



Western Wayne School District  
**EverGreen Elementary**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—December 2024



*The Holiday Season* is the season of giving, love, and kindness. It is a time for spending time with family, friends and loved ones. It is also a time to share random acts of kindness.

Create a new tradition this year. Make it part of your holiday preparation to get together and do something special for someone else. There are many people whose loved ones live too far away or they are in the military and they are unable to be with them this holiday season.

There are so many different things that you can do, here are but a few "Random Acts of Kindness":

- Help a friend in need
- Donate toys
- Send letters to the soldiers
- Carol for your neighbors
- Donate food to your local food pantry
- Donate pet supplies to your local pet shelter
- Rake leaves/shovel snow for someone
- Fulfil an Angel Tree request
- Give holiday treats to the fireman, postman and any other civil service person.
- Make cards for people in a nursing home and deliver them in person.



*Happy Holidays*

*Mr. Pidgeon*

**Words  
 from the  
 Principal**

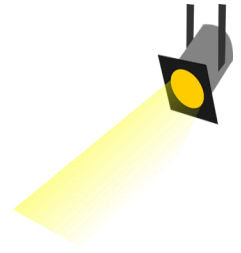
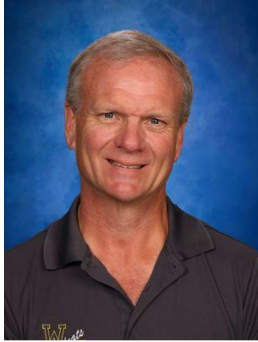
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## EG Spotlight



Name: Adam Lanza

Years working at Western Wayne:  
34 years

What I enjoy about EverGreen Elementary:

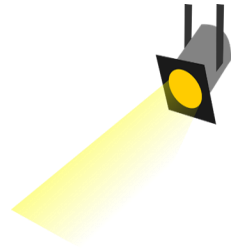
The camaraderie with Principal, Vice Principal, teachers and staff is wonderful here.

Interesting fact about yourself: I am the PSEA ESP Treasurer and in charge of over \$235,000 in spending for our ESPs throughout the state of Pennsylvania





## EG Spotlight



Name: Susan Larkin

Educational Path/College(s): Keystone College, Associates, Marywood University, Bachelor of Science, Education; Marywood University, master's degree, Early Childhood with Early Intervention. Certification in Special Education and certification in English as a Second Language.

Years in Education: 23 yrs

Why I joined the educational field: I love working with children. They have fresh and interesting ways of looking at things and can always make me laugh. I always wanted to have a classroom that allows children to have fun while learning. In the Early Intervention classroom, we learn through play.

Favorite:

Color- Blue

Ice Cream- Chocolate Peanut butter.

Place to visit: The Beach, especially Dewey Beach, DE.

Interesting fact: I have four pets. A Golden Retriever named Tucker, a cat named Charlie, a turtle named Jack, and a hermit Crab, with no name.





ES

The students continue to work so hard. We are well into the second quarter and the progress each and every student has made is impressive. They are all actively participating in class and asking questions when unsure of something. We are so proud of them all.

We want to wish a very Happy Holidays to all our Western Wayne families.



Pre-Kindergarten



The Pre-Kindergarten students have begun compiling Alphabet Binders. They have created pages for the letters Mm, Ss, Rr, Tt, Pp, Cc, Aa and Nn so far this year. Each page has a unique picture to help them remember the letter sound. These binders are a great resource to help practice letter recognition and letter sound production at home.

In Math, the students have been exploring numbers by counting on, matching numerals to groups of objects, and using one-to-one correspondence. They are learning to tally using popsicle sticks and practicing writing the tallies on white boards.

This month after reading variations of the book The Gingerbread Man, the students will be constructing and decorating gingerbread houses.

Kindergarten

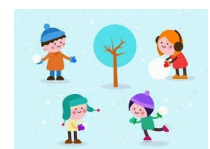
Our Kindergarten classrooms are full of excitement and holiday spirit this month! Holiday stories and Christmas carols can be heard in every classroom. Their precious faces light up as we count down the days until Santa arrives.

Phonemic awareness, phonics, and writing skills are being worked on daily in class. The children are reading more words and sentences. Remember to practice letters, sounds, and sight words nightly.

In math, the kindergarteners are exploring addition. They are listening to story problems and finding how many in all. The students are also learning to give an explanation of a mental image.

Please remember to review the work that comes home in the Daily Folder, practice sight words, and read with your son or daughter every evening. Encourage your child to do some writing at home with a reminder to try to print the letters correctly.

With the arrival of winter, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for cold weather. A warm jacket, hat, mittens, and boots are necessary each day for school. We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season !





### 1st Grade

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. The students continue to work hard on telling time, shapes and addition facts. We have also begun Rocket Math. Students are to be practicing their addition facts so that this will increase their fluency.

In reading, we have completed our second unit. Please continue to read with your child nightly. As they are becoming better readers let them read more to you.

We have been continuing to work on our handwriting. We have been reinforcing letter formation as well as neatness and spacing. Please remind your children at home the importance of neat handwriting as well as checking their homework to make sure the letters are made correctly.

We would like to take this time to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!

### 2nd Grade

Happy December! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with his or her families and friends. We are gracious to everyone who could come out to parent teacher conferences in November. Communication is very important between everyone to help the children grow.

