CHICKEN PARMESAN PASTA SKILLET

(ONLY 6 INGREDIENTS!)

- 2 tablespoons Italian dressing (not the creamy kind)
- 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into cubes
- 16 ounces small/medium sized rigatoni pasta
- 1 24-ounce jar of your favorite Marinara pasta sauce (I love Delallo's)
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- Chopped fresh basil for garnish (optional)
- 1. Heat chicken and Italian dressing in a large 12 inch skillet over medium high heat (If you don't own a large skillet, you can use a stock pot). Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste.
- 2. Cook chicken until browned and just cooked through, about 5 minutes depending on thickness of chicken.
- 3. Add the box of pasta and the entire jar of marinara. Fill the empty marinara jar with water and add to the skillet. If using a stockpot, use 2 cups water. Lightly stir the mixture to combine.
- 4. Bring mixture to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until pasta is tender to your liking. ***
- 5. Cover with grated parmesan and then shredded mozzarella. No need to stir. Continue to cook for 2-3 more minutes or until cheese is fully melted. You can also broil the entire skillet for about 4 minutes to make the cheese extra melty!
- 6. Top with chopped basil (optional) and serve! Enjoy!
- 7. ***The pasta in the middle of the skillet and underneath will be more tender than the outside pasta. It's okay if those pieces are a bit toastier and less soft. The inside will be plenty soft.