

Prattville Primary School

December Newsletter

At Prattville Primary School we will Learn, love and lead.

News from Mrs. McNider

We hope you all had an excellent Thanksgiving break with your family and friends.

We continue our second nine weeks of learning together and are excited to see how much progress we have made together. We will begin our second round of the STAR assessment this month. This is a tool that enables us to target student's instructional needs and guide our instructional decisions. It allows us to identify growth targets for our students and celebrate their accomplishments. Once completed, reports will be shared with each parent. During this holiday season, I would like to thank each of you for your support of PPS. We are so blessed to have the pleasure of educating your children each day.

It is my hope you each have a blessed Christmas season and spend each moment loving on your precious children!

Mrs. McNider, Principal

Christmas Holidays

December 20-

January 4

Students return

January 5

Important school wide upcoming events

December:

- 3: Christmas PJ Day/Polar Express**
- 3: APT Meeting - Auditorium**
- 6-10: STAR Testing**
- 9: Duty Free Lunch for Teachers**
- 13-15: Christmas Programs**
- 16: Leadership Celebration**
- 17: 2nd 9 Weeks Ends**



CHRISTMAS
Program Schedule

December 13
9:30-10:00 Moon & Luker
10:00-10:30 Hallman & Stephenson
10:30-11:00 Ferrell & McFarland
2:00-2:30 Turner & Nelson

December 14
9:00-9:30 Taylor & Langham
9:30-10:00 Glidden & Chandler
10:00-10:30 Slay & Dupree
10:30-11:00 Bolden, Branning & Lee
12:30-1:00 Brothers & Kickligher
1:00-1:30 Moseley & Fisher
2:00-2:30 Boshell & Fielder

December 15
9:00-9:30 Messick & Cook
9:30-10:00 Shoupe & Burton
10:00-10:30 Rhodes & MN Fisher
12:30-1:00 Kirkham & Wingo
1:00-1:30 Davis & Little

MORE ON BACK

More PPS happenings!

Special Snack Friday

Dec. 3: Pixy Sticks

Dec. 10: Ring Pops

Leader In Me

Imagine a school morning where everyone knows what to do and is ready on time. Sound too good to be true? Well, it's possible! Organization is a skill learned over time. By teaching organization at home, your child will learn this very important skill. Use the first three habits as a learning tool for you and your child:

Habit 1: Be Proactive: Habit 1 is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind: Habit 2 is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like. Your child may actually have time to do something extra in the morning if he or she is organized and you will all have a happy start to the day.

Habit 3: Put First Things First: Habit 3 means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing - the hardest part of all! Help your child learn how to avoid distractions by reminding him or her that, if they stick to it, all the fun things can come right after—with no guilt or nagging!

Once children know these habits, and how to apply them, they can start tackling more difficult tasks independently. They will begin to feel self confident and proud when they're able to complete homework, chores, and other tasks by themselves. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

Remember, it may take time to teach your child these skills. Sometimes, it will seem simpler just to do it for them. But remember, your child won't learn how to be independent and successful if you always do it for them. Using Habits 1-3 is a life skill that will benefit them their entire lives.

Parent Resource Center

Are you looking for some resources to help your child at home?

Make sure to check out the PPS Parent Resource Center.

Contact our parent liaison

Jenny Schooley at

Jenny.schooley@acboe.net

She can pull materials for you to pick up that will support learning at home.

PPS Polar Express Day

On Friday, Dec. 3,
all students are allowed
to wear their pajamas
to school!

We will all watch
The Polar Express
and have a treat!

**Please remember if you bring
in cupcakes,
snacks or other items,
those must be
dropped off in our front office.
Thank you for your support**