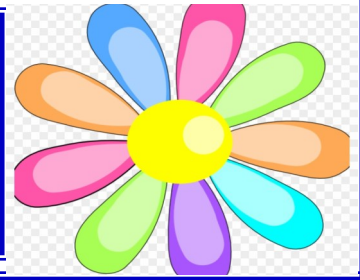




Western Wayne School District EverGreen Elementary

Principal's Report — May/June 2025



Words From Mr. Pidgeon, Principal

Younger children might be frightened if they are told too much information too soon about war and death.

You know your children best, so it is best for you to decide how much detail you provide. For some children, it might be wise to simply as a time to say "Thank You" to the people who keep our country safe.

Even if they don't fully understand the holiday, children of all ages can commemorate the day. Here are some ideas for involving them:

- ◆ Decorate the graves of loved ones with flowers and flags
- ◆ Display the U.S. Flag outside your house
- ◆ Read a book about Memorial Day with your children
- ◆ Make a patriotic craft with your children
- ◆ Wear **Red**, White and **Blue**

I would like to also wish all of the mothers, a very Happy Mother's Day



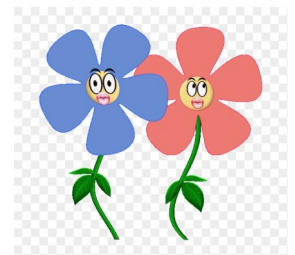
As students set out on summer adventures, here is a list of activities to enjoy with your children. These fun activities cover all subjects and grades; there truly is something for everyone. And, if you have your own summer adventurers at home, this list can rescue your kids from the boredom and blahs of rainy summer days. This year, do more than amuse and entertain your kids and hope for the best for your students, keep their minds working all summer long!

Here are some activities to fight summer boredom and build thinking skills.

- * Teach kids to cook with the step-by-step lessons and recipes at Cooking With Kids. The site also includes measurement reminders, safety tips, and suggestions for involving kids in the cooking process.
- * Cool down by making Ice Cream in a Bag. The simple technique produces delicious ice cream in about 5 minutes. What ice cream varieties will you and your child create?
- * Help your child make a set of tangrams with instructions found at the Math Forum's Constructing Your Own Set of Tangrams. Trace the designs on a piece of paper, mix up the tangram pieces, and use them to create jigsaw puzzles.

I wish you a pleasant, restful summer and see you in the fall.

Mr. Pidgeon

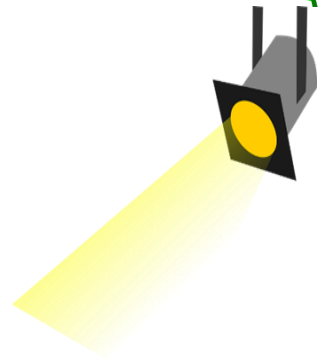


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EG Spotlight



Name: Rich Kotchessa

Years at Western Wayne: I have been working for Western Wayne for 7 1/2 years

What I enjoy about EverGreen Elementary: Everyone is always very accommodating.

Favorite:

Color—Red

Ice Cream—Chocolate

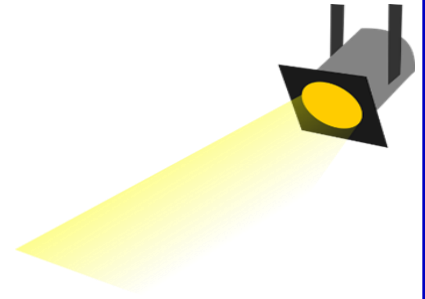
Place to visit—Lancaster, PA

When I'm not working at the school, I can be found in my garage working on old farm tractors.





EG Spotlight



Name: Elizabeth Bellush-Moore

Educational Path/College(s): Bachelor's in Elementary/Special Education from Elizabethtown College, Masters in Autism: Curriculum and Instruction from University of Massachusetts Lowell

Years in Education: 14

Why I joined the educational field: I got into Special Education because I enjoy making connections with students and ensuring that every student has an opportunity to be successful and LOVE school!

