

Principal's Message



Where all Children
are Treasured

Parkway Parrot

Greetings Parkway Families!

As we continue to embrace this beautiful fall weather, I am often reminded that we have so much to be thankful for this season. In a world of chaos and uncertainty, we have managed to smile and push through full steam ahead! It is a very difficult time for all of us and we still have so much work to do but I am confident our staff will continue to get the job done!

I believe the success of our school is built on a foundation of mutual respect and inclusiveness. I am beyond thankful for our dedicated teachers and staff that nurture a culture of equity, love & caring, and have a laser-focus on the goal of providing a safe learning environment for our students whether they are here physically or in a virtual setting. I am thankful to be a part of a school culture that strives for excellence and cultivates an open and positive school climate.

During this time of Thanksgiving, I want to share my gratitude and thank each of you for being such an important part of our children's lives. Please remember as you make your holiday plans to gather with friends and family to celebrate, to be safe and follow the CDC guidelines. Keep gatherings small, wear your mask, wash your hands, and limit traveling if possible. If you experience any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, please be sure to seek medical attention and take some time to rest.

In closing, I would like to say on behalf of the Parkway staff, THANK YOU for your continued support and for allowing us to be a part of your children's lives daily!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Greene



Pirate Spotlight

Skyward Family Access

Skyward Family Access is a great tool to monitor your child's progress throughout the school year.

It is a web based tool designed to enhance parent/guardian and school communication. Before you can use Family Access you must have a username and password for your new account.

For more information or to get started with your account, please visit:

<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/parents-students/family-access/>.



Hello Parents,

Parkway Pirates are required to complete 45 minutes of Reading and 45 minutes of Math in iReady every week. We work on this in school and ask that you support us at home to make sure we reach our weekly goal.

Happy Learning!
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Here is what's happening at PKY

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

Happy November from VPK and ESE PK!

Mrs. Papa's class has been working on learning about their feelings. Happy, sad, mad, or surprised we can tell you how we are feeling. We are learning to work together in large and small groups with our teachers and friends.

Mrs. Kimberly's class focused on community helpers these last few weeks. We learned about police officers, teachers, firefighters, veterinarians, doctors, and nurses just to name a few. We have built communities to role play with our community helpers. We painted pictures of them described what they do to help us.

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.

Kindergarten

Ahoy Kindergarten!

Can you believe it is the second quarter of school already? Kindergartners are hard at work . We are still working on rhyming, blending and segmenting syllables and using first sounds when we write. Students are also working on sight words for the second nine weeks and enjoy reading their 100 Book Challenge books.

In math we are studying 2D and 3D shapes and will begin adding and subtracting within 5. The counting out loud target for the second quarter is to count out loud to 50.

Science has been tons of fun! We just finished our unit on Matter and are beginning Motion.

In Social Studies, we will learn about people and places of long ago. Keep a look out for details about our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast! Please be sure to sign planners every evening.



Thanks for all you do!

First Grade

First grade is Fantastic!

Our first quarter ended with our awesome pumpkin day. We had fun using our senses to touch and observe the pumpkin "guts", counted the seeds in the pumpkin (664 to be exact), and read some awesome stories about pumpkins. We are having fun being about to tell the difference between books that tell stories and books that give information. We are moving into our maps and globes unit where we will learn about how maps and globes help us. During math we are working on seeing how many tens and ones are in numbers up to 40 and that will lead right into adding and subtracting within 20. Please continue working on sight words and addition and subtraction facts to 10.

Happy Fall!



Second Grade

Happy Fall! 2nd graders!

Things are busy learning here at Parkway. Especially since we have received laptops for every student! Please consider for your child, purchasing a mouse and headphones for their most optimal work experience.

In reading, students are reading a balance of Informational and Literature text that connects to the topic of Who We Are As Americans. Students are learning how to identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. Students are recounting stories and determining the central message, lesson or moral. We are also working on how to gain information from the illustrations and words in the text to demonstrate understanding of the characters, setting, or plot.