With our reading series Journeys we are excited to start Unit 3. Unit 3 is titled Tell Me About It! In this unit, the students will be working on reading stories that teach how people and animals help each other, different ways to enjoy music, how schools are different from each other, different ways to communicate, and why it is important to follow rules. Students will be continuing to work on their fluency and accuracy each week.

Students in writing will be working on informational stories. Some of their writing will be responses to the stories in our reading series. Other times the students will be making teaching books for the other students to read. We will be focusing on teaching the students about a topic they know a lot about. Students will be working on writing a table of contents, using nonfiction text features, and having their stories in the correct order.

In Mathematics we are continuing to add two digit numbers with regrouping. The students are learning different strategies to help them add together numbers. Students are working on their fluency with their math facts using Moby Max daily. This is allowing students to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication or division facts based on what facts they know.

We would like to continue to remind everyone to read each night for at least 15 minutes. Read a variety of types of stories including fiction, non-fiction, fables and fairytales. Students benefit from all different types of stories and will be using the strategies and skill they are being taught in school. We want to wish everyone a great holiday season!

### 3rd Grade

The third grade teachers want to thank the parents who were able to attend our parent/teacher conferences. The third grade team enjoyed meeting with each of you.

We are currently beginning our third unit, Lesson Learned, of our Journey's reading series. Students will be learning that instead of concentration on past 'mistakes', they are encouraged to focus on good things that come about because of past events. By reading about this topic, students will understand that people can learn important new lessons from past experiences.

In Math, we are making our way through our curriculum. We continue to work more with multiplication. We will use place value strategies and the associative property to multiply by multiples of ten. Third graders will also solve two-step word problems involving all four operations and assess the reasonableness of solutions.

Our Project Lead the Way science program has got our students super excited! They love the different activities and discussions. Our focus started with animal life cycles and then we moved on to environmental changes.

The third grade teachers appreciate all of the time our parents spend reading nightly and practicing math facts with our students. This practice goes a long way not only in third grade but throughout life.



4th Grade

The fourth-grade team would like to thank all parents for attending parent-teacher conferences. Your outstanding support and dedication to your child’s education is greatly appreciated.

Journey’s, our reading curriculum continues to challenge comprehension and prepare students for the state assessment in the spring. It’s necessary for student to continually go back and check their work and site evidence of conclusions. We ask that parents make a routine of going over the Refrigerator Page that is sent home weekly. This allows you to have rich conversations and make connections to the classroom, while preparing your child for the weekly assessment.

In Envision Math, we continue to move through standard algorithms, while still focusing on place value, decomposition, tape diagrams, area, perimeter, and basic facts. Math fact mastery is the key to unlock fluent mathematical thinking. Please review multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts, regularly. If you’re in need of any resources or ideas, please reach out to your childs’ homeroom teacher.

Thank you for helping your child practice consistent homework habits.



5th Grade

There is so much to look forward to this time of year. As we continue to improve our writing skills we are working on opinion/persuasive writing. The boys and girls will be writing essays to convince their readers to believe in an idea or opinion.

In math, the fifth grade students are becoming very proficient with multi-digit whole number and decimal fraction operations. As we progress through decimal multi-digit multiplication and measurement word problems the students will understand the connection to division. Therefore, the students will move from multiplication to division of multi-digit numbers and division measurement word problems.

Please take the time to look through your child’s reading book. We are in Unit 3, learning about the American Revolution. After our seafaring adventure with John Adams, we will be reading about King George and his part in the American Revolution. From this story we will be introduced to Molly Pitcher. Finally, we will learn about a Patriot spy from Philadelphia.

We thank all parents for the support and encouragement that you have given your children throughout the year. As 2025 approaches, remember that together we can help our fifth graders achieve their personal best. Remember:

WE CAN’T HIDE OUR WILDCAT PRIDE!





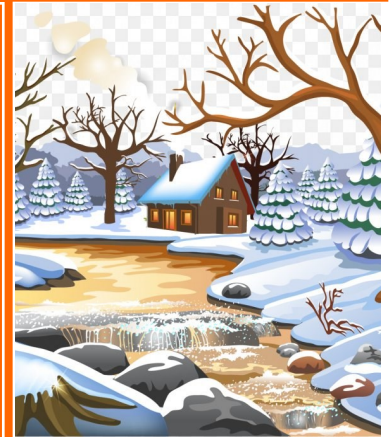
## Title 1

Many parents often ask, “What can I do to help my child at home with reading?” The answer is: Read! The more a child reads, the better his or her reading will become. Sit next to your child when he or she reads, so you can make sure they are reading the words correctly. If your child is a beginning reader, have him or her point to the words while reading. Here are a few more tips for reading with your child:

- ◆ Encourage your child to spend time reading every day: Reading every day helps children to become strong readers.
- ◆ Visit the library: Make time to visit the library on a regular basis.
- ◆ Make reading easy: Keep books within your child’s reach and easy to access
- ◆ Read aloud to your child: This is one of the most important things you can do to help your child to develop a love of reading.
- ◆ Use tried-and-true teacher tips: Talk to your child about the story as you read.

These tips are taken from the Parent Institute’s brochure “25 Ways Parents Can Read With Children and Help Them to Better in School.

Happy Reading



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Early Intervention	15
Pre-Kindergarten	57
Kindergarten	79
First Grade	67
Second Grade	75
Third Grade	79
Fourth Grade	66
Fifth Grade	<u>96</u>
	534
Outside Placement	<u>+ 2</u>
Total	536