their learning goals

Interactive Modeling ▪ teaching children to notice and internalize expected behaviors through a unique modeling technique

Positive Teacher Language ▪ using words and tone to promote children's active learning and self-discipline

Logical Consequences ▪ responding to misbehavior in a way that respects children, guides them to recognize the effects of their actions, and helps them develop internal controls

Guided Discovery ▪ introducing materials using a format that encourages creativity and responsibility

Academic Choice ▪ increasing student motivation and learning by allowing students teacher-structured choices in their work

Classroom Organization ▪ setting up the physical room in ways that encourage independence, cooperation, and productivity

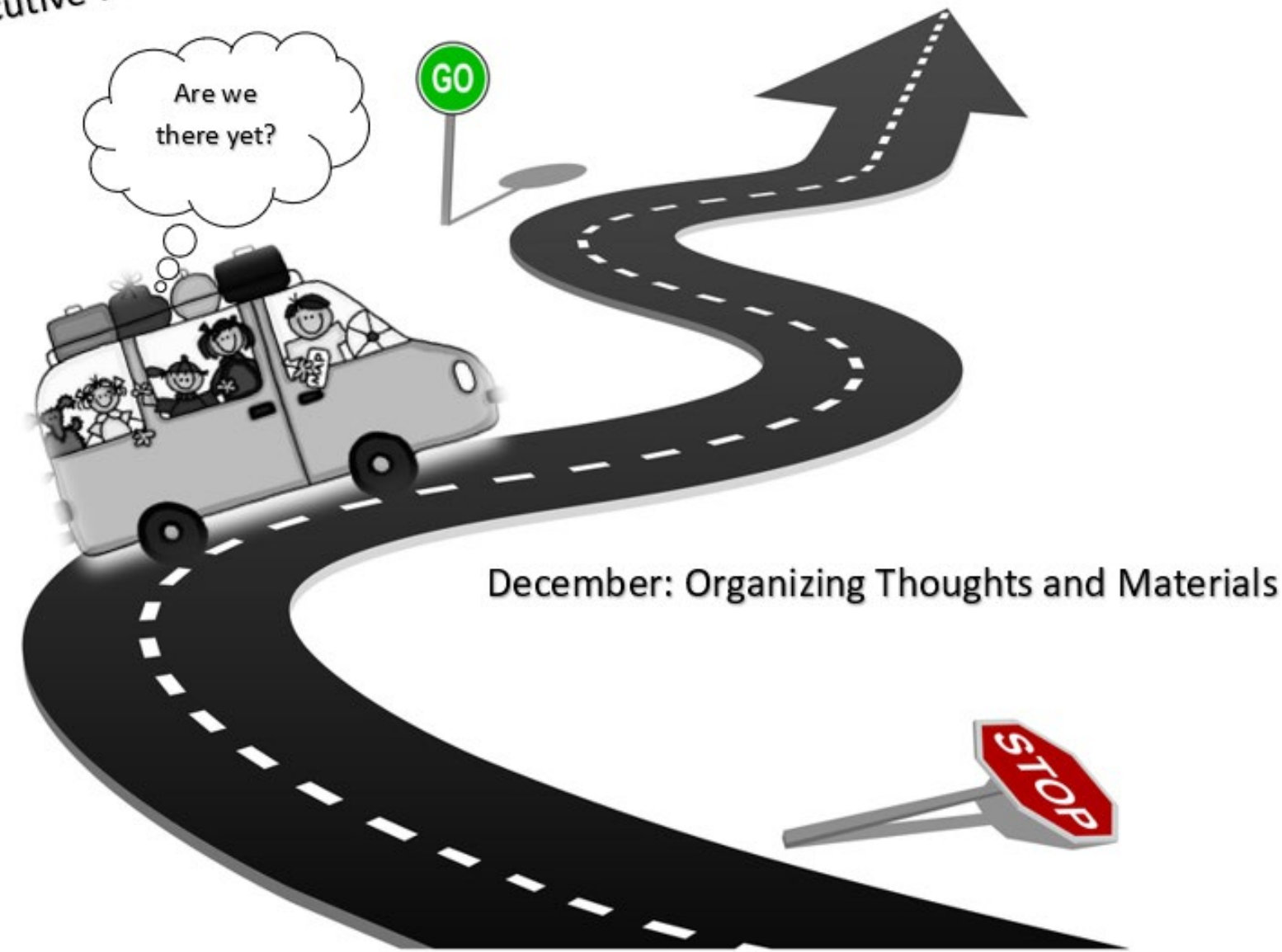
Working With Families ▪ inviting families' insights and helping them understand the school's teaching approaches