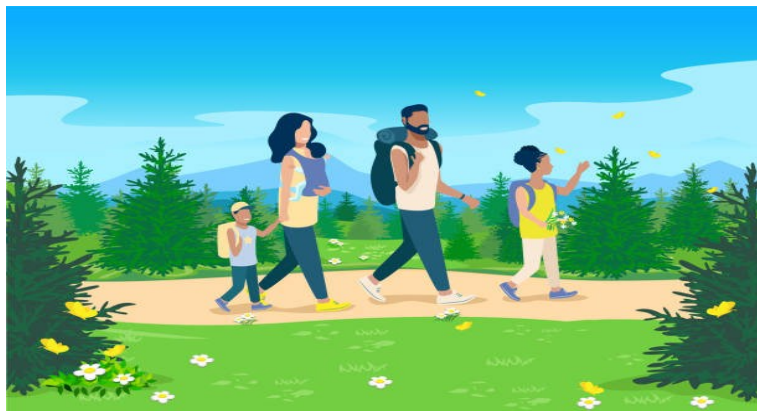
Favorite:

Ice Cream: Chocolate Peanut Butter

Sport(s)/team(s): New York Giants

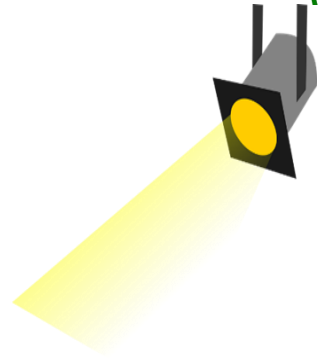
Place to visit: I love to go to the Jersey Shore with my family!

Interesting fact: I enjoy spending time outdoors. I like to explore the outdoors and hike with my family.





EG Spotlight



Robyn Woehrle

Years working at Western Wayne:

6 months, I started working October 2024

What I enjoy about EverGreen Elementary:

What I enjoy about working at EverGreen Elementary is getting to be a part in helping both faculty and students in their daily endeavors. From working with students to laminating artwork, I love it all. The continuous support and kindness from all the staff encourages me to do the best I can. It's a community within these walls, a great one, and it makes coming to work every day easy and enjoyable.

Favorite:

Food:

Pizza and grilled cheese

Sports Team:

Pittsburgh Steelers

Place to visit:

Ocean City Maryland for my family's annual vacation



Interesting fact about myself:

One interesting fact about myself is that I actually love to bake and decorate cakes/cupcakes. I've made all my children's birthday cakes/cupcakes, no matter what theme they choose. I even have gotten to make my nephew's cakes/cupcakes for his birthday every year. I love the challenge of making their favorite things into cakes. Monster trucks, baseball themed, Marvel characters, I'll make anything into a cake. I just love it!





ES

Can you believe we are in the last full month of school? Where has the time gone?

We are so proud of all your children. They have worked so hard all year. They have made so much progress.

We hope that your children have a wonderful summer break. They have all earned it.



Pre-K

The Pre-Kindergarten reading theme this month is “Moving On”. The students will listen to stories about growing up. They will learn how to get ready to go to new places and how to feel comfortable trying new things in preparation for Kindergarten. They will also complete the final pages for their alphabet binders. The alphabet binders are a resource to keep at home to practice identifying the letters and producing the sounds they represent.

In math, the students will continue solving addition and subtraction story problems using objects and drawings. They will also be learning about patterns. They will learn to identify, duplicate and extend patterns of different types as well as continuing to print numerals to 10 and identify numerals to twenty.

Pre-Kindergarten will be observing their marigold plants for buds. They planted seeds in March and have been watching their growth. These plants will go home in the middle of May.

The students will learn about bus safety to get ready to ride the big bus to school next year. They will have an opportunity to go inside a real school bus to practice sitting correctly in the seats, and to enter and exit it safely. We will also be learning about summer safety and rules like drinking water to stay hydrated when it's hot, wearing a helmet when riding a bike or scooter, wearing sunscreen and swimming only when an adult is supervising.

Pre-Kindergarten is looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year with our Teddy Bear Picnic!



