

Pearl Rhodes Elementary Weekly News May 31, 2018



Message from the Library

In preparation for the end of the school year, please return all school library books to Mrs. Avery by next week. Library time and read alouds will still happen, but book circulation is finished for this year. If your child has a book, at home, please send it in for library on Monday. If a book is lost or damaged, see Mrs. Avery to discuss replacing it. Thank you and keep reading!

Young Writers & Storytellers Night

Our Artist in Residence, John Porcino, will be hosting a family night at PRES on **Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30^{PM}**. PRES students will be performing on persuasive writing, storytelling and other topics.

Field Day ~ Tuesday, June 12th

Field day events will kick off at **9:00^{AM}** and wrap up at **11:30^{AM}**.

Field day will be a fun filled event that will include both water and non-water activities. Students will spend half the day outside rotating through stations. We ask that students dress in athletic/comfortable clothing & sneakers or water type shoes (no flip flops). There will be several water activities, so clothing that dries quickly is helpful. **Students should also bring an extra set of clothes to change into, a towel & refillable water bottle. Sunscreen must be applied at home.**

Parent volunteers are needed to help out at the stations and/or setting up and cleaning up lunch. If you would like to participate please call the school by Friday, 6/8 for planning purposes.

A picnic lunch will be served at the pavillion at 12:00^{PM}. The menu is hamburgers, pasta salad, chips & watermelon. Please let us know in advance if you will be joining us for lunch. Adult: \$4.10



Upcoming Events

June 5

Dist. Elementary Band Concert, 7:00 @ PVRS

June 6

John Porcino Family Night, 6:30 – 7:30^{PM}

June 7

All school field trip to Turners Falls

June 8

7th gr. Orientation @ PVRS

June 12

Field Day



June 13

All school walking fieldtrip to Robertson Memorial Library

6th gr. Parent Night at PVRS

June 14

All school field trip to Montshire Museum of Science

June 20

6th grade Graduation, 6:00^{PM}

June 21

Last Day of School, 12:15 Release, no lunch served

Digital Learning @ PRES

Over the past few months, PRES students have been engaged in a wide variety of digital learning experiences. Here are a few highlights for each classroom. To view projects mentioned below, please visit the PRES website at <http://pres.pvrsk12.org>

Mrs. Bealer's PreK-Kindergarten

Prek and Kindergarten students have continued to use a number of video storytelling sites such as Storyline Online with Wixie, our favorite online drawing tool to support early literacy learning. This group of tech savvy children have also learned to log into their Google Classroom where they created a Digital Word Wall using Bella and Rosie ABC books as a resource for their word banks.

In addition to the above, students also had a great time using **Winky Think!** Winky Think is an iPad app that helps students build problem solving skills through unraveling tricky logic puzzles that are just perfect for the 4+ age group.

Ms. Haskins's Grade 1 and 2

Students in grades 1 and 2 have just completed an illustrated animal research video, based on their classroom research and created in Wixie. A link to this project can be found on the Grade 1 and 2 Student Learning Links webpage.

In addition to using Keyboarding Without Tears, students have been introduced to, and have become totally engaged in, two new learning websites: **Teach Your Monster to Read** and **Prodigy Math**. Both of these websites come highly recommended by Common Sense Media for their educational value.

Mrs. Solomon's Grade 3 and 4

During the winter months, the young authors of Mrs. Solomon's class published an ebook version of their Small Moment Stories. A link to these projects can be found on the Grade 3 and Grade 4 Student Learning Links webpage.

These students were also introduced to and have become engaged in the Prodigy Math website and in support of their classroom report writing on sources of energy, they also learned how to create a table of contents in Google Docs.

Ms. Armstrong's Grade 5 and 6

Grade 5 and 6 students spent several sessions learning how to use an iPad to write code to program Sphero robot balls. Since they had previously learned coding concepts through their work with the Code.org curriculum, students were very successful in teaching their robot to follow commands that involved looping, conditionals, and functions. Students also applied their engineering and design skills in creating a Sphero Chariot that will be used in a friendly competition between teams in the upcoming weeks.

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