

Prairie View Elementary

Family Newsletter - December 2024



Operation Joy

The Oregon/Brooklyn Lions Club has dropped off a "Operation Joy" toy bin. Please consider donating new unwrapped toys to help children in our area to have a joyful holiday season.



Winter Gear Assistance

If you would like assistance with getting winter gear for your learner(s) or are interested in donating winter gear, please contact the school social worker, Daniela Arevalo, dcarevalo@oregonsd.net.



Upcoming Events

- December 10th - PVE Orchestra and Choir Winter Concert
- December 12th - PTO Dine Out Wine Reserve
- December 23rd - January 1st - No School Winter Break

Early Literacy Resources

We place immense value on the importance of reading as it serves as the cornerstone for success across all academic subjects and plays a pivotal role in shaping our students' academic journey. You can also help at home by checking out the resources on our website: www.oregonsd.org/achievement/early-literacy

Community Flyers

As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, we've created a one-stop shop for community flyers. This eliminates the need for paper and lets you quickly find what you need. Check out the most up-to-date offerings here: <https://www.oregonsd.org/community/flyers>.

Four Corners Workshop

Four Corners Workshop is an amazing and *free* enrichment opportunity for 4th grade through 12th grade students and families. The workshop in our corner of Wisconsin is close by at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, led by naturalists for gifted and talented students in grades 4th thru 12th.

While students are in their session, caregivers will have the opportunity to connect with other caregivers of gifted children and participate in a social and emotional session with Jackie and Dal Drummer, WATG Board Members and SENG facilitators. Sign up on this [link](#) now before it fills up!

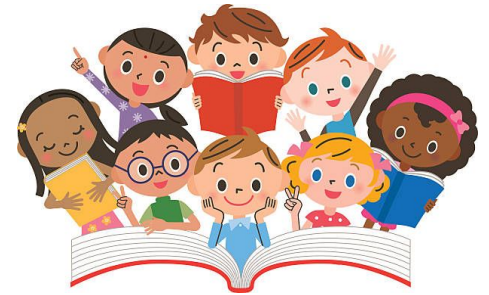
From the Reading Corner

Greetings from the Reading Room!

With the colder weather keeping us indoors a bit more, it's a great time to create or enhance your cozy reading routines with your children! On our upcoming winter break, take some time with your children to seek out books they would love to read by themselves, with you or even listen to. Their brains have been very busy this fall learning so much about letters, sounds, and different genres of text, and they have grown so much in their foundational literacy skills. Let's keep the momentum going by finding some great books to enjoy together!

Please feel free to use the attached Winter Break Reading Bingo game to sneak in some extra fun literacy activities! These are great to take on the road, to a family or friend's house or just complete together at home.

Happy reading!



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Winter Break READING BINGO

Color in each square as you complete the activity and try to get a BINGO!

Enjoy your reading time
over Winter Break!



Visit the public library	Read twice in one day	Draw a picture about a book you read	Read in bed	Read a recipe
Read the lyrics to one of your favorite songs	Read a funny book	Read for 20 minutes	Find a word you don't know	Read for 30 minutes
Read under a blanket	Read a non-fiction book		Read in the car	Read in your pajamas
Read for 20 minutes	Read a book you've read before	Read a poem	Read while drinking hot cocoa	Read to a pet or stuffed animal
Read a book that a loved one recommends	Listen to someone read you a story	Read in a comfy chair	Read a picture book	Read for 30 minutes

Library and Technology

Hello PVE Families,

It has been a great month of reading and learning in the Library Media Center! We have lots of new books that we were able to purchase with book fair funds and everyone has been excited to check them out! We have also commemorated Native American Heritage Month, reading books written and illustrated by Native American authors and illustrators.

Kindergarten: This month we learned about the jobs of authors and illustrators. We created collages that are similar to author/illustrator Julie Flett's books. We have also been learning about using different features of Seesaw on our tablets.

First Grade: Our books this month have focused on family and traditions and how different families and traditions look similar and different. In technology we began learning about algorithms and coding using Scratch, Jr.

