



Sprague Elementary School

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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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

It was so nice to see many of you at Open House last month! I would like to welcome the following staff to Sprague: Ms. Figueroa - PreK, Ms. Dzikas - PreK, Mrs. Kores - Kindergarten, Mrs. Katrenya - Grade 1, Mrs. Hubeny - ESL, Mrs. Salvietti - Cafeteria Manager, Ms. Longo, Social Worker, Mrs. Wright, School Psychologist. Please follow me on twitter @dianebakewell.

Mrs. Diane Bakewell, Principal

October Calendar of Events

October 2	PTO meeting 6:00 pm
October 4	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
October 7, 8, 9	Grades 3, 4 and 5 Mattatuck Museum Trips
October 8	Governance Council Meeting 2:35
October 14	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
October 24	International Night 5:30 pm
October 31	End of 1 st marking period (gr. 1-5)



K - Grade 5 School Hours

Regular Day 8:05 am - 2:20 pm

Early Dismissal 8:05 am - 11:30 am

2 Hour Delay (no breakfast)

10:05 am - 2:20 pm

Pre-K School Hours

Regular Day 8:05 am - 2:05 pm

Early Dismissal 8:05 am - 11:30 pm

2 Hour Delay (no breakfast)

10:05 am - 2:05 pm

Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of the students' teachers and paraprofessionals. Please contact Mrs. Bakewell.

Car Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures



Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we change our car arrival and dismissal procedures. Please adhere to the following:

- Please do not idle while you wait in line for the door to open.
- Please **STAY IN LINE**. Do not cut through the driving lane.
- Remember that a school zone is a smoke free environment.

ONE WAY 

Safety Reminder

Please enter the front parking lot through the **second driveway** (after Ed's Power Equipment). The first driveway is **ONE WAY**. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTO News



PTO meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Meetings will be held in the school library. Please park in the front of the building. Come share your talents and ideas!
Hope to see you on Wednesday, October 2nd!!

Attendance News



Students may not advance to the next grade if they miss more than 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. When possible please make doctor's appointments before or after school hours. If the appointment is in the morning, please bring your child to school after the appointment if they are well. It is vital to your child's academic success that they do not miss classroom instruction.

News from the Parent Liaison

Thanks to all the families that supported Sprague's PTO by participating in **Crazy Sock Day** Fundraiser as well as attending our **Family Movie Night** on September 27th. We hope everyone had a great time.

Save the date, **Family International Night** is taking place on Thursday, October 24th.

This is an evening where we share our Cultures, by wearing traditional costumes and sharing our ethnic foods. At this time we are looking for your help on donating your favorite ethnic dish (pot luck style). If you'd like to participate, please respond by filling out the donation form and send it to school by Monday, October 21st. Looking forward to seeing you there.

If you need information or any questions on how to enter **Power School**, please don't hesitate to contact me at: vdemirali@waterbury.k12.ct.us or call me at: (203) 346-3916

Our next **Governance Council Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, October 8th @ 2:35pm in the main office.

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.

Around the School

Grade PreK – Mrs. Baker, Ms. Dzikas Ms. Figueroa, Ms.Hanas, Ms. Lokities

We just finished our study on "The Beginning of the Year." We discussed who works in our school, school rules, our feelings, and transitions. We also talked about making friends. In October, we will start our new study on "Balls." In addition, we will continue working on the alphabet, counting, writing our names and the season of Autumn.

Grade K - Mrs. Bedell, Ms. Kores, Mrs. Maghini, Ms. Stasaitis

Happy Fall! Kindergartners have been busy learning the rules and expectations of the school and their classroom. In Foundations we have introduced letters Tt, Bb, Ff, Nn, Mm, Ii, Uu, Cc, and Oo. Students have been working on identifying the letter, sound, and how to write it. Please continue to practice these skills with the packets that have been sent home. In our reading program we are currently reading about how tools help us explore. In Science we are learning about weather patterns. In math kindergartners have been hard at work counting sets of objects, identifying, and writing numbers within 10. Take home book bags will be sent home every Monday and need be returned on the day specified by your child's teacher. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

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

It's hard to believe that we have completed our first month of second grade already. We have settled into our daily routine. Both beginning of the year mClass Reading and iReady Math testing has been completed.

We would like to share a few reminders with you, especially if you were not able to join us for Open House.

1. A Homework packet is given out on Mondays and is expected to be completed, signed by an adult and returned on Friday.
2. The students each have their own Chrome Book, so they need to have a set of ear buds. If you have extra ear buds at home please send them in with your child to use.
3. Please be sure that your child has pencils, crayons, and glue sticks as needed throughout the school year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Grade 3 - Mrs. Boucher, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Sideravage

Third Graders are being successful!! In Reading we are continuing to practice our reading comprehension strategies as well as citing text evidence to create a constructive response! In Math we are focusing on multiplication and division as well as combining arrays. In preparation for upcoming skills to be mastered we need to practice our multiplication facts.... Specifically the 2's, 5's, and 10's.

Please continue to read nightly for at least 15 minutes with your child and sign and return their planners daily! Please check and complete homework with your child as well and make sure it gets returned to school!!

Grade 4 - Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Goderre, Mrs. Lombardi

The fourth graders are off to a great start! In Math we have been extending our understanding of place value concepts to read, write, compare, order, estimate, and round whole numbers through the millions place. Also we are applying properties to model multi-digit whole number multiplication and division. In Reading we will have collaborative conversations as we read our stories. In Unit 2 we will be reading about what lessons we can learn from animals. In Science we are learning how engineers define problems. We are looking forward to our field trip to the Mattatuck Museum.