In math, Student will be able to measure, estimate, add, and subtract lengths. Students will measure and estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, yards, centimeters, and meters.

Class Dojo is a great resource to keep in contact with your child's teacher. Also, you can use it as a discussion starter to encourage your child to make good choices at school!

Thankful



Third Grade

Ahoy 3rd Grade Parents!

November promises to be exciting for our Pirates because we are learning about Basic Economics through literature and informational texts. Our students will be learning strategies that good readers use to find out the main idea and key details of a text. They will also find connections between ideas or concepts in texts. For homework students should read for 20 to 30 minutes each day.

For math, our learners will be analyzing 2-Dimensional shapes. They will be able to describe the characteristics of quadrilaterals and categorize them according to their features. Soon after, students will use their knowledge of multiplication and 2-Dimensional shapes to measure the area of a rectangle. For homework, students complete 15 minutes of iReady Math each day.

Did you hear about our Real World Math Challenge? Information about this event will be coming home soon. We are excited to know how you and your family use math in everyday situations. Maybe you are baking cookies, or installing tiles for home improvement. Maybe you are weighing apples at the grocery store or counting money when you check out. There are many ways you use "math in the real world". We can't wait to see your posts!

Sincerely,
3rd Grade Teachers

Fourth Grade

Happy Fall!
4th Grade continues to work hard!

In Math, we are learning Division followed by a unit on Fractions and Decimals. Please practice those multiplication and division facts!

We are covering energy in Science. We will learn about Forms of Energy, such as light, heat, sound, electrical, and the energy of motion followed by a unit on Energy Transformation.

In Reading, we are learning to make connections between the words in the text and the pictures or photos that go along with the text.

In Writing, we continue to learn how to write from a prompt and find evidence in the text to strengthen our reasons and opinions.

Please remember your iReady minutes each week!



Fifth Grade

Good afternoon AMAZING 5th grade parents!

We are just finishing up our APM testing which is our mock FSA. This will give us a good idea on what we need to focus on to best educate your student. In science, we will be finishing our unit on Energy and starting Forces in Motion. In math, we are working hard in Volume but will be finishing that up shortly to begin everyone's favorite fractions! Soon your child will be adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. Please make sure to ask your child how they did on their Unit 3 test for Volume. Students are working hard in reading. They just finished their Unit 4 test, so make sure to ask your child how he or she did on the test. In reading, we will be starting Unit 5, which students will be reading a balance of Informational Text and Literature that connects to the topic Energy. Therefore, the students will be working on identifying the structure of each text and how a speaker's point of view influenced how events are described. Also, students are working on identifying main idea and key details in a text. In writing, students are working hard on how to identify quality reasons and use multi-flow map to elaborate on the reasons.

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

Resource

News from the Music Room!

The beat continues to go on in music classes at Parkway Elementary, in class, and virtually. K-5 students are learning new musical concepts each week during music class, including tempo, dynamics, call and response form, counter melody, the families of music, etc.

We are making sure that we are disinfecting all instruments after each use, and the students are doing a great job at it. We are also singing with our masks on at school, and the voices sound as sweet as ever.

Stay tuned for more music news in the upcoming school year!



ESE News

This month's topic for the ESE Department is staying on task during the school day. Here are some strategies we use that can help our students work hard and make their families proud.

1. When your child is off task use clear and simple instructions: i.e, "I need you to ___".
2. Teach specific non-verbal directives, like hand signals or visuals on their desk.
3. Stand near your child when they are off-task and verbally praise them when they are on-task..
4. Use social stories with your child when they need specific instruction for what it means to be on task.
5. Use first/then language (First you need to do your homework. Then you can have a break)
6. Provide frequent breaks for children who might need extra movement in their day.
7. Provide visual timers when your child on a break.

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



Nov. 3 - No School

Nov. 6- Kona Ice Day

Nov. 10- Parent Teacher Organization
Virtual Meeting

Nov. 11- No School
Big Apple Pizza Night

Nov. 17- School Advisory Council
Virtual Meeting

Nov. 23-27- No School