Second Grade: This month we read fiction and nonfiction books with a theme of water. In technology we began working on typing in typing.com and discussed the different parts of a web browser.

Third Grade: The focus this month was on biographies. We talked about narrative, simple, and complex biographies and the differences and similarities between them. In technology we worked on keyboard shortcuts and discussed the importance of passwords in our Common Sense Media curriculum.

Fourth Grade: We have been reading folktales, fables, and fairy tales and talking about the differences and themes. In tech we worked on using keyboard shortcuts in Google Slides and using Destiny Discover to begin research.

I hope you have been enjoying the books your students have been bringing home - it has been fun helping them choose new books each week and finding their personal preferences!

Mrs. Margulius



Art

In the Art Studio, we learn by: creating, presenting, responding, and connecting. Here is what the PVE artists have been up to in the studio over the month of October...

K: Kinder Artists have been busy learning about lines and abstract artwork. They were inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky as they began their abstract lines painting.

1st: First Grade Artists have been learning about craftsmanship and patterns. They created a beautiful mosaic to celebrate their skills.

2nd: Second Grade Artists created cupcakes with pinch pots and coils formed from Model Magic.

3rd: Third Grade Artists created sugar skull artwork using the metal tooling process.

4th: Fourth Grade Artists continued with their paper mache mask projects and were excited to paint them!

Thank you for your continued support!

-Ms. Shively



Music

We spend our time everyday in music class learning through our state standards of: creating, performing, responding, and connecting.

Kindergarten: We have been singing songs, playing games and playing instruments that demonstrate opposites in music: high and low, long and short, loud and quiet. Songs include Grizzly Bear, Seven Jumps Dance, Old King Glory, and more.

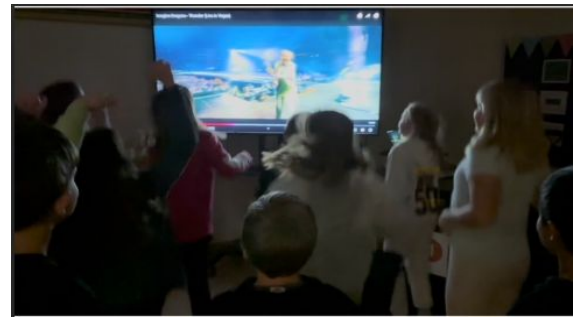
1st Grade: We have been working on hearing differences in music. We label each section with letters of which then creates the form of the music such as AB or ABA.. Songs include: Wake Up You Sleepy Head, Forwards Backwards Dance, Humorsque and more.

2nd Grade: We have been working on Sol-La-Mi compositions. Each student composed their own song using Sol-La-Mi and also performed it on the bells. We are also continuing our work on adding the half note into our repertoire. Song include: Kings Land, Apple Tree, Aiken Drum, and more.

3rd Grade: We have been working on rounds. Their favorite round is A Ram Sam Sam with some fun hand motions to go along with it. We are also continuing our work on adding sixteenth notes to our repertoire. We do a lot of fun rhythm play alongs like The Mandalorian and Wipe out.

4th Grade: We have starting working on learning the letters of the treble clef staff. We are also working on learning many dynamic and tempo terms and hearing those differences in different songs like In the Hall of the Mountain King.

In the pictures below, you will see fourth graders practicing concert etiquette. The fourth graders take a field trip each year to the Overture Center to see a Symphony Orchestra Concert. In the picture on the left, they are practicing audience etiquette for a formal setting. In the picture on the right, they are practicing how to "rock out" at a rock concert. They are two different and equally fun styles of concerts!!!



World Language

World language learners build communication skills in Spanish through speaking, listening, reading, writing and connecting their own culture to other cultures around the world.

-4th Grade: We continue to talk about healthy foods and compare how we get fresh foods in WI and in Mexico. Have your learner say some healthy foods!

-3rd Grade: We started a new unit on describing our appearance in Spanish. Ask your learner to describe their hair!

