



Sprague Elementary School Newsletter



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Vision Statement

Our vision is for children to learn in a caring environment in which they are held to high expectations and supported academically, behaviorally and socially so all students can reach their greatest potential.

Mission Statement

Our mission at Sprague School is to provide each student a high quality education that supports the development of lifelong learners. We support student achievement as we focus on student performance data to continually improve upon teaching to meet the needs of all children. We value the importance of parental involvement as we strive to maintain a safe environment that fosters respectful and responsible students who will become productive members of our community.

DECEMBER Calendar of Events

December 1	PTO Visit with Santa 8:30 - 10:30 am gymnasium
December 5	Early Dismissal - Parent Conference Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm
December 6	Board of Education Meeting at Sprague School 5:30 pm gymnasium
December 7	Picture re-take day
December 11	Pre-K and Kindergarten Report Card distribution
December 12	Early Dismissal - Teacher Collaboration
December 14	CCMC PJ Day \$1:00
December 19	Winter Concert 1:15 pm
December 18	Governance Council Meeting 2:35 pm
Dec 24 - Jan 1	NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess



School Hours

Regular Day	8:05 am - 2:20 pm
Early Dismissal	8:05 am - 11:30 am
2 Hour Delay	10:05 am - 2:20 pm

PTO Meeting

Tuesday, December 11th

6:00 pm library

All those that attend will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a Target gift card!

Come share your talent and ideas.

****ATTENTION PARENTS****

Sprague School is now PEANUT FREE due to an increasing number of students with food related allergies. Please do not pack a lunch or morning snack (kindergarten students) that has items containing peanuts. This includes but is not limited to peanut butter, peanut butter crackers and nutter butters. In order to provide a safe environment for all students, food items may not be sent to school to celebrate birthdays or holidays. Instead, you can send in items such as pencils, stickers or small novelty items.

Attendance News



Mr. Davis, Sprague Attendance Counselor, is available to speak with you! If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance, please feel free to call him 203-574-8189.

****Please remember students may not advance to the next grade if they miss more than twenty (20) days during the school year. Please note that, even though a doctor's note excuses the absence, it is still counted toward the 20 day maximum. Doctor's notes are required for documentation purposes.**



News from the School Nurse

I am happy to announce that Ms. Jackie Gough is our new school nurse. Please direct any medical questions or concerns to her directly at 203-574-8324.

News from the Parent Liaison

Thank you to all that attended Bingo with School Lingo on November 29th. I hope everyone enjoyed playing bingo while learning more about mCLASS and Lexia as well as receiving information about attendance. Thanks to Title I funds for making dinner possible. Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, December 1st for a Visit with Santa event sponsored by PTO.

If you need information on how to access Power School please don't hesitate to contact me. PTO meetings will take place every 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please come join us with your ideas for a successful school year. Our school collects Box Tops. Please make sure you cut them out and send to school with your child. As the school's Parent Liaison, I'll be more than happy to assist you with any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Many thanks for your continued support.

Around the School

Pre-K – Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Hanas, Ms. Lokites, Mrs. O’Leary

December is here and what an exciting month this will be! We are working on our new theme: Seasons All Around. Who knew that in one place you can experience all four seasons at once: winter, spring, summer and fall! As the cold approaches outside, we’ll be at the beach inside. Seasons are so much fun especially in our Pre-k class where our imaginations are always on the run. Our class has been very busy learning about how special and unique we are, our families and community and the five senses. We are learning to share, wait our turn, take turns and be a good friend! We are doing very well with color, shape and name recognition and are working on letter and numeral recognition. We know characters are ‘who’ is in the story and are learning that ‘setting’ is where the story takes place. We are also learning to count sets and listen to match the beginning sounds in words. Most important we are having fun and making friends ☺

Grade K – Ms. Bedell, Mr. Giammatteo, Ms. Maghini, Ms. Stasaitis

Kindergartners are excited to have started our new Wonders program! This program will be utilized during whole group and small group instruction time. By the end of December, we will have taught all of our letters through our Foundations program. Please work on the Foundations packets that are sent home weekly. In math we are working on adding one more to a set, recognizing an addition sign and an equal sign. Towards the end of the month we will be making our own gingerbread houses. We will be sending home a notice this month regarding donations. Thank you for your support!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Hirbour, Ms. Horan, Miss. Kaminsky

Second Grade has had a busy few months getting acclimated to the new school year and all it has to offer. We are learning to become engineers by following the steps of the design process, in our new Science program. We have spent the last several days doing lessons which are introducing us to our new Wonders Reading program. We are anxious to see all the components of the program. Now would be a good time to replenish your child’s school supplies. They need crayons, pencils and glue sticks. Thank-you in advance for your support. The Second Grade Team would like to wish you and your families, a very Happy and safe Holiday Season.

Grade 4 – Ms. Goderre, Mrs. Lombardi, Ms. Lane

WOW! These months seem to be moving so quickly! The fourth graders are showing good growth! In Reading we are enjoying our new Reading curriculum, and materials that go along with the program. We engage effectively in collaborative discussions on Grade 4 topics, building on others’ ideas and expressing our own clearly. In Math we are converting fractions with denominators of 10 and 100 to equivalent decimals. In Science we are also exploring our new curriculum and discovering what energy is and how it is transferred.

Grade 5 – Mrs. Davis, Ms. Grazhdani, Ms. Perlini

In science students are continuing a unit on Energy and Matter in Ecosystems. In math we are continuing work on multiplication and division of fractions and whole numbers. In reading, we have just begun using our new Wonders program! Students will be experiencing a wide variety of texts and activities. Please be sure that your child is reading at home for at least 25 minutes each night. Also, be sure that homework is being completed nightly and turned in upon the teacher’s request.

