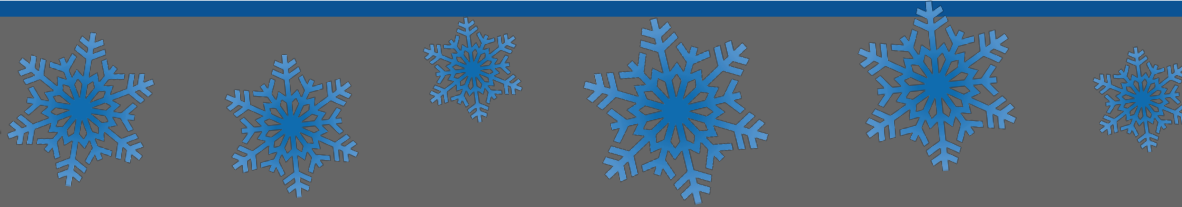




PARKWAY ALLIED ARTS December Newsletter



It has been so fun to create, move,
learn and grow together in **ART**,
LIBRARY MEDIA, MUSIC, P.E., and **SEL**
classes.



**CHECK OUT WHAT
We've Been Learning...**





ART

Mrs. McGuire



November and December 2022 have been fun and engaging in the Art room! Our Parkway Artists are **CONNECTING & RESPONDING** to amazing art and literature.... And of course **CREATING** Awesome Art!!

We learned about Native American artists, focused on the Art Elements of Shape & Form...creating and painting Forms with Clay, and are having lots of fun creating Winter/ Snowy art!!

Please ask your Artist about what they are learning in the Art room. Ask them about the Art Elements, Art Studio time, The Artful Thinking Routine (See/ Wonder/ Connect)... and simply how they love being Creative!

K5



1st



2nd



3rd





LIBRARY media

DECEMBER IN THE PW LIBRARY

Mrs. Gallitz & Mr. Donski



December is Computer Science Month in PW Library.

We kicked things off with an "Hour of Code!" Students problem solve like computer scientists as they work with a variety of coding options and activities.

Please visit the HOC page on the PW Library website for lots of coding fun and pictures from our time coding.



Grade 3

3rd graders are creating fun, imaginative projects with Scratch and Scratch Jr. Students are learning to create and animate sprites and make them interactive with events.



An event tells your program to listen for something to happen, and then react right away. An example of an event is listening for a mouse click, an arrow button press or a tap on the screen.

Grade 2



2nd graders are creating with the Scratch Jr. app. Students are using graphical programming blocks to make their characters move, jump, dance and sing.



Grade 1



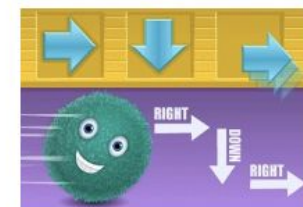
1st graders are coding with the codeSpark app. Students are learning to think like a computer scientist. The students are breaking down problems, thinking in logical sequences, and using precise language to give the computer instructions to move their Foo through the puzzle.



K5



K5 students are learning to code with the Kodable app. Students learn to think like a programmer, and use coding basics to move their Fuzz through the mazes. K5 students are building their problem-solving skills and are learning to collaborate with others to solve difficult puzzles.



URL: www.pwlib.weebly.com/HOC



K4

FORTE! and piano...K4 students have been learning how their voices and instruments can make different sounds – loud and soft. They loved playing tambourines and maracas to make the sound of crunching leaves as they tiptoed and marched through pretend leaves. They also met their first composer – Vivaldi! They listened to and moved to “Autumn” from *The Four Seasons*. Throughout the year, the children will hear all *Four Seasons*! As we move into December we’re baking up tasty treats as we notice and perform sounds getting higher and lower.



MUSIC

A note from Mrs. Scharnick

In December our music room has been filled with festive winter music. We are excited to get to sing this music together again at our annual all school winter sing-along school assembly for student.s. As 2022 come to a close, I reflect on how thankful I am to get to teach the amazing children at Parkway School. I wish your Families a wonderful winter break!