-2nd Grade: We continue to talk about healthy foods and the food groups to which they belong. Have your learner say some healthy foods!

-1st Grade: We finished up our unit on expressing likes and dislikes and will start talking about families. Have your learner say what they like to do in Spanish!

-Kindergarten: We have been learning how to express how we are feeling in Spanish. Next, we will be talking about what we like to do. Have your learner say how they feel in Spanish!

-Profe Mahoney

Physical Education

In the gymnasium we learn by experiencing as many different sports and games as possible. We create a safe environment by being respectful and understanding that everyone is at different levels of skill.

PE classes at PVE finished both the football and hockey units. It was so awesome to see the growth the students made going from skill building into more game like lessons. PVE students did a great job of keeping each other safe during the hockey unit by keeping our sticks low! Basketball, Volleyball and Gymnastics will be our next few units.

With winter on the horizon please remember to continue sending PE shoes with your students to school. Thank you so much for the continued support that you show at home! It takes a village.

- Taylor Jahn



POP Groups & Gatherings

Our POP theme and SEL focus for November was empathy. In our 1st - 4th grade mixed POP Groups on November 8, we defined empathy and practiced "walking in someone else's shoes" by imagining how others would feel in a variety of situations. Later that day, at our POP Gathering (assembly), some brave 4th grade performers acted out some real life situations that might happen around school. Students brainstormed how they would show empathy during some turn and talks.

All of our students have been doing a "pawsome" job completing the weekly missions! In November, we completed missions such as: sit with someone new at lunch and get to know them, and make eye contact and listen attentively when someone is speaking to you.

Looking forward, our December POP theme is citizenship. We will explore what it means to be a good citizen in our community. We encourage you to share real life examples of citizenship while out and about this season!





Attendance

Consistent school attendance is critical to academic success. As a result we track student attendance closely and adhere to school board policy and Wisconsin state statute. Please take a moment to review attendance information [here](#).

Please call the attendance line to report absences.

(608) 835-4291

Attendance questions contact:

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More information [can be found here](#)

At Prairie View Elementary School, students who have missed ten or more students have shown less achievement and less growth when compared to their peers who missed fewer than ten days. This pattern was consistent over the past two school years and across math and literacy.

Students who missed more than ten days achieved 2.9% lower in literacy proficiency and 2.5% in math and grew 3.1% less in literacy and 1% less in math than peers who missed fewer than ten days.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



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Student Shirts

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for allowing us to purchase shirts for students. As a reminder- these shirts are for our students to have and wear when they would like. The plan is to offer an optional trade-in program at Ready-set-go conferences each year where families have the option to bring in their shirt from last year and trade it in for a bigger size. This would save money as well as cut down on waste.

Bridging Brighter Smiles is coming to

PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY
DECEMBER 4

Get your teeth cleaned at school, during the school day!

Preventative dental services offered are:

Teeth Cleaning

Oral Screening

Oral Health Education

Dental Sealants

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Brighter Smiles



OREGON PTO NEWSLETTER

Parents and teachers of Netherwood Knoll Elementary, Prairie View Elementary, and Rome Corners Intermediate Schools

December 2024

PTO MEETINGS:

Join us in-person in the NKE Library or via Google Meet beginning at 6:30 pm on the following days:

February 19
March 19

April 16
May 21

UPCOMING DINE OUTS:

The Wine Reserve from 4-10 pm on December 12, 2024

Sugar River Pizza Verona from 11 am - 9 pm on February 4, 2025

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

The PTO runs fundraisers to provide financial support to Prairie View, Netherwood, and Rome Corners.

Donations are always welcome (in lieu of fundraiser participation OR in addition to!). **You can donate at any time for any reason.** Checks can be sent to your school's office or you can Venmo or PayPal us @oregonpto.

SAVE THE DATE:

Infinity Martial Arts Drop & Shop Fundraiser - December 8

Infinity Martial Arts Lessons & Uniform Promotion - January through March 15

Fosdal's Donut Delivery - February 22

Fun Run - May 31

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