Kindergarten

It's hard to believe the end of the school year is almost here. As we reflect back on our year we are so proud of the progress the kindergarteners have shown. Now they are anxious for some summertime fun!

Our last reading theme was about always doing our best. We read stories and discussed ways we can do our best in all we do. The students enjoyed listening to two more fun stories— Curious George Makes Pancakes by Margaret and H.A. Rey and Kittens First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes.

In math, we are practicing addition and subtraction skills. Recognizing numbers from One to 100. We are also exploring 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. Please remember to practice these skills over the summer with your child.

As summer approaches, please remember to continue reading with your child and practicing the sight words on the back of the homework folder daily.

Have a safe a fun-filled summer!



1st Grade

As the end of the school year approaches, there are many things that are going on in first grade. We are continuing to read our reading book. In this book, we will learn new vocabulary, as well as new sight words. Please continue to work on your child's sight words every night. This is very important to their reading success.

In math, we are continuing to practice counting money, tally marks, place value, time to the hour and half hour, and adding two-digit numbers. Please keep reviewing these skills with your child at home.

Thanks for keeping up with the nightly reading. It really does make a difference.

Tally	Frequency
II	2
IIII III	8
IIII III I	11



2nd Grade

Second Graders have been working hard on improving their fluency when reading non fiction and fiction text. The students have been reading such wonderful stories, such as The Mysterious Tadpole, Yeh Shen, and Two of Everything. They have been comparing and contrasting, identifying characters and settings within stories, as well as using their imagination to make predictions throughout their reading. We have seen the students grow tremendously in their reading skills and strategies.

Many children have also been practicing their multiplication facts, which will be developed upon in 3rd grade. Also, the children have been counting money and telling time to the nearest five minutes which are essential in their future. Please continue to provide 'math' opportunities during the summer, such as counting out change or keeping a time log.

The second graders are also very excited to attend their class field trip to the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour at the end of may. Students will get to learn about the coal mines and be enriched about all the history from the Scranton area. Students then will get to enjoy their lunch at McDade Park.

The second grade teachers would like to thank all the families who helped make this school year a success! Your cooperation and support has been greatly appreciated. The children worked very hard this year and will be missed. Have a safe and restful summer! Good luck in 3rd grade!

3rd Grade

It is about that time that our extraordinary year is coming to an end. We cannot believe that our third grade students are talking the journey to the upstairs where they will be astonishing fourth grade students. However, we do believe that they will continue to impress us with their remarkable achievements and outstanding skills. We are so proud of the way that they persevere through all academic endeavors regardless of the challenges they face.

We are exceptionally proud of our magnificent third graders for working tremendously hard to prepare for the English Language Arts and Mathematics PSSAs. We would also like to recognize the families of these incredible students for supporting them and being so understanding throughout the year.

Our final reading unit is "Mark Your Mark". In this reading unit, students will discover a world of achievers. They will read about a runner who crossed America in a 1,928 foot race and a mountain climber who relies on his sense of touch. Student may also become inspired when reading about a neighborhood that comes together to save a dog. There are many great stories that will interest all readers.

We are currently working on some math skills that will help us when we head upstairs and are fourth graders. A few examples are 2-digit multiplication, long division, and lines of symmetry. The students love knowing they are getting the upper hand and learning higher level skills.

People around the world find different ways to celebrate their culture and history. Social Studies allows us to learn about these special days and special people. We are also learning about important dates and how we celebrate America.

As always, our students continue to concentrate on reading fluency practice. Please make sure your child is reading 15 to 30 minutes daily to ensure they are making gains. Reading a story out loud with your child is a great way to spend quality time and help them accomplish their goal at the same time. You could also make it a timed game to see who could read the most words in a minute.

Thank you for setting high expectations for your child when it comes to doing his or her best. Your support and encouragement are instrumental in your child's success.

Since our third graders work so hard all year long, we have arranged a few action-packed end of year activities. We couldn't ask for a better ending to our year!

Enjoy the summer and good luck in 4th grade!



