The holidays are upon us and I thought I would take this time to talk about our Mentoring Program. The main goal of this program is to teach children how to be of service to one another, the school, and the community. It also provides children practice with making positive decisions. With life situations, students are faced with making choices. With each decision, they gain knowledge through the process. Educators and parents are there to help support and guide them through this learning experience. As children develop and are given various opportunities to problem solve, they are better equipped to make sound judgments when complex situation present themselves. The Mentoring Club is another forum where children can undergo this learning process and enhance character through decision-making and service type projects.

We’re proud of our Mentoring Club and all of the students of Markham Park. We would love to see the program grow, but we need your support and assistance. If you would like to help with the mentoring program with ideas, financial or physical support, please contact me at 708/210-2869. Great character continues to be our focus.

Let’s continue to be great citizens of Markham Park School!

Deloris Alderson

Principal

Please join Markham Park in recognizing our students who have excelled this month! We are very proud of them!

**Weekly Phone Blasts**

Parents will be receiving weekly phone blasts (calls) to keep everyone aware of upcoming events. Please contact the school if you are not receiving a call every Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Classroom Student

Ms. Dammer Alonzo Castro

Ms. Dearman Leonel Cervantes

Ms. Jacobs Jenascia Smith

Mr. Goodwin Jamie Johnson

Mrs. Kelly Abby McDonald

Ms. Liput Meadow Payton

Mrs. Phillips KeyJuan Bolden

Ms. Smith Azarius Johnson

Mrs. Washington Aracely Cervantes

Ms. Weglarz Jasmein McGee

Mr. Williams Alyssa Malley

Mrs. Williamson BreAnna Hooper

CCII Keith Brown

# Students of the Month

# I-Ready Superstars

**Week of Nov 4th:**

**Reading**-Amiel Kimsey (5 lessons)

**Math**- Jamie Quarles (9 lessons) & Alyssa Malley (9 lessons)

**Week of Nov. 12th:**

**Reading**-Arjel Matthews (11 lessons)

**Math**-Jaela Matthews (15 lessons)

**Week of Nov. 18th:**

**Reading**- Torrence Wright (15 lessons)

**Math**-Nikolas Kinney (12 lessons)

**Week of Nov. 25th:**

**Reading**-Amiel Kimsey (8 lessons)

**Math**-Aliiyah Washington (12 lessons)



# Principal’s Platform





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# November Words of the Week:

Collaborate (verb)- to work with someone else on a project. *They collaborated on planning the party.*

Appetizing (adjective)- pleasing to the appetite.

*That pizza looks appetizing.*

Entertain (verb)- to amuse; keep someone interested. *She entertained me with stories about her travels.*

Impatient (adjective)- not patient; not willing or able to wait calmly. *After waiting in line for twenty minutes, he became impatient.*

School. She is quite an asset to the school, as she helps out in any classroom as needed. She also volunteers to help staff members with any extra work to lighten their load. Ms. Temple is engaged and has an upcoming wedding planned. She has two sons, one of which currently attends Prairie-Hills Junior High School. Her hobbies include traveling and dancing, and she loves all types of music genres. This year she has been involved with Family Reading Night and Markham Park’s Back-to-School Picnic. Ms. Temple is currently in school to become a teacher and encourages all students to participate in higher education and further their future careers. Ms. Temple has been elected in her community to be commissioner for the Park District in Markham, and has also served as a Trustee for the township of Bremen. She is clearly dedicated to the district, as well as the community. Congratulations, Ms. Temple, on your Support Staff of the Month recognition!



**December**

11th PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Winter Holiday Program 6:30 p.m.

20th School Improvement Early Dismissal 11:45 a.m.

23rd-3rd Winter Break-No School

**January**

6th Classes Resume

15th Dr. King Jr. Celebration 1:30 p.m.

20th Martin Luther King Holiday-No School

22nd PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

24th School Improvement Early Dismissal

**February**

12th PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

17th President’s Day-No School

21st School Improvement-Early Dismissal 11:45 a.m.

