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Dear Parkway
Caregivers,



As we approach the end of the year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and dedication to our school community. It's been a fantastic first four months, filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students and staff. With the winter break just around the corner, we wanted to share some important information and extend warm wishes to you and your families.



School Updates

- Thank you to The Foundation for our new library tables and chairs. Our students love how comfortable the chairs are as well as the ability to rock back and forth to get out some much needed energy.
- Teacher teams continue to work on developing and unpacking Essential Standards that help guide our instruction on the most important aspects of Reading and Math. Teachers teams are working diligently on unpacking those standards into student friendly language that will help students understand what they are learning and more importantly how they know they will be successful with them.
- Our Student Support Team has initiated Regulation Stations. These are opportunities for our students to help identify their emotions and pick an appropriate strategy to help them get back into the Green Zone.

Arrival & Departure Times

Just a friendly reminder of our arrival and departure times. Please make sure you do your best to drop off your student before 7:50 am and pick up your student by 2:45 pm. We do not have the resources to watch students before or after these times and it often takes staff away from important meetings and collaboration time. Thanks!

Arrival:

7:35 (doors open) - 7:50 am

After 7:50 am = Tardy

Departure:

2:35 - 2:45 pm.

Please pick up students between 2:45-2:55pm. If you are arriving after 2:55pm you must come into the building to pick up your student.



Stay Engaged with Learning

While Winter Break is a time for relaxation, it's also an excellent opportunity for some fun, educational activities. Encourage your child to explore new books, engage in creative projects, and discover the wonders of the world around them. The joy of learning doesn't have to take a break



Celebrating Achievements

I am proud to announce that our students have achieved remarkable milestones in various academic, social, emotional and extracurricular activities. From outstanding performances in recent classroom assessments to creative art projects showcased along our hallways and classrooms, your children continue to amaze us with their talents.



Holiday Celebrations

We hope this holiday season brings joy, laughter, and special moments for you and your loved ones. May this time be filled with warmth and happiness.

Gratitude

We extend our sincere thanks for your partnership and collaboration. Together, we create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students to thrive. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year! May the winter break be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

Warm regards,

Dr. Haydee Smith
Principal
Parkway Elementary

Upcoming Events in

2024

We have exciting plans for the new year! We look forward to everyone back in January and making the second half of the school year just as memorable as the first. Please see a list of a few of the activities/events we have planned for the rest of the school year:

**Parkway Music
Program in March**
(More information to come)

Field Day

3rd Grade Send Off

Art Showcase in May

Spring Conferences

Gymnastics Shows

Important Dates



NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Last School Day Before Break:

Thursday December 21, 2023

Winter Break:

Friday Dec. 22, 2023 - Monday Jan. 1, 2024

School Resumes: Tuesday January 2, 2024