

Principal's Message



Where all Children
are Treasured

Parkway Parrot

Greetings Parkway Families,

I can't believe how quickly this year is flying by! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break, full of fun and relaxation. The last couple weeks before the holiday break can be a little hectic. I encourage everyone to slow down and enjoy the holiday season.

As we close out the second nine weeks, as a school, we have a lot to achieve in the months ahead. It is important for all of us to continue working together to ensure our children are meeting their academic and behavioral goals. As a school, we are narrowing their focus on standards driven lessons, interventions and preparation for unit assessments & the upcoming Florida State Assessment that will be administered in the spring.

Please continue to be involved, communicate with your child's teachers and sail this journey with us as we provide an inclusive learning community that values collaboration, student engagement, differentiated instruction and fidelity of curriculum to promote student achievement for all. We greatly appreciate all the support and camaraderie we experience with our parents and community. Without you all, our students could not be successful. I am particularly thankful for each teacher and dedicated staff member on this campus.

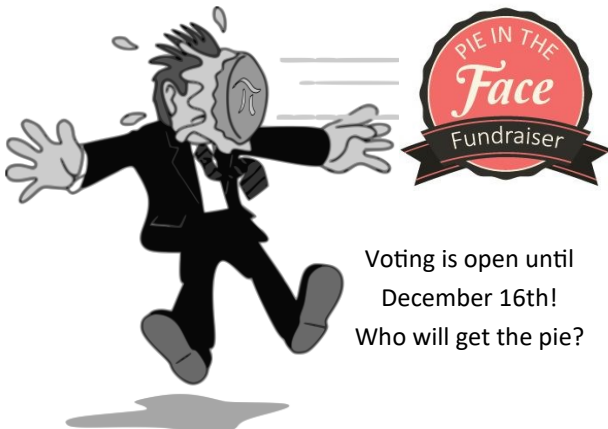
Every day they choose to be here with integrity, enthusiasm, and professionalism. Thank you so much for your continuous support and dedication.

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Greene



Pirate Spotlight

Parkway PTO's



Voting is open until
December 16th!
Who will get the pie?

i-Ready®



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 December from VPK and ESE PK!

Mrs. Papa's class has continued to work on naming our feelings. We can tell you whether we are happy, sad, or angry just to name a few. We are working on answering "wh" questions when reading a story. Counting has been quite fun lately! Learning to count objects 1 to 10 using manipulatives allows us to see the quantity.

Mrs. Kimberly's class focused on Giants. We learned about real and make-believe giants. Some of the real ones are mountains, The Great Wall of China, and Mount Rushmore to name a few. We also enjoyed reading about make believe giants in our Jack and the Beanstalk story. We are working on mastering letters and sounds. Please continue to work at home on these skills.

We wish you all a wonderful Winter Break and can't wait to welcome 2021!

Kindergarten

Happy Holidays to our Fabulous Kindergarten Families!

We have been hard at work with so many things! The second quarter is well under way. By now your child should know at least 1/2 of the quarter 2 sight words and recognize all quarter one words. Rhyming, counting syllables and blending syllables to make words should be mastered. We have just begun a new math unit on adding and subtracting within 5. This unit will run until the middle of January. In reading we are working on using letters and sounds to build words. Students are so excited to see their reading abilities grow each day! In writing, we are using proper spacing, punctuation and letter sounds to create fabulous sentences. We are excited about the winter season and are currently studying winter seasons around the world. Don't forget to read over the break and check for a winter challenge that will be sent home before the break!



First Grade

Happy Holidays!

1st grade has been fantastic. We have been learning about the past, present, and future. In reading, we will be learning about holidays of the past and how these holidays are celebrated today. We will be focusing on comparing the holidays to identify the similarities and differences between them.

In math, we will continue to work on different strategies to add and subtract within 20.

Over the winter break please make sure your child is still completing 45 minutes weekly on I-ready math and reading.

Have a great break and see you next year!



Second Grade

Hello Second Grade Parents,

We made it to the end of 2020! Although we are nearing the end of the year, we are not at the end of learning!

Students are beginning a unit on Energy! We are learning all about heat, light, solar, wind, and electrical energy. We are also reading a balance of Informational Text and Literature that connects to the topic of Energy. While reading our texts we will focus on describing how an author uses reasons to support specific points in a text.

Also, we will be comparing and contrasting the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. Students will use a variety of thinking maps like double-bubble and classifying maps.

In math, students have been busy learning to measure items. Now we will take a look at that data and students will learn how to analyze it by putting it in line plot graphs, pictographs, and bar graphs.



