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The most magical time of the year doesn't start and end with the holidays. Many would even argue that the beginning of the year holds the most promise, and therefore is exceptionally magical in its own right. I hope you enjoyed spending time with family and friends during the winter break and, as we move into the new year, I hope your family experiences a happy, healthy, and abundant 2024!



The new year also brings about the need to replenish things such as school supplies, winter clothing etc. Although our winter has been pretty mild, we know Wisconsin's weather can change rapidly and, in order to ensure your student is prepared for the changes, it is important to make sure they wear appropriate winter clothing to school. Please check the weather forecast daily to ensure your student has access to warm winter clothing allowing them to enjoy their recess, field trips etc. If your student has lost clothing articles, please encourage them to look in the Lost & Found, located outside of the Gym.



Parkway will conduct STAR testing for K5-3rd grade students between January 8-19, 2024. The assessment will take place in your student's classroom and families will receive the results at the end of January. If you have further questions pertaining to the STAR assessment, please reach out to your student's teacher and they will help address any questions you may have.



Lost & Found

Our Winter Lost & Found is growing rapidly. It is becoming too big to maintain and as usual, we end up donating to local community centers. Please come in and check out the Lost & Found for any missing items before Friday January 12, 2024. At the end of the day on Jan. 12 we will be bringing the clothes to a local community center to donate. Thank you!



Mrs. Scharnick, Parkway's Music Teacher, created a Drama Club that ran in December and worked on a small musical piece called, The Perfect Present. With support from Kamei Kim, Parkway 3rd Grade Teacher, the Drama Club performed for the school and did an amazing job. The gym was filled with singing, laughter and a lot of smiles!

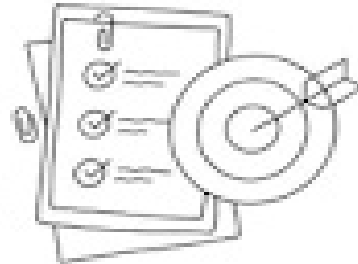
With a new year comes new goals.

Goal setting for kids is one of the best ways to increase motivation around both personal and school related goals. When creating goals with your student, feel free to use the following chart to help create meaningful and achievable goals.

1 LET THEM CHOOSE THEIR BIG GOAL

Ask questions like:

- What's something you wish you could achieve?
- What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?



2 DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF THEIR GOAL

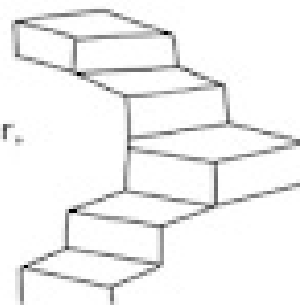


Ask questions like:

- What do you think is the greatest benefit to you doing well in this class?
- How can that help others?

3 BREAK THE BIG GOAL INTO SMALLER STEPS

Use a "goal ladder" to break down their big goal. At the top of the ladder, write down the big goal, then work your way through the steps it would take to achieve it.



4 BRAINSTORM POTENTIAL OBSTACLES



Encourage them to plan for potential obstacles. Talk about bad habits or negative thoughts, including a desire to give up. Ask: "If you feel like giving up, what will you do instead?"