



Robert D. Wilson Elementary

 Western Wayne School District



EXPECTATIONS

- * Second grade students are expected to start the year with their addition math facts mastered.
- * Third grade students are expected to start the year with their addition and subtraction math facts mastered.
- * Fourth grade students are expected to master their multiplication facts by day 90!

Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-kindergarten students have had a successful school year. They all made wonderful progress and grew in so many ways.

Over the summer months, it is essential to review what your children have mastered. Read daily and discuss what happened in the stories. Practice letter and numeral recognition.

Practice asking and answering questions and talking in sentences. Discuss every day activities and common household routines to enhance your children's vocabulary. Count, sing, rhyme, play and enjoy a walk with your children.

Most of all, "be safe" – on bicycles, near the water, on vacation.



"Happiness is a summer breeze, sand between your toes, and your best friend by your side."

Kindergarten

What a fantastic year it has been! It has been so rewarding to watch the children grow and learn. They have worked very hard. The students are proud of their accomplishments.

Please help them keep their skills sharp over the summer so they will be confident to start first grade. Each student will receive a summer fun folder with different types of activities to practice skills they developed.

On rainy days the folder will provide practice and fun.



In summer, the song sings itself.
-- William Carlos Williams





First Grade

The students are moving to second grade with the fundamental skills to be successful next year. This summer, please reinforce the skills your child has developed throughout the school year.

It is important that students remember their addition facts. Second grade work begins with an ex-

pectation that students have mastered these facts.

Remember to read every chance you get. The more you read the better you get with sounding out words, learning the meaning of new words and learning about people, places and things both real and imaginary. Take a moment to ask your

child the who, what, where, when, and why of a story.

Thank you for your assistance this school year. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

Henry David Thoreau



Second Grade

School will soon come to an end, but the opportunities for learning and growing never end. Summer is a great time to use many of the skills learned this year and keep them sharp for third grade.

Summer reading is fun and relaxing because the choice of reading material can be left up to the child. Books, magazines, cartoons, recipes, games, anything with words that interests your child makes reading an enjoyable summer pastime. Honesdale, Hamlin and Carbondale have public libraries with a wide variety of books so that children can choose favorite characters and authors or try out some new ones. Ask about summer reading clubs too!

The First in Math personalized computer website remains operational after school closes. You can log on from any computer that

has internet access. Just enter your user name and password and choose from the many games on the site. Take advantage of the slower pace of the summer to involve your child in daily applications of math such as telling time, measurement and counting money.

Look for other opportunities in your daily routine to encourage language and creative thinking. Talk about what you see outside—the weather, things growing around your yard, places you visit. Third grade students are curious folks and developing a wider interest in things around them. You can foster this curiosity by joining in conversations with your child and taking time to listen to their thoughts on what's around us. Children find it so easy to enjoy summer—be sure to enjoy it with them!

Third Grade

We've accomplished so much this school year...but we still have quite a bit of work left to do! As summer quickly approaches we would like our third grade students to remember to finish the school year off strong and carry those skills they have learned in third grade with them to fourth grade.

Research shows children lose one to three months of learning every summer. They lose math and reading skills they worked hard to acquire during the school year. Then they have to work even harder to catch up in the fall. You can help prevent this summer learning loss.

We are asking that our students **stay motivated to read** throughout the summer months. Taking trips to the local library can be a perfect way to beat the summer heat. Take a chapter book on a long car ride, and keep a book handy for those rainy summer days. Encourage reading books they normally wouldn't choose. It can be fun to read outside of our comfort zone. Non-fiction magazines, biographies, and poetry are also excellent reading choices for the summer.

Students should also remember to **study math facts** throughout the summer. All students should be practicing their multiplication facts.

The goal is for everyone to have their multiplication facts memorized for fourth grade. Rocket math begins with multiplication in fourth grade. Make a set of multiplication flash cards to keep handy to study throughout the summer. Practicing flash cards can also be a great way to pass time on rainy days or long car rides.

