

Vision

Building a
Foundation that will
last Lifetime!!



State Report Card



The new state report cards are out, and while W. O. Parmer Elementary made progress, gaining 4 points from a grade of 74 to 78, we remain a "C" school. Our overall grade is determined primarily by **attendance**. When students are not in school, they miss critical learning opportunities, and their academic success suffers. Attendance is a factor we can improve together. It's vital to ensure students attend school regularly, as missing more than 18 days classifies a child as chronically absent or truant. Chronic absences create gaps in learning that may be difficult to bridge.

How You Can Help Improve Attendance and Academic Success

- **Set Consistent Routines:** Establish regular bedtimes and morning routines to make mornings smooth and stress-free.
- **Prepare Ahead of Time:** Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before to avoid last-minute rushes.
- **Keep Your Child Healthy:** Ensure your child is up-to-date on vaccinations and gets regular health check-ups.
- **Foster Familiarity:** Introduce your child to their teachers and classmates to build comfort and enthusiasm for school.
- **Have Backup Plans:** Create contingency plans for transportation, involving family, neighbors, or other parents.
- **Schedule Wisely:** Plan medical appointments and family trips during school breaks to minimize missed days.
- **Address Anxiety:** If your child is nervous about school, speak with teachers, counselors, or other parents to find supportive solutions.
- **Handle Illness Thoughtfully:** Consult with your school or health provider if your child shows signs of illness. When they must stay home, ask for learning resources to ensure they stay on track.

Attendance is a simple yet powerful way to ensure your child's academic success. By prioritizing consistent school attendance, we can close learning gaps, improve overall performance, and take our school to the next level. Let's work together to make every day count for your child's future!

Jacqueline Thornton



Mission Statement

W. O. Parmer— A World of Possibilities— where kids come first and we partner with families to develop enthusiastic learners.

January Parent Engagement Event

The Alabama Literacy and Numeracy Act Parent Workshop



Join us **Thursday, January 23, 2025**

From **5:00—6:15 PM**

In the **WOP Cafeteria**

Learn:

What is the Alabama Literacy and Numeracy Act?

How does it affect your child's education?

Why your child can be a good student and still fail 3rd grade.

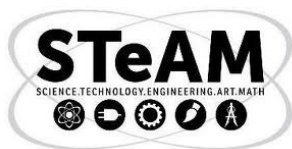
Gain resources on how to help prepare your child.



News From Electives

STEAM

This year, our STEAM class applied for a grant opportunity from Pioneer Electric. The Energy For Learning Classroom Grant Program was designed to financially support classroom projects that provide creative, innovative, hands-on learning experiences for K-12 students. Pioneer Electric awarded ten grants for up to \$500. Our STEAM class at WOP was one of the recipients for this grant.



We will be purchasing Magna Tiles of all kinds in order to research, plan, design, and build our own cities. This project will not only give students a chance to work on collaborating and communicating with others, but it will also give them an opportunity to work creatively to design their very own city. They will use critical thinking skills to plan and design their city. They will have the opportunity to explore and learn about careers that interest them as they begin to think about their future. The students will also be able to practice their public speaking skills as they present to the class. All of these skills are needed in order for students to be college and career ready in the 21st Century.

Christina Brumbeloe

MUSIC/DRAMA

W.O. Parmer Elementary is presenting "The Lion King Jr." as its 2024-25 annual school play, featuring Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. The play highlights Simba's journey of growth, responsibility, and reclaiming his role as king. Students practice after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30 PM. The performance will take place on **Friday, March 14, 2025**, showcasing songs like "Circle of Life" and "Hakuna Matata". The production fosters teamwork, confidence, and creativity, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved.



We are excited to invite you to attend this event where our talented students will bring an unforgettable performance to the stage!

Rachael Jackson