

Principal's Message



Parkway Parrot

Greetings Parkway Parents,

As we move into the second semester of this school year, I am encouraged and excited about what lies ahead for our students at Parkway Elementary! As we all know, the start of a new year is a great time to reflect on the areas in our lives where we felt successful during the past year. It is also a time when we make resolutions to make changes in areas where we would like to improve. As we continue to work together and make resolutions that will ensure the success of ALL children, please take a moment to reflect on the following questions:

- Do you know how your child is currently performing academically/behaviorally?
- Do you check your child's Tuesday folder and/or their agendas?
- Do you communicate with your child's teacher to ensure they are being successful in all aspects of learning?
- Do you take time to read with your child or listen to them read and answer questions about the story?

There is much research to indicate that children will be more successful in school when their parent(s) is connected to the school in some way and sees school as a positive experience. On behalf of the Parkway faculty/staff, I say THANK YOU for being an active participant in your child's education. We have the same goals for your child as you do and that is for them to succeed in all aspects of their life! So, as we embrace 2021 and the second half of the school year, I ask that you continue to show an interest in your child's education by communicating with your child's teacher, asking questions when you are not sure to gain accurate information, ensuring any changes in family/personal information is accurate/updated, and most importantly, please continue to READ, READ, READ, with your child on a regular basis!

Again, HAPPY NEW YEAR and let's continue to work together and SAIL TO GREATER HEIGHTS!

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 i-Ready 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

Welcome Back Parkway Pirates!

We hope you all enjoyed your winter break. We are back in full swing learning the skills to make us ready for the next school year. We have been learning to work together with our friends and teachers. We are also learning to follow multi-step instructions.

Here is to a healthy and happy new year!



Kindergarten

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful winter break. Now that we are in the new year, things will move quickly. By now the students should know all 26 letter names and sounds, the sight words for quarters 1 and 2, and be in the Green level of 100 Book Challenge. Quarter 3 sight words should be practiced each evening. In math we are completing our unit on adding and subtracting within 5 and will soon begin our unit on numbers 1-15. This quarter, students should be able to also count to 75 and count by 10's to 100. We are enjoying our unit on maps and globes. As a family, see if you can create a map of your house! In writing we are continuing to work on writing rules and are attempting to write two sentences on a topic. At the end of the month we will have an exciting opportunity to dress up as a story character. More information will follow. Thanks for your continued support!

First Grade

First graders are halfway to becoming second graders!

The time is flying by! We came back from break and jumped right into learning. In Reading our students will focus on being able to describe the characteristics of the characters and settings. We will also be focusing on being able to use the clues in informational text to find the meaning of unknown words. In Math we will be focusing on place value of numbers to 120. We will then start our new unit on addition and subtraction with numbers up to 100.

This month we are taking our i-Ready winter diagnostics in reading and math. Please remind your children to take their time and do their best.

Please continue to practice sight words nightly. Don't forget to read, read, read!!

Second Grade

Greetings 2nd Grade!

We have been off to a great start in January! We are busy learning and reaching our academic goals. Students have been reading texts that focus on Energy and Electricity. We have read some entertaining literature stories and informative non-fiction text. In Math, we completed our unit on comparing 2D and 3D shapes with different specified attributes. Students had to justify the reasoning for identifying a shape based on the presence or absence of specific attributes. Students created shapes using Geoboards and Anglegs. The students were really excited about using these manipulatives and had a lot of fun while learning!





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Third Grade

Ahoy 3rd Grade Parents!

Our Pirates are starting off the year with a learning growth check with the i-Ready Winter Diagnostic. This information will guide teachers in identifying students' academic strengths and weaknesses. Be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher about the results of the diagnostic in the coming weeks.

We are pleased to start 2021 learning about maps and globes and how they are helpful to people through informational and fictional texts. Our focus is on explaining how the key details of a text support the main idea. In Math, we are exploring patterns in arithmetic. This is a time where students are exercising their computational muscles and fluency skills are put into practice. What does this mean? Fluency in math means attending to accuracy, being efficient and flexible and applying these skills. We will continue working hard on building these skills.

Kindest regards,
3rd Grade Teachers



Fourth Grade

January is a busy time in 4th grade!

We are completing our Winter i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment where students have a chance to show what they have learned.

In Math, we are finishing our unit on measuring angles and will be moving into adding and subtracting fractions. In Science, we are finishing our unit on Motion and starting the new unit on Earth in Space and Time. In ELA we are learning how to write summaries and identify text structure for both literature and informational texts. We continue to build our grammar and writing skills. We have done some great work learning to elaborate, or tell more, when we write.



Parents may show support by making sure your student is reading daily and completing 45 minutes of i-Ready reading and math weekly.

Fifth Grade

Welcome Back Pirates!!

In 5th grade we are excited to have many students returning back to school. In Math, we are working on dividing fractions and will be taking our unit test on 1/12/2020. Please have students complete teacher lessons as well as their pathway in i-Ready so they can increase their math knowledge. In science, we are learning about Earth and Space. Please take your child outside at night and show them constellations such as Orion. They will be tested on January 27th.

In Reading, we will be focusing on figurative language and point of view for our next unit. We will also be tying in space and galaxies with our non-fiction texts. Our next assessment will be Friday, January 22nd. Since we have practiced both informational and opinion writing, we will spend this quarter reviewing both types of essays. Our current prompt is about ocean technology and exploration.



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 four main navigation buttons: 'Students' (Explore our courses), 'Educators' (Teach your students), 'Hour of Code' (Anybody can learn. Start today), and 'Get Involved' (Support diversity in computing). Below these are sub-links for 'Try Code Studio', 'Find a local class', 'Other online courses', 'Elementary school', 'Middle school', 'High school', 'About the Hour of Code', 'Host an Hour of Code', '518,410,021 served', and 'See the stats'. There is also a link to 'Bring to your school or district' with 'T-shirts, hats, & more'.



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

The ESE Department is working with our students on reading comprehension skills. We ask that when your child is reading to you, (or when you read to your child), that you attack the “Wh” questions.

The “Wh” questions for comprehension are:

What is this story mostly about? (Main idea)

Who is this story mostly about? Who are the other characters?

When did the story take place? (Time of day, season)

Where does the story take place? (Location, does the location change?)

Why is this occurring? (Identify the problem, if any)

How is this resolved? (Identify the solution, if any)

Once your child answers these questions, you can then prompt for evidence. (How do you know? Can you tell me/show me where in the story it says so?) Asking these “wh” questions is an excellent path to take for increasing reading comprehension skills.

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

January 4th: Return to school

January 5th: PTO Virtual Meeting @3:30 PM

January 12th: SAC Virtual Meeting @3:30 PM

January 18th: NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Jan 27: Early Release

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

