



Prairie View Elementary

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## General Housekeeping

Our final week of school in 2023!! That being said, we are inching closer to that halfway point of our school year! I have loved to see how much your child has grown academically-they have accomplished a lot so far! Please have a wonderful, rested winter break. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

We will have our holiday party at 2:30pm on Friday, December 22nd. Thank you in advance to all of the families that have offered to send something in to help celebrate!

Congratulations to our December VIPs for being great helpers in the classroom and to friends: Griffin and Weston! Also, to Caroline for winning the VIP in physical education. Way to go!

## Reader's Workshop

This week we are reading some Polacco Holiday reads. We have enjoyed her books earlier in the month and we will continue to look at her work in the month of January, so this will be a perfect way to continue our author study, while looking at elements of theme, summarizing, and comparing/contrasting texts.

## Math

We have started our new math unit, looking at how to find the area of a shape. Ask your child about the area song. :) This week, we are cracking the case of the Selfish Elf, review skills like adding, subtracting, and multiplying!

We have also started weekly timed tests that will ramp up after winter break. All third graders need to be fluent in multiplication facts 0-10 by the end of third grade. Thanks for practicing those facts at home!

## Writing/ Grammar

Students are working on persuasive writing this week, convincing Santa that they are the best person for a particular elf job.

## Social Studies

The students have wrapped up their study of how communities change earlier this week. We will begin a new unit in the New Year that focuses on the first people.

## Science

Students will be wrapping up their study of force and magnets this week as they apply what they have learned to create a model of unlocking a lock, using magnets!

## Happy Birthday!

There are no birthdays to celebrate this week.

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 21st: School-Wide Movie Field Trip
- Winter Break, No School: Monday, Dec. 25th-Monday, Jan. 1st Class resumes Tuesday, January 2nd.

## Reminders

\*A fun reading challenge will be coming home with your child on Friday for break. It is optional to complete, as there will not be a typical PAWs reading sheet coming home. Dress up Days the remainder of this week include 'candy cane' day tomorrow (wear red and white, and 'tree topper' day on Friday (Santa hats, reindeer antlers, etc.)

December VIPs!



