

Principal's Message



*Where Children
are Treasured*

Parkway Parrot

Ahoy Parkway Pirate Families!

We made it to October, and it has been refreshing have a few short bursts of cool air outside! Although this year looks a little different for everyone, I am so impressed with their resiliency each day. Our students have adapted to wearing masks, following new procedures, utilizing their technology problem solving skills at home and so much more.

As the 1st 9 weeks draws to a close, I encourage each of you to talk to your child/children about their academic progress and their goals. If you have questions or would like to discuss your child's progress in more detail, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. We all know that when we work together as a team, everyone wins!

In closing, I would like to encourage you to become an active part of the Parkway Family. If you are joining our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and/or School Advisory Council (SAC), please give us a call at the school and someone will be happy to assist you with obtaining this information. As a reminder, all meetings will be virtual until further notice, which means you can join from anywhere.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Greene
Proud Parkway Principal



Pirate Spotlight



Code Red Drills

Student safety is our top priority. Periodically, our students and staff here at Parkway Elementary practice a **planned Code Red Drill**. Please talk to your child about these drills and the importance of following adult directions during emergency situations. These drills help improve our school's response time and provide your child with awareness of safe zones in their classrooms and across campus.

PBIS

Expectations at Parkway Elementary

Be Respectful!
Be Responsible!
Be Prepared to Learn!

When your child is caught following expectations at school they earn Class Dojo Points! These can be redeemed for fun events or prizes. Help your child earn points by making sure they know the expectations.



Here is what's happening at PKY

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten



Hello from the VPK and Pre-K classrooms!

We have had a wonderful start to our school year. We have been making new friends and learning the rules and routines. We are so proud of all their hard work to make sure they are ready to learn. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to a fantastic school year with your little ones.

Mrs. Kimberly & Mrs. Papa

Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten is an amazing place! Our students are hard at work learning letters, letter sounds, numbers and counting items to 10. Just a reminder that the end of the first nine weeks is almost here. Please be sure that sight words are being practiced each evening. Students should be able to count out loud to 25 by the end of the first nine weeks as well. Please refer to the homework sheet that was sent home to practice other skills. Students are doing a great job with classroom routines and rules. They are adapting to wearing a mask and trying to keep each other at a distance whenever possible. We are thrilled to see so many parents remembering to send the planner and communicator envelopes back to school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please write them in the planner and we will reach out immediately.



Thanks for all you do!

First Grade

Greetings First Grade!

First graders have been welcomed back with open arms. The teachers sure did miss their kiddos. The students have been adjusting nicely to all the new rules and procedures. We have learned the importance of our classroom communities and our neighborhood communities. The students just ended their shape units focusing on both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes. Currently, they are working on adding and subtracting within 10. Our students have been turned into little scientists by learning about the world around them through their five senses.

In your child's planner you will find sight words for Kindergarten and 1st grade. The end of the 1st quarter is quickly approaching, please study the First-grade quarter 1 sight words and don't forget to review the Kindergarten sight words as well.



Second Grade

Welcome to 2nd Grade!

We are off to a great start in Second Grade! Students are busy, busy, busy learning about being a good citizen here at school and in the community.

We are also focusing on learning about matter. Students are reading informational and literature text on the states of matter and how matter changes. As students are reading, they are focusing on our essential questions which are: What does this story have to do with matter? What states of matter are in this text? In Math, students are learning about how to add and subtract within 100. Students are determining the whole number in an equation They are using addition and subtraction within 100 to solve two-step real-world word problems involving comparing problems.

Also, students are explaining why addition and subtraction strategies work in their math journals. Please make sure that your child is completing their iReady at home for homework. Also, make sure to check ClassDojo for notes from your teacher.

We look forward to a successful year!



hello october.



Third Grade

Greetings Third Grade!

Hard to believe we are already at the halfway point in the first quarter of the school year. We have completed our unit in place value and are moving onto multiplication and division. We finished our government and civic participation unit in social studies and we are learning about the practice of science now.

