



Western Wayne School District EverGreen Elementary

Principal's Report — May/June 2026



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 explain Memorial Day 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

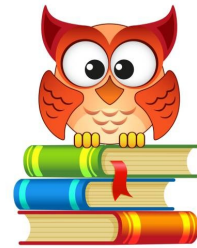


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Spotlight



Lisa Stachnik

I'm with the Western Wayne School District about 22 years

Working at Evergreen gives me great pleasure work with a terrific staff and interaction with the children on a daily basis (they make me laugh even when I'm in a bad mood) Haha!

Favorite movie: Sweet Home Alabama

Favorite Ice Cream: Butter Pecan

Favorite music: 70's 80's for sure

Interesting Fact: I Love spending time with my husband and my two sons. I also like to read and play a few video games.



SWEET HOME
ALABAMA





Spotlight



Donna Visceglia

I have worked for Western Wayne School District for 3 years now. I started in the middle school and high school.

Favorite movie: My Girl

Favorite Ice Cream: Rocky Road

Favorite place to visit: Maine

Interesting Fact: I enjoy the teachers, staff, and students here at Evergreen Elementary.
Interesting fact about me I can play piano.





ES

We are almost there! It's been a long, challenging but rewarding year. The students have made so much progress, and we could not be prouder! It has been so nice to see their growth since the beginning of the school year. We hope everyone has a peaceful, restful summer!



Summer

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, swimming only when an adult is supervising and wearing sunscreen.

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!

The kindergarteners continue to make strong progress in their reading skills and improve each day. They are developing confidence in segmenting and blending letter sounds, as well as identifying beginning, middle, and ending sounds in CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Students are also learning to read words with both open and closed syllables. They are practicing reading and writing words that include digraphs and blends. Please continue reading with your child each day to support their ongoing growth.

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.





1st Grade

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, our first graders are blooming just like the spring flowers. May is a pivotal month where we solidify the foundational skills built throughout the year to ensure every student is "Second Grade Ready."

Our young mathematicians are currently tackling some of the most practical and exciting concepts in the curriculum. We are focusing on real-world applications of math to help students see the "why" behind the numbers. 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.

Your children are well on their way to becoming wonderful readers! To keep that spark alive, please continue to read with your children over the summer. Whether it's a bedtime story, a comic book, or instructions for a summer craft, the more they read, the more success they will achieve. Books are doors to new worlds—let's keep those doors open all summer long!

♥ A Heartfelt Thank You

As the saying goes, it takes a village, and our village is truly exceptional. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our parents, staff, and PTA. We appreciate everything you do—not only on "special" appreciation days but throughout the entire school year. Your dedication to our students' growth, your volunteer hours, and your constant support of our teachers create the nurturing environment our first graders need to thrive. We couldn't do this without you.

We hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer!



2nd Grade



Second Grades have been working hard on improving their fluency when reading non-fiction and fiction text. Children are learning about different habitats where animals live. These habitats include hot deserts, warm rainforests, and underwater habitats. Students will be reading a variety of texts and will work collaboratively with each other to explore conditions in different habitats and that different animals have to survive different conditions.

Many children have also been practicing their multiplication facts, which will be developed 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 in May. Students will learn about the coal mines and be enriched about all the history of the Scranton Area. Students will 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 have 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



As we put our state testing behind us, we find ourselves back to business as usual. The only exception is we are excited and anticipating some special events which mark our end of the school year calendar, such as Field Day and our annual Field Trip!

Our final reading module is "From Farm to Table." In this module, students will listen to, read, and view a variety of texts and media that present information about where our food comes from. As students build their vocabulary and synthesize topic knowledge, they will learn that food's journey to our table often begins on a farm. A genre focus on informational text provides students with opportunities to identify text structure, central idea, and text

and graphic features in order to better understand unfamiliar

texts and the topic. How appropriate as we prepare for the summer growing season!

We are currently working on math skills and concepts that will help to ease our third graders' transition to fourth grade. A few examples are 2-digit multiplication with regrouping, decimals, and long division. The students are motivated with the prospect of getting the upper hand with the advance preparation.

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.

Thank you for setting high expectations for your child when it comes to doing his or her personal best. Your support and encouragement have been instrumental in your child's success. Don't let those skills lay idle all summer. Make memories as you provide meaningful ways to revisit previously acquired skills. Challenge yourself to be subtle and they won't even recognize what you are up to!

Thank you for sharing your children with us as our companions in learning this school year. Have a safe, fun-filled summer. Our best to our future fourth graders!

4th Grade

The fourth graders are enjoying the beautiful spring weather and anticipating all of the fun end-of-year activities to come.

We are beginning our final reading theme called “Tricksters and Tall Tales”. In this theme we will read about larger-than-life characters and wild events. We will discover how the author’s use of figurative language gives these stories meaning and excitement!

The 4th quarter Science unit on “Energy” will introduce the students to the basics of mechanical energy. Through experimentation, the students will investigate potential and kinetic energy using an inclined plane and marbles.

In math, we still have lots to learn before the students get ready to move on to fifth grade. In May we will be working with decimals, measurement, algebra and patterns, and concepts of geometry.

In May we will be beginning our writing unit on “Fantasy Writing”. Following a specific format, students will create characters that go on fantastic journeys to lands where magical creatures come to life!!



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 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 holds in store.

by Maria Cuellar-Munson



We wish each of you a wonderful summer vacation!

The Fifth Grade Teachers: Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Callejas, Mrs. Rosenkrans, and Mrs. Swartz

Title I

Thank you to everyone who attended the Title I Awards Night at the EverGreen Elementary School on Friday, April 24th! We would like to sincerely thank all of our Title I 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 is 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 have not mastered reading. If children do not 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!



Hello
Summer



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Early Intervention	12
Pre-Kindergarten	48
Kindergarten	66
First Grade	88
Second Grade	70
Third Grade	77
Fourth Grade	74
Fifth Grade	<u>67</u>
	502
Outside Placement	<u>+ 5</u>
Total	507