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Prairie Park Elementary

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Teacher Speak

KINDERGARTEN

These kindergartners are worth melting for! We missed them all over winter break and are now back into our learning routines. We have been reviewing many of our ROAR expectations during our morning meeting time. We will continue with our letters, sounds, sight words, number concepts, and adding/subtracting. In science we will be learning about pushes, pulls, work words, strength and direction of force in our unit The Force Olympics. We are looking forward to some fun days ahead which include our field trip to the Lied Center, Kansas Day, and the 100 Days of School. In February we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences and the Warm Hearts party.

First Grade is focusing on long vowels, word endings, contractions, and digraphs. We are starting Unit 4 in Math which targets place value concepts. In this unit we will be representing 2 digit numbers using concrete objects, place value cards and drawings. We will also be comparing two digit numbers. In Social Studies as we look at Economics we will discuss needs and wants, goods and services. We will also talk about being producers and consumers. We look forward to our upcoming field trip to the Lied Center and our Music Program.

1ST GRADE

2ND GRADE

Subtraction Galore: We will be finishing our subtraction unit within the next couple of weeks. Subtraction practice at home will be critical in supporting your child's continued math success. Many students have grasped the concepts, however, some are still a bit confused. Any extra support and practice for all students would help maintain their level of growth. We will revisit subtraction after spring break utilizing bigger numbers.

In third grade have started our fractions unit in math. We are identifying unit fractions, locating fractions on a number line and comparing fractions. We are continuing to work on our multiplication and division facts 0-10 and encourage families to continue to work on those at home as well! We have set new classroom goals for the new year and look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together!

3RD GRADE

Save the Date!

February 4
Site Council &
P.T.A. Meeting

February 6
1st Grade Music
Concert

February 7
Spring Pictures

February 13
Warm Hearts
Party

February 14
No School

February 19
Conferences
3:30 - 7:30 pm

February 20
No School
Conferences
7:30 am - 7:30 pm

February 21
No School

February 27
3rd Grade Music
Concert

FYI

for your information

FOOD SHELF

Our food shelf is open to any families in need of food. We installed curtains to cover the shelves before our Winter Break for the safety of our students during the day. Adults are welcome to help themselves any time during the day, though. Students are encouraged to only take food at the end of the day so it can go straight home. Families are also welcome to donate items to the shelf whenever they like. Just put your items on a shelf that seems appropriate. Remember to take what you need, give back when you can, and be aware of food allergies.

Pawns, Kings, and Knights, oh my!!!! Wow ~ Our chess kids have been keeping busy bringing home lots of awards from tournaments this year. We have two very strong Prairie Park teams. Plus, they have

talked the coaches into staying until 4:30 for extra practice time each week. We are looking forward to our own tournament coming up on Saturday, March 7. We also have a lot of kids already qualified for the state tournament in Emporia. Please be looking for how you can help our teams in the next couple of weeks. We will be in need of parent helpers and food donations to support our tournament. Any help will be greatly appreciated by the club as it is our main fundraiser. Thanks for supporting our chess kids!

 **CHESS CLUB**

5TH GRADE

Does McDonalds Sell Burgers? 5th grade is using this acronym to remember the steps to long division (DMSB: divide, multiply, subtract, bring down). The steps are tricky but

5th grade is sticking with it!

NURSE

During this muddy winter and spring season please consider stocking your student's backpack with an extra change of clothes for playground accidents. The nurse's office does keep a supply for kids to borrow but we are running extremely low! We are always accepting donations of cotton, elastic waisted pants for boys and girls, t-shirts, and new underwear (small and medium sizes are needed most).

FYI

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P.E.

What's happening in PE! Kindergarteners have been working hard on jump rope skills and will be starting some station work that will include climbing ropes, climbing wall, climbing ladder, ball activities, and more jump rope practice. First and second graders are finishing up scooter activities and will then move on to striking skills while playing various volley related activities and games. Third, fourth, and fifth graders are finishing their striking unit with hockey and will move on to scooter activities.

In fourth grade we started our unit in Math on Multiplication and Division Comparison Problems as well as Order of Operations. We've also just started an Author/Novel Study on a few selections by Roald Dahl.

4TH GRADE



Kindergartners have been learning how to use their library sticks to mark their place on the shelf so they can finally check out like the big kids. They are very proud of themselves. ;) First graders are in the middle of their trickster tales unit. Second graders are learning how to navigate the nonfiction section by using the Dewey Decimal System. This week, we started our fifth annual Encyclopedia Wars competition in 3rd-5th grades!

MEDIA

Students use their iPads and World Book Online to answer a series of questions each week to earn points for their teams. The winning teams in each grade get to take a picture with the Encyclopedia Wars trophy, have a pajama day, and have lunch in the library with Eileen's cookies for dessert! Students become very proficient with World Book Online, which is a resource they can use for any school project all the way up through high school.

Twice a year, once after winter break and once in May, we mark all books that have been checked out for more than 60 days "lost" and add the cost of the book to the student's PowerSchool account (per district policy). I will be doing that for the first semester lost books tomorrow, Friday, January 24. If you are not receiving overdue notices every Monday afternoon, please let me know: eschramm@usd497.org.

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PARKING LOT

Please remember that during drop off there is no parking in the drop off lane. Additionally please **ONLY** drop your student off in the drop off lane, as we want to maintain a safe drop off area.

There is no parking in the drop off lane and there is no parking in front of, or next to the mailbox.



DROP OFF LANE ONLY. NO PARKING HERE



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P.T.A. Partners in Education

PTA Meeting on Tuesday Feb. 4th 6:30-7:30 on the library, free childcare

Eat and Earn at Set'em Up Jacks on 2/11 from 4 pm to 2 am (close), 25% donated back to PTA

Epic Night Out

March 2nd 6 pm. 50% donated back to PTA

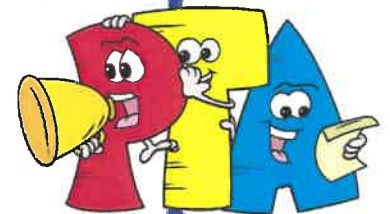
Are you interested in helping organize the 25th anniversary event/carnival at Prairie Park this spring? We are looking for volunteers that would like to help coordinate the event. If interest, attend PTA meeting on 2/4, email prairieparkpta@gmail.com or contact Jamie McNally, PTA President at 785-691-8896.

Food Pantry is for anyone to donate to or receive food from. We receive donated items from Just Food and it is available to all students and their families at Prairie Park.

Parent Teacher Conferences meals are just around the corner. Look for sign up in the next week or so to help provide food for our hard-working teachers during the meetings.

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