



Prairie View Elementary

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## General Housekeeping

We have had a wonderful start to the year 2024! As we get closer to the halfway point of third grade, we are busier than ever. Students began their iReady reading testing this week. I will share the amazing growth they have made at conferences in February.

Because next week is a short week (No School/Teacher Inservice on Monday, January 15th), there will not be a newsletter. Look for short week news to come home later this week. 😊

## Reader's Workshop

This week we are switching gears away from drama and heading into a study about teamwork! Students will read a story called 'Soccer Shootout,' and work to identify the theme, and discuss the author's craft (why he/she chose to include certain words, the mood of the story, etc).

## Math

The students have a great understanding of finding area of a rectangle (length x width or counting up the square units on the inside of the shape). This week we are taking that to another level by adding areas of combined rectangles, as well as finding the area of rectilinear figures.

Students have been doing very well on their multiplication timed tests thus far. Please remember to have your child practice their facts in some way nightly to help with memorization. I have fact packets available that students have been starting to do as an optional activity to help.

## Writing/ Grammar

Students will be using their persuasive writing skills this week to convince their pen pals at Washington why they would be great friends if she/he came to Prairie View as a new student. We will continue persuasive writing through much of January.

In grammar we are working on subject-verb agreement.

## Social Studies

The students have been learning about the first people that settled the land in North America: Native Americans. They will be taking their test on concepts they have learned about Native Americans later this week.

## Science

Students have begun a new science unit in 2024 that focuses on weather and climate. Students will be learning more about how clouds form this week and apply it to a higher level question about summer ice storms!

## Happy Birthday!

We celebrated Elena's birthday on Monday, as her birthday was January 6th. We celebrated Jaida's birthday today! Happy Birthday to Elena and Jaida!

## Upcoming Events

- No School/Teacher Inservice: Monday, January 15th
- No School/Teacher Inservice: Monday, January 22nd

## Reminders

Please remember to check that planner every night for any homework that needs to be completed. Also, now that winter weather has arrived, please make sure your child's snow gear is labeled with his/her name-many snow pants and boots look the same. Thanks for your help!



