

# Prairie View Elementary Paw Print

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## Message from the Principal: Mark Weerts

### Welcome to Prairie View!!!

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome your child(ren) to our school! This year, Prairie View returns to its' original design of an Elementary grades 3-5. While we will miss greeting our second graders we know they will be enjoying their new experience at Little Prairie Primary. For all families, our monthly newsletter is a great forum to share upcoming events and features of our school. Please make sure you take a few moments to check it out. Typically, the newsletter arrives the first day of every month.

I am very excited and proud to highlight several new features of our school:

- Redesigned double classrooms in grade level wings. This extra space will allow teachers to expand their teaching practices, offer an on-going science lab experience and support project-based learning activities.
- YMCA partnership! Prairie View is hosting on-site before/after school care for students in grades kgn-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Expanded after school options to include Spanish, Lego club, coding, chess and young actors/actresses.
- New and exciting Smart Lab learning launchers!
- Updated Literacy and Science curriculum. Teams of teachers have been working to define best practices, implement quality resources related to Language Arts, and promote Next Generation Science standards.
- State of Wisconsin recognition for our positive behavioral approaches and outcomes.
- AND last but not least, the return of our playground area. Perhaps, this last item is the most important to your child. As of the date of this message, I would like to update you on our playground status:
  - \* *Good News*—Beautiful sodded grass area. Basketball hoops are up. Four-square lines are drawn. Woodchips are down and the playground base is in place.
  - \* *News that requires patience*—While the grass is in place, we need time for the roots to take hold. It would not be fiscally responsible to allow 300+ students to run around on fresh sod. The playground equipment will be returning very soon. The Elementary PTO, playground Equipment Company, and myself have discussed a plan that would incorporate new equipment along with previous play structures.

## Prairie View Elementary

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As your Principal, I am always open to feedback and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to email or call me with good ideas that could benefit your son or daughter. I am confident that our Prairie View staff and students will have a great experience in the 2017-18 school year!



# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NEW SCHOOL HOURS</b> 1st BELL 7:45 TARDY BELL 7:50 DISMISSAL 3:00					1	2
3	4		6	7	8	9
10	11	12	 <b>PTO MEETING</b> 6:30 pm @ L.P.	14	15	16
17	18	<b>EARLY RELEASE</b> 11:25 <b>DISMISSAL</b>	20	 <b>PICTURE RETAKES</b>		23
24	25	26	 <b>TURN IN 3rd QUARTER PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS</b>	28	29	30

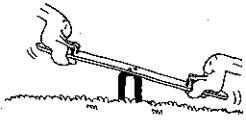
**EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 2017 ELEMENTARY LUNCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Welcome Back!	<p>Fill your tray with fruits and veggies!</p> <p>You may choose one entrée, 2 fruits, 2 veggies and a milk every day! Must choose at least one fruit or veggie.</p>		<p>2017-2018 Prices</p> <p>Paid.....\$2.70 Reduced....\$.40 Ala Carte Milk..\$.40 Adult....\$3.50</p> <p>Milk is served with meals!</p>	<p>1</p> <p>PBJ is served on Mondays and comes with string cheese &amp; animal crackers. Add fruit or vegetable to Make It A Meal!</p>
4  No School-Labor Day	<p>5</p> <p>Chicken Quesadilla Turkey/Cheese Sub</p> <p>Refried Beans Crispy Cucumbers Banana Berry Medley Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets w/Whole Grain Roll Ham/Cheese Wrap</p> <p>Salad Greens Steamed Peas Fresh Fruit Peaches Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pizza Dippers w/Marinara Chef Salad w/Bread</p> <p>Celery Sticks Golden Corn Banana Pears Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait/Pretzel Salad Greens Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Strawberries Ice Cream Cup Milk</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Cheeseburger on a Bun PBJ</p> <p>Garden Green Beans Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail Fresh Apple Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Beefy Nachos w/Mexican Rice Hero Sub</p> <p>Refried Beans Crispy Cucumbers Banana Berry Medley Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mac &amp; Cheese w/Bread Classic Club Wrap</p> <p>Salad Greens Steamed Peas Fresh Fruit Peaches Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>French Toast Sticks w/Sausage/Syrup Chef Salad w/Bread Tator Tots Celery Sticks Golden Corn Banana Pears Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait/Pretzel Salad Greens Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Strawberries Ice Cream Cup Milk</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun PBJ</p> <p>Baked Beans Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail Fresh Apple Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>No Lunch Today Early Release</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Turkey/Cheese Wrap</p> <p>Salad Greens Steamed Peas Fresh Fruit Peaches Snickerdoodle Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Chicken Rings Chef Salad w/Bread</p> <p>Celery Sticks Tator Tots Golden Corn Banana Pears Milk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait/Pretzel Salad Greens Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Strawberries Ice Cream Cup Milk</p>
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## SHORT NOTES

### Excellent attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

### Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a box with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I learned to add fractions") on a slip of paper and put it in the box. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

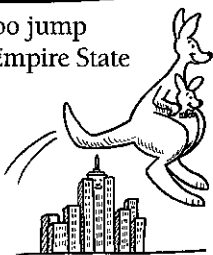
### Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"  
Mark Twain

## JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

**A:** Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!



## Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversations starters that will help you stay involved.

### "Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

### "Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

### "Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

### "Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might hunt for



shapes together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals. ♥

## After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

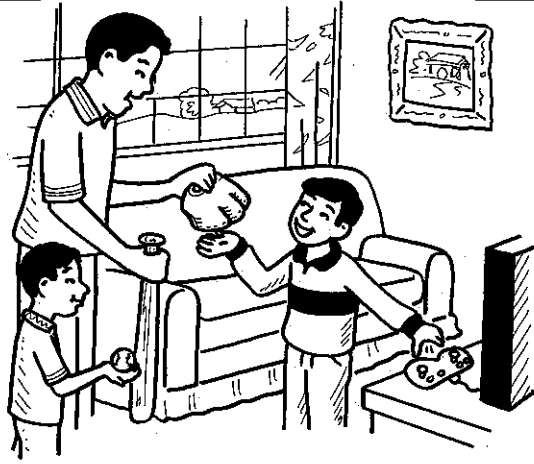
- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?" ♥



# What does respect look like?

Your youngster's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn about respect.

**Respectful replies.** Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

**Everyday acts.** When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

## A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like [kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)).



- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.

- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.♥



## Q & A

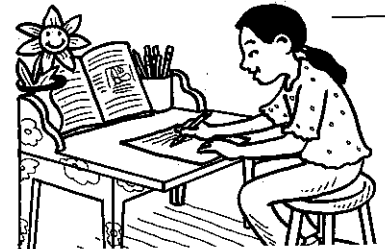
### Strong study habits

**Q:** My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

**A:** Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also, have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test.

Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close his eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve 3 x 3. Or she might find it helpful to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.♥



## PARENT TO PARENT

### Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking to buy things like dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my

subway fare, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why.♥



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To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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