K5

Kindergartners have been singing, moving, and playing instruments to the steady beat. They have been learning that, when they feel the beat/pulse of the music, they can sing, dance, and play instruments together! As we continue to work on feeling the beat, we are singing playful songs about winter. Soon we will be noticing the melodic shape of these winter songs.



1ST

As autumn has come to a close, 1st graders have enjoyed this magical time of year. The children sang about changing leaves and weather, and have even warmed up with a “Surprise Stew.” Through these songs, they are learning to read and perform quarter notes and quarter rests and were introduced to musical symbols including barlines, measures, and double barlines. They also met the Woodwind family of instruments. They especially loved hearing the sound of the bassoon and moving to “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice,” by Paul Dukas.



2ND

2nd grade students have been working hard continuing to read and perform music. We reviewed sol and mi songs and just met the new pitch la!! We remembered when we sing we call our high and low sounds by solfege (do, re, mi...), but when we play instruments we call high and low sounds by our musical alphabet (ABCDEFGG). The children are looking forward to reading, singing, and playing on instruments new mi, sol, and la songs!

3RD

Classical, Jazz, Rock, Latin....3rd graders have loved listening, analyzing, responding and connecting to all different kinds of music at Parkway and have begun to learn about music from West African countries. They loved listening to, exploring and playing some instruments used in West African music. They are ready to use their ostinato skills (playing a repeated pattern) as we learn to layer patterns as part of a drum circle.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms. Lingard & Mr. Trusky



PE Classes are rolling smoothly! We have rebounded from basketball where we were dribbling shooting and playing small games with the skills we had learned. AS we roll towards winter break with disco fever 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students are learning or building on their skating skills.

K4 and K5 have also been working on locomotor movements such as jumping, hopping, skipping, galloping, etc. basketball dribbling and shooting have been the focus through November. Scooters, roller racers and parachute activities have also been a lot of fun this month !

1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders have been working super hard during our roller skating unit by showing perseverance. They have learned to get up and fall down safely on skates, skating forward, turning, different methods of stopping, and skating backwards. We have persevered through the bumps and bruises and we begin to play skating games!

Reminder! Please have your child wear tennis shoes and socks on their PE days. Please reach out if you do not know when they have PE. Dress shoes, sandals, crocs, and boots or high heels create a safety issue for your child.



SEL

Mr. Tilley

During the month of December students at Parkway School had the opportunity to learn about self care and positive self talk. We started the month with an SEL lesson on personal hygiene and germs and Mrs. Hess our school nurse was a guest speaker. She led the students through an experiment using pieces of bread that showed how quickly germs are spread.

Next we learned about the importance having tools and strategies to get back into the Green Zone. We spent time learning about what triggers our Blue, Yellow and Red Zone behaviors and what we can do to calm down and re-focus. We also learned about the importance of Positive Self Talk and practiced giving ourselves positive affirmations.

I wish everyone a happy, relaxing break filled with positive moments and memories!



PLAY-BASED SEL (STRUCTURED PLAY)

Mr. Rodgers

As the weather changes, we keep on playing! Recess has been a bit windy, a bit gray, but lots of fun!

Our focuses on Kindness and Problem Solving have led to much positive language, positive sporting behavior, and Ro Sham Bo! Mr. Rodgers' favorite phrase is "Nice Try!" instead of "You Lose." Ask your student about some positive phrases they use on the playground!

As the Wisconsin weather continues to change, we will continue spending as much time outdoors as possible. When it is not possible, we have been practicing turn-taking, sharing, responsibility, and inclusion during Indoor Structured Play. Sometimes we play a big game together, sometimes we go to different game stations for independent practice of our skills. Ask your student what they like to play in the SEL room!

I hope you all have a warm and cozy break and enjoy some time outdoors!