



William Orr Elementary School

IMPORTANT DATES *December*

- 11 PTA Meeting
- 13 Coffee Club
- 19 Santa Visits
- 19 Spirit Day:
Pajama Day
- 21 Winter Break Begins
- 1/4 School Resumes

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Dear William Orr Parents,

At William Orr, we're always doing our best to find ways to support our students in new and innovative ways. As a result of our October Math Day, we identified that many 5th grade parents did not feel adequately prepared to help their child with homework, especially in mathematics. To address this, we invited all of our 5th grade parents to attend a parent education opportunity geared to tackle these challenges on November 9th.

Our district Math Coaches were able to meet with parents and provide them with valuable information to support their child's learning in math. For



example, parents learned how to facilitate math conversations with their child and were provided with a list of questions they can use to guide their child when solving word problems.

After practicing a problem together as a group, we invited our 5th grade students in so parents could have an opportunity

to practice with them first hand. Parents served as facilitators for small groups of students, guiding them to solve various word problems with their peers. The math coaches, teachers, and other support staff were able to coach parents through this process and provide feedback for their efforts.

It was an invaluable experience for all involved. The parents were able to strengthen their skills in supporting their child, and the students absolutely loved working in small groups led by parents. On top of that, our teachers and staff had an opportunity to interact with parents in a manner that we aren't generally able to do.

Thank you to all that attended and participated! Your partnership in our students' education is much appreciated!

On behalf of the entire William Orr family, we wish you a happy holiday season with your family. And remember – school starts again on January 7th!

Yours,
Mrs. Casillas

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