We appreciate your continuing support in your child's education. Please continue to have them read at least 30 minutes each night and practice their fact fluency (multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction). As a reminder, please check student planners every night and sign.

Please ensure that you have downloaded Class Dojo and connected to your child's teacher. If you have any questions or need support, we are here for you! We are very proud of how hard our third graders are working and we look forward to a successful school year!

Fourth Grade

Hello Fourth-Grade Parents.

Thank you for working with your students each and every day! Fourth grade has gone through a few transitions and a few changes, but we are off to a great start!!!

In reading, we are working on prose, drama, and poetry genres.

In math, we will be mastering multi-digit multiplication. Please practice multiplication math facts daily.

Writing takes us from organizing thoughts on the circle map to the tree map and writing paragraphs.

In science, we are focusing on the properties of matter.

Please check your child's backpack daily.

Please join REMIND to receive updates right on your phone.

Fifth Grade

Hi AMAZING 5th-Grade Parents!

The fifth-grade team would like to update you on what your student is learning. The last few weeks in science they have been learning about matter and how and why it changes into its three states. We took a Science test on 9/24/2020 so ask your student how they did. The fifth-grade students just started a new unit titled Energy. They will be learning about all the different types of energy; light, heat, wind, mechanical and chemical energy.

In math, your AWESOME 5th grader just finished their first unit which consisted of division of multi-digit numbers, multiplication into the ten thousands place, and recognizing fractions greater than one. They took their unit exam 9/25/2020, ask your students how they did. Your student has just started unit two which is evaluating numerical expressions using the order of operations.

Reading is off to a fantastic start in Unit 3 and have their exam on Friday, they have been learning about context clues and text structure. Next week, we are starting our new unit which is drawing inferences, and using figurative language. Your student is working hard in writing finishing up how to pull evidence from the text and create categories based on their evidence.

Please make sure your student is completing 45 minutes of iReady nightly for homework for both reading and math.

Resource

Parkway Art Room News:

"Every child is an artist."-Pablo Picasso

So far we are off to an exciting start in art class!

Kindergarten, first, and second graders are learning about the elements of art: COLORS and LINES (straight, curve, wavy, thick, thin, zig-zag). Using our step by step method, we are drawing settings and characters such as caterpillars, butterflies, flowers, and gardens. Drawing characters are soon to follow. We are thrilled!

For third, fourth, and fifth graders, we are using the elements of art: line, shape, and form to create characters with animal features. We have been exploring books about animals, and using that knowledge, learning to draw human facial expressions and incorporating animal traits, such as, alligator teeth, chameleon eyes, bunny nose to name a few. We are finding this to be a fun and creative project!



Mr. Cruz
Art Teacher

ESE News

Fall Reading Tips



For the month of October we are focusing on comprehension skills using "wh" questions to improve comprehension. When addressing comprehension skills, employ the "wh" questions when reading to/ with your child. Asking "who" (characters) is this story about, "what" (main idea) is this story about, "where" (setting) does the story take place, why did __ happen (problem), "when" (in debt setting for time of day/season), "how" did this get resolved (solution), will give your child an in-depth snapshot of the story structure and main idea.

You can use these questions when reading to your child (listening comprehension), buddy reading (you read one page, I'll read the other), or when listening to your child reading, stopping frequently to address comprehension. This skill is

Health Room News

Everyday before heading to school in the morning students should do a quick at home health screening with an adult. If they answer YES to any of these questions they need to stay home until symptom free for at least 24 hrs. If a student starts to exhibit any of these symptoms at school they will be sent to the isolation room and a parent will be called to come pick them up.

Ask your child the following questions:

Do you have a Cough?
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing?
Chills?
Upset Stomach/ Abdominal pain?
Sore throat?
Headache?
Loss of taste OR smell?
Fever (100.4 or Higher)



Dates to Remember



October 6: Progress Reports
October 13: Virtual P.T.O Meeting
October 14: Picture Retakes
October 16: Early Release Day
*No 21st Century. Please be sure your students know how to go home.
October 28: Virtual S.A.C Meeting