



PARKMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DRESS CODE: Columbus City School's dress code policy

CURRICULUM: Parkmoor offers a strong curriculum which includes reading, math, language arts, science, social studies, health, art, music and physical education. The Parkmoor staff continues to improve in their ability to teach our students through participating in Teacher Based Teams (TBT'S), where they study student data and make instructional decisions that meet the needs of **EVERY** student. Parkmoor staff is committed to the task of educating students at high levels of achievement in order that they master the demands of the Ohio Learning Standards.

READING PROGRAM: For reading at Parkmoor we follow a guided reading program, **INTO READING** published by Houghton-Mifflin which is an instructional approach that involves a teacher; working with a small group of students who demonstrate similar **reading** behaviors and can all read similar levels of texts. Students will become proficient readers and have the ability to apply reading skills to the rigorous thinking expected of them to be successful in the 21st century. Our teachers all use authentic texts with modeling and teacher-directed activities drive learning and motivate readers. Students read authentic literary works and informational texts.

LATCHKEY: Latchkey services are offered at Parkmoor. This service is provided by the Karl Rd. YMCA. Hours are 7:00a.m. to 8:15a.m. and 3:15p.m. to 6:00p.m.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Parent Teacher Association and parent volunteers. Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 PM. The PTA conducts a variety of fun activities for our students and families throughout the year. These activities include a fall dance and spring carnival. The principal hosts bi-monthly parent meetings called "PAWS NIGHTS".

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Karl Road branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, North Y.M.C.A., City of Columbus-City Council, The Vineyard Church, Epworth Church, Columbus Public Health, St. Vincent's, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Yoga Youth Project, VSA Ohio, Momentum, Northland High School, United Health Care, Guitar Center, and Children's Hunger Alliance.

Visitors will observe the following activities at Parkmoor:

Teachers implementing the Leader In Me Program, whole group and small group instruction, students engaged in collaborative learning activities, explicit direct instruction in both reading and math, inquiry-based instruction, inclusive pre-kindergarten classrooms, cross-categorical special education classrooms, computers with internet access in every classroom, hands-on math and science activities, diverse student population, classrooms engaged in learning activities through the use of chrome books, student mentoring/counseling partnerships provided by community agencies, an active PTA, evening programs to promote our students with musical talents, and much more.

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN: Parkmoor students participate in educational field trips at every grade level, assemblies, chess competitions, spelling bees, seasonal and end-of-year activities; student council (student lighthouse team), safety patrol, peer mediator program, office and playground helpers, monthly positive citizenship celebrations, student recognition assemblies, No Bully days, Rock and Read week, PEAK Free parties, reading night, math night, health night, Spring Art Fest and concerts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, summer camp, Camp Lazarus, student jobs, Get off the Couch, and leadership days.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: More than 50 percent of staff has master's degrees and more than 17 years teaching experience. Our teachers are life-long learners who continue to enhance their art of teaching by using data to make decisions about what is best for students and participating in weekly collaborative learning sessions. Our staff members are committed to developing the whole child in a safe and nurturing environment; while maintaining high expectations as we prepare all students for leadership and service in the 21st century.