26th Markham Park ISAT Rally 9:30 a.m.

# Upcoming Events

# Ms. Temple

Ms. Temple is Markham Park’s Support Staff of the Month for November. Ms. Temple has worked in the District 144 for 7 years, and this is her first year as a paraprofessional at Markham Park School.



This is her fourth year teaching in District 144. She has one daughter, Dakota, who just turned 6. Her hobbies include camping, white water rafting, scrapbooking, and travelling. Ms. Weglarz is involved in a number of programs at Markham Park School. She is a PBIS team member and helps run school wide celebrations, the PBIS store, and the “Cool Class” of the week. She is also responsible for the decorations at concerts in the building. She has been involved with Family Reading night as well. Ms. Weglarz has been selected for Teacher of the Month because she is dedicated to the students in her classroom, as well as all of the students at Markham Park through her leadership and participation in school programs. Congratulations, Ms. Weglarz, on your Teacher of the Month recognition!

**Ms. Weglarz**

Ms. Weglarz is Markham Park’s Teacher of the Month for November. Ms. Weglarz has worked at Markham Park as a Kindergarten teacher for 2 years.





# Teachers & Support Staff

#### Markham Park School’s Newsletter Page 2

Hello!

We’ve accomplished a lot this past month! We have learned many new and exciting things here in 2nd grade! In our math class, we completed our unit on measurement. The students learned how to measure feet, inches, yards, meters, etc. In addition, they learned about different kinds of capacity measurement, such as: liters, gallons, and pints. Now, in math, we are focusing on place value with addition and subtraction. This is a very important skill that our students need to learn. Not only are we focusing on number sense in our classrooms, but also during Math RTI (our math intervention block in the afternoon). Our students are getting a lot of exposure to different ways to solve number problems. They’re doing very well!

In reading, we’re continuing to focus on new phonics skills for our spelling words weekly. Learning these new skills weekly assists the students in becoming fluent readers. To work on comprehension skills, we have been continuing to learn about finding the main idea and details when reading, telling the genre and author’s purpose, making connections, and drawing our own conclusions. When you read at home with your children, have them tell you what the story is about! All of this will help with their understanding of what they’re reading.

As always, keep checking your children’s planners for notes and homework assignments!

Happy Holidays!



Markham Park School’s Newsletter Page 3

Greetings Parents! December1, 2013

Time is moving fast this year as the second graders are learning many new things. In math, we just finished a unit on place value and are now moving on to two-digit addition and subtraction. In reading, we are consistently working on improving our fluency as well as developing and strengthening our comprehension strategies. In language, we are learning about different parts of speech. Next week, in Science we will be working on identifying living and nonliving things and in Social Studies, we will be working on identifying the continents of the world. Please remember to pay close attention to the homework practices as they are very good ways for you to help your child strengthen his or her skills in the various concepts we are working on. Also, from now I will be sending the student’s graded papers home in a manila envelope; I would like for you to sign the envelope letting me know that you have received the papers and reviewed them.

As you know, the holidays are upon us and many of you might be planning a trip for your family to enjoy the season; if you plan on leaving any time before we leave school for the Winter Break, please let me know in advance so that I may prepare your child’s school work for him or her to take. Our school district’s Winter Break will start on the December 23rd and continue until January 4th; school will resume on the following Monday the 7th. On the last day before break December 20, we will have a class party in which the students will be allowed to play games and share treats. I will be sending a letter home the week of to remind you that if you would like, you may send your child to school with a tasty treat or drink to share with the class. Remember, our classroom number is now at 24, so please make sure that if you choose to send a treat that you send enough for the entire class.

Thank you to all the parents that met with me during Parent Teacher Conferences, it was indeed a pleasure. Please be mindful that if we did not get a chance to meet, you can always call the school to schedule a meeting with me if you would like. Thanks for your time and enjoy the holidays,

Mrs. A. Williamson

# 2nd Grade-Ms. Liput

# 2nd Grade-Mrs. Williamson