Third Grade

Season's Greetings Third Grade Parents!

Our students have been working hard, learning and applying reading and math strategies to strengthen their understanding of key concepts. We will continue working on using these strategies in the coming weeks and in the new year. We are learning about area and perimeter in math. In reading, we are learning about energy and improving our skills at explaining how key details support the main idea of a text.

How can you help at home? Please make sure your child is reading every night. Your child has digital access to GetEpic reading, they also have access to traditional books at school. You can help by asking questions after reading that ask what they learned from informational texts. Ask your child to summarize fictional stories that they have read. Help by ensuring they are completing 45 minutes of iReady math and reading each week, either in school or at home. As we close out the year and embark on our voyage of 2021, Parkway 3rd grade teachers want to express our gratitude for your support in your child's education. We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Fourth Grade

Hello Fourth Grade Parents!

It has been wonderful to watch your children grow each and every day. Fourth grade has continued to go through a few transitions and a few changes but continues to work hard and put their best foot forward.

In reading, we are working on determining the main idea of a text and integrating ideas from two texts with a similar topic.

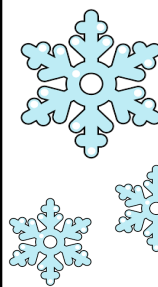
In math, we are continuing to build our skills with fractions and decimals.

In science class, we are learning more about energy transformation.

Finally, in writing, we are improving by developing quality reasons, elaboration, and transitions into our writing.

Please check your child's backpack daily.

Also, please continue to check your students' progress as quarter 2 is quickly coming to an end.



Fifth Grade

Hello Fifth Grade!

In science, we are working on Forces. We are talking about friction, balanced and unbalanced forces, acceleration, velocity, push/pull, gravitational force and magnetic force. Please help us by continuing to go over all of these vocabulary words with your student. In math, we have now started FRACTIONS; everyone's favorite unit! In order for your student to be successful in this unit they have to memorize their multiplication tables. Students are working hard in reading. They will be taking their Unit 6 test on 12/11/20. We will be starting Unit 7 on 12/14/20, in which students will be reading a balance of Informational Text and Literature that connects to Early European Explorers. Students will be working on determining the meaning of words and describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes. In writing, students are continuing to work hard on how to identify quality reasons and use multi-flow map to elaborate on the reasons. Please make sure you are checking their Skyward accounts by looking at the St. Lucie County Website and clicking on Skyward. This is where you will see their grades and any missing assignments they may have. Their user name and password is the 562# and their lunch number. If you have any questions about grades please contact your child's teacher. Homework for your student is completing 45 minutes of iReady weekly for homework for both reading and math

Resource

Join students all over the world in code.org!
This month contains the International Hour of Code.

The screenshot shows the code.org homepage with a navigation menu. Under 'Students', there are links for 'Explore our courses', 'Try Code Studio', 'Find a local class', and 'Other online courses'. Under 'Educators', there are links for 'Teach your students', 'Elementary school', 'Middle school', and 'High school'. Under 'Hour of Code', there are links for 'Anybody can learn. Start today.', 'About the Hour of Code', 'Host an Hour of Code', and '518,410,021 served'. Under 'Get Involved', there are links for 'Support diversity in computing', 'See the stats', 'Bring to your school or district', and 'T-shirts, hats, & more'. Below the navigation is a section for 'Code.org student creations' featuring various colorful digital art projects.

Use the grade codes below
to work on your lessons or look around the site!

Kindergarten	YQZLHM	1st	LZNBQL
2nd	YJXXYL	3rd	PDKRXT
4th	RHJNT	5th	THSSDY

ESE News

Greetings Families,

Our theme for December is Appropriate Elaboration when writing. Start by constructing simple sentences: eg: The Car raced.

On-topic elaboration is appropriate when adjectives are added. The “tell me more” component to writing is essential as 4th graders get ready for their FSA Writes test. We are working with students on building those elaborate sentences, piece by piece. Work with your children at home by asking, “Can you tell me more?”. Work on sentence construction by providing details and adjectives. Practice to sharpen those writing skills prior to FSA! Your child may turn in a sentence that looks like this one below:

eg: The shiny red car raced down the narrow hilly streets, while being chased by the police car with blaring sirens.

Wow! That's good writing!



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

December 8th: PTO Virtual Meeting @3:30 PM

December 16th: SAC Virtual Meeting @3:30 PM

December 17th: Winter Raffle

December 18th: Early Release

*No 21st Century please be sure your child knows how to go home.

December 21st - January 4th: Winter Break, No School