Collaborative Problem-Solving ▪ using conferencing, role-playing, and other strategies to resolve problems with students

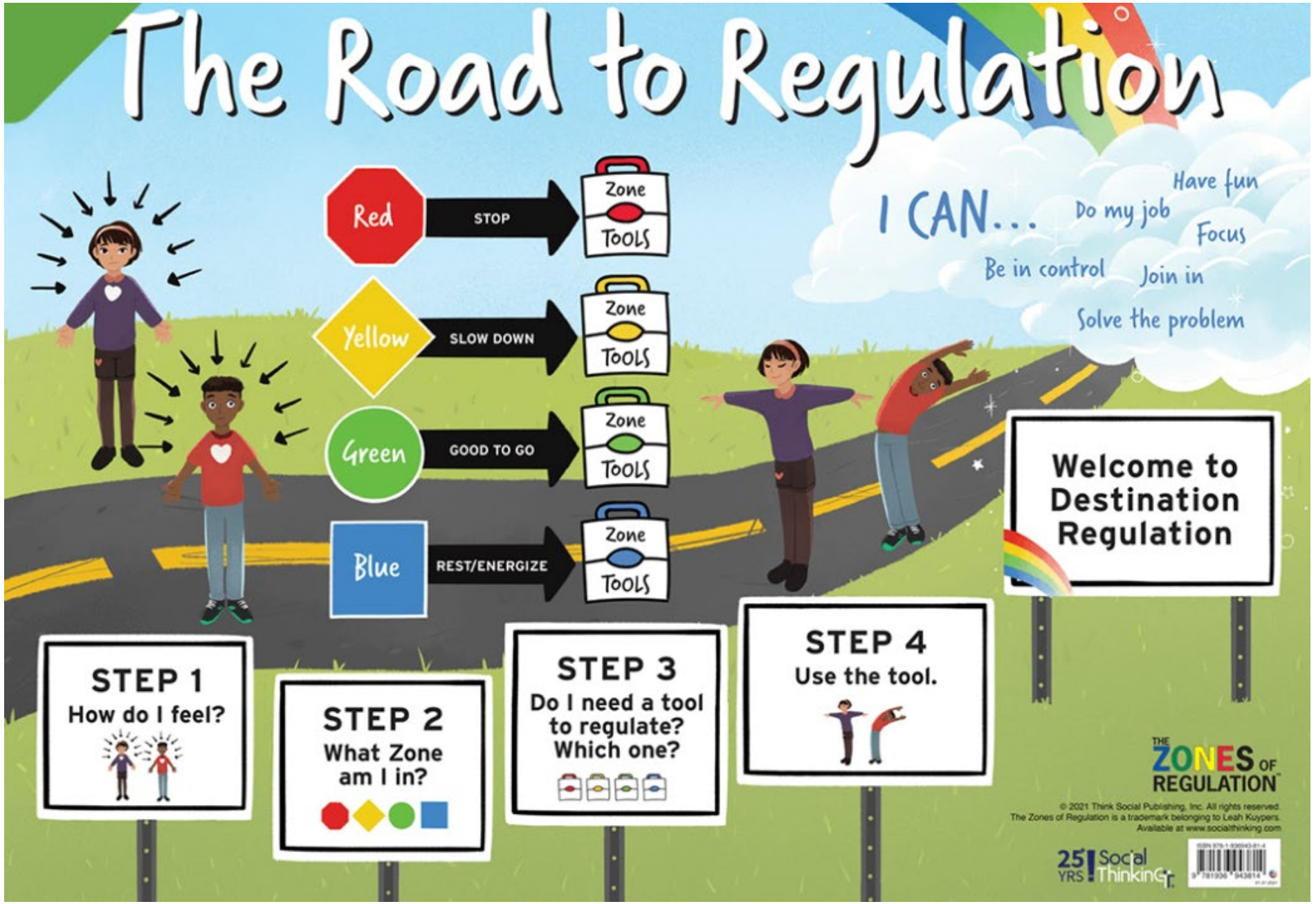
Our Journey: **S**ocial and **E**motional **L**earning (SEL)

FHES Executive Function ROADMAP
June
Self Reflection
May
Remembering What To Do & When To Do It
April
Task Initiation
March
Planning & Prioritizing
February
Managing Time
January
Staying on Track
December
Organizing Thoughts & Materials
November
Paying Attention
October
Problem Solving
September
Managing Impulses
2019
2020

Executive Function Road Trip!