4th Grade

Fourth grade reviewed and prepared for the Pennsylvania Systems of School Assessments, also known as the PSSA's. Item samplers and released items assisted the student in doing so. Using their Journeys Reading Series, they experienced rigorous grammar, decoding, comprehension, and vocabulary lessons. Students worked extremely hard on these state assessments, and we are looking forward to seeing their growth in the upcoming school year.

In mathematics, Topic 12 focused on developing an understanding of decimals and decimal notation by connecting fractions and decimals. Your child worked with and compared decimals through the hundredths place (0.00). The understanding of equivalent fractions was used to add a fraction with a denominator of 10 and a fraction with a denominator of 100.

The students extended their essay writing to include different text structures. They wrote descriptive and sequential five paragraph essays. Students also wrote Text Dependent Analysis (TDA) using evidence from both fiction and nonfiction passages. Sometimes students compare two passages to write about a common theme.

We will be traveling to Varden for a Science Day. Time and date to be announced! During the trip, students will learn about topics such as: biological parameters in the pond, chemical parameters in the stream, fishing practice and ethics, trout unlimited talk, and much more! Students should be prepared by bringing the following: a water bottle, a drawstring backpack, a bagged lunch (if bringing their own with all throw away items inside), bug spray and sunscreen. They should consider wearing long sleeves, pants, sneakers, or boots, and a hat. We ask that you reinforce the pride expectations of being prepared, respectful, showing integrity, and extraordinary representation during the trip. Please review the "PRIDE" expectations with your child at home, while the fourth-grade teachers continue to do so, every day!

We wish all students and their families a happy, safe and healthy summer break. Please encourage your child to read, write, and review math facts. It has been a pleasure working with your children in fourth grade. As always, thanks for your support and dedication to your child's education!

5th Grade

It's hard to believe our year is coming to an end. 5th grade has worked extremely hard this year and we are very proud of their accomplishments. It is always bittersweet saying goodbye, as we know we will not see those smiling faces next year, but we know the students are ready for the next chapter in their lives-middle school! We want to thank all the parents for their help and support in making their child's education a success.

"Great Expectations"

*It's time to say, "Good-bye."
Our year has come to an end.
I've made more cherished memories
And many more new friends
I've watched your children learn and grow
And change from day to day.
I hope that all the things we've done
Have helped in some small way.
So it's with happy memories
I send them out the door,
With great hope and expectations
For what next year hold in store.*

By Maria Cuellar-Munson

We wish each of you a wonderful summer vacation!

The Fifth Grade Teachers

Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Rosenkrans and Mrs. Swartz

Title I

Thank you to everyone who attended the Title 1 Awards Night at the Robert D. Wilson School on Friday, April 25th! We would like to sincerely thank all of our Title 1 families for practicing sight words and listening to your child read a story each night. All of those minutes add up to substantial reading time! Research has shown that reading 20 minutes a day exposes children to 1.8 million words per year!

In an age when information and entertainment are almost immediately accessible, it is easy to forget that certain items cannot be copied without permission. Copying something that has been created and owned by a certain individual or company is known as copyright piracy. Copyright piracy can include several things, such as copying or downloading books, movies, computer or video games without permission from the item's creator. Often times, copyright piracy is illegal. As our children grow up in a world with so much information at their fingertips, it's important to teach them to always check to make sure that it is permissible to copy or download items.

It is hard to believe, but summer vacation is fast approaching! Although it is time for a break from the daily school routine, we strongly urge you not to take a break from reading. The old saying, "If you don't use it, you lose it," is very true, especially for children who haven't mastered reading. If children don't practice reading over the summer, they often start out the next school year further behind in their reading than when they left in June. Please read EVERY DAY! Please contact the local library for a schedule of summer hours and activities. Enjoy the warm summer days with a great book!



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Early Intervention	16
Pre-Kindergarten	54
Kindergarten	81
First Grade	69
Second Grade	78
Third Grade	80
Fourth Grade	63
Fifth Grade	<u>97</u>
	538
Outside Placement	<u>+ 2</u>
Total	540