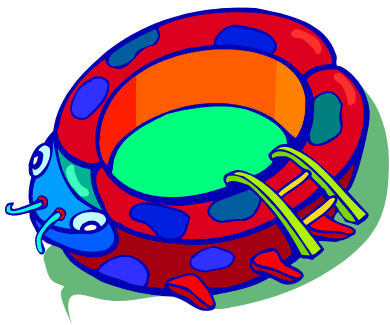
Last we ask that our students continue to **practice cursive handwriting**. When students enter fourth grade they will begin writing in cursive on day one. Write in a daily journal or creatively write stories that can be shared at dinner time.



Early Intervention

How to Help Your Child Develop Language and Literacy Skills

Remember, children learn by repetition in a supportive environment. Slowly try to incorporate these activities into your daily routine. Your effort and hard work will pay off. You are your child's best teacher!



At the Grocery Store:

- Encourage children to identify objects
- Use coupons and help them identify the picture and/or the word
- Point out letters and the sounds they make; practice their sounds
- Attach names and descriptions to as much as possible (leafy lettuce, big box of cereal)
- Count objects as you put them into the cart or a bag (1,2,3,4 red apples)
- Give the children the grocery list and have them cross off the items as you find them in the store
- Have the children tell you what is next on the list

While in the car or on a walk:

- Pick items to name (i.e. car, bus, flower, tree)
- Add descriptive words to the objects (big yellow bus, small green tree)
- Count the number of things you see (I see 1,2,3,4,5 flowers)
- Point out letters and numbers on signs and/or billboards
- Point out the letters & numbers on license plates
- Sing songs
- Talk about where you are going and what you are going to see



I always have the most fun on the Fourth of July. You don't have to exchange any gifts. You just go to the beach and watch fireworks. It's always fun.
James Lafferty

Autistic Support

We are all looking forward to our summer vacation and having a bit of time off to relax and enjoy the summer with our friends and families! It has been such a wonderful year, and it's amazing to see how our students have grown and changed throughout the year.

Some students will soon be off to summer camps and summer school, while others will be vacationing and enjoying different activities. We are all so proud of the progress that our students

have made throughout the year, and they have all worked very hard to learn new concepts and skills. To help maintain the skills that they have learned, there are many things that parents can do during the summer months.

Read a story to your children and ask them questions about the story as you read. Have your children count different objects around the house, or have a shapes scavenger hunt outside. When you go the store, see if they can identify the price of an item and identify the different coins and

their value. Most importantly, have them play and interact with other kids. The social skills that they will learn through playing games and participating in activities are such important skills to learn, and it is something that they will carry with them for a very long time. We hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!



"Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

- Henry James



Fourth Grade

The school year is almost over, and it has been a great one. The students have learned to multiply and divide 2 and 3-digit numbers. The students have learned a lot of math terms and skills in such areas as geometry, algebra and computation. They have read a number of great stories and have become better readers, not only reading with better fluency, but better able to use different strategies to understand what is read. We've had fun at Discovery Day with the Time Bandits and are looking forward to Field Day on June 10. We especially enjoyed our field trip to the Roebling Bridge at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The fourth grade team hopes that your family has a great summer vacation. Please remember to take time to read with your children and talk about what was read. Continue to encourage them to read a variety of genre like nonfiction and fantasy. Whenever possible, challenge your children to explore the world around them both scientifically and mathematically. They can always use practice counting change, figuring how long it will be until a special event happens, and writing about the "big event" of summer.

Fifth Grade

The month of June is going to be a very exciting month for the fifth grade students. The fifth grade girls and boys will be taking a trip to Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg New York, travelling to our middle school for a guided tour of the building, competing in various events on field day, and then finally culminating their days here at RDW with a "moving up" ceremony. Information about all these events will be sent home with your child, please remember to continue to check their folders. We have a lot of learning left to do!