December: Organizing Thoughts and Materials


The Road to Regulation
Red
STOP
Zone
Tools
Yellow
SLOW DOWN
Zone
Tools
Green
GOOD TO GO
Zone
Tools
Blue
REST/ENERGIZE
Zone
Tools
I CAN...
Do my job
Have fun
Focus
Be in control
Join in
Solve the problem
Welcome to Destination Regulation
STEP 1
How do I feel?
STEP 2
What Zone am I in?
STEP 3
Do I need a tool to regulate? Which one?
STEP 4
Use the tool.
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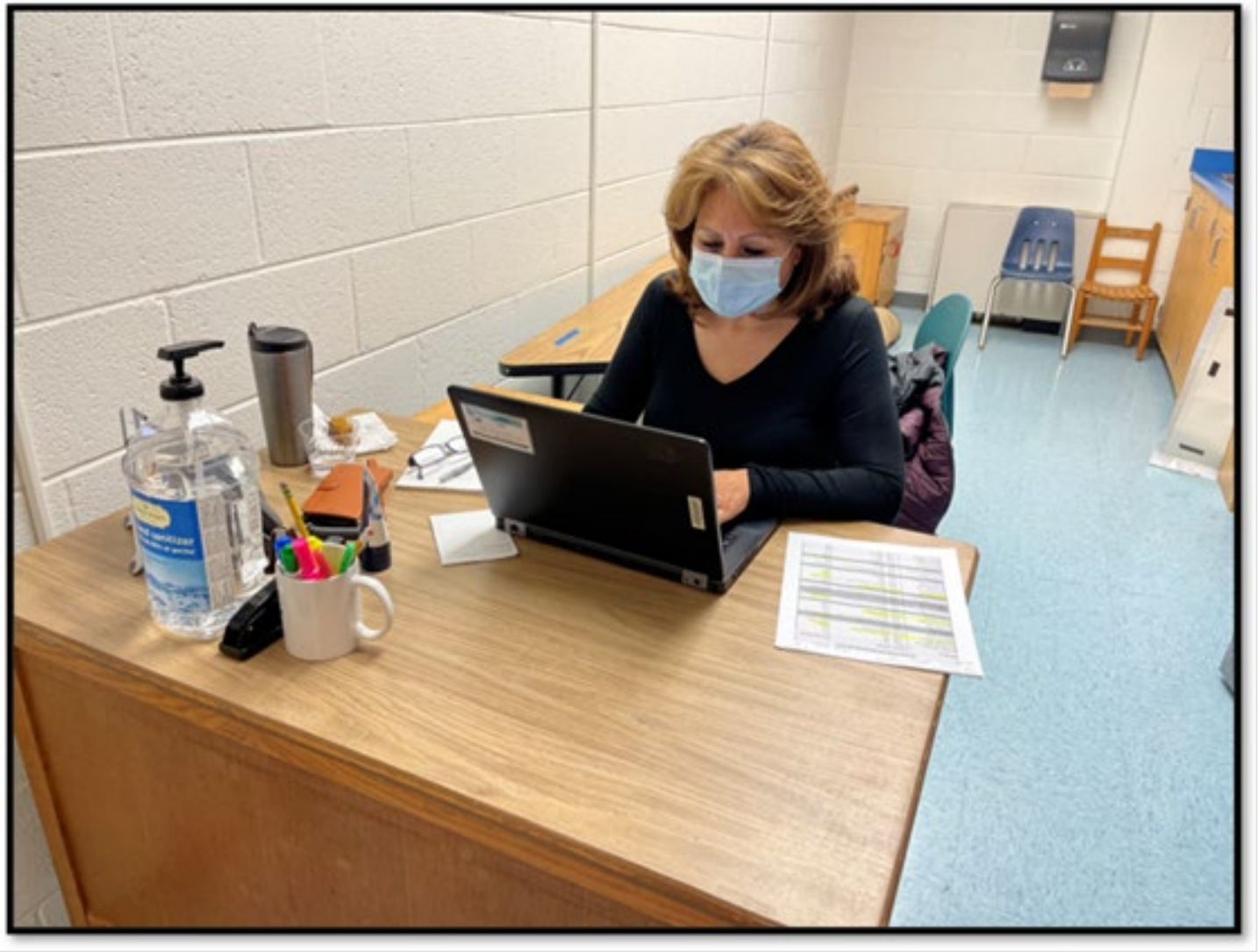
Recognizing Understanding Labeling Expressing Regulating

A Day in the Life

Bridge to Kindergarten

- July 11th-29th
- TBD (about 4 hours)
- SEL Curriculum

Our Family Liaison: Maria Rodriguez



Maninder Kaur, Public Health Nurse (PHN)

Our PTA

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Questions?

We are planning additional events over the summer!

We will see you soon!