

Prairie View Elementary Paw Print Panther Press

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Message from the Principal: Mark Weerts



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Homework !?!

Depending on your own personal story and background, the word “homework” can evoke a variety of reactions. For instance, some view it as extra practice, others perceive it as the nightly battle between September and May. Personally, I remember in third grade having to practice my math flash cards every night. Then, if I did not pass the test, I would have to stay in at recess until the skill was mastered. My takeaway from that experience is that I learned to dislike math and my third-grade teacher.

At our most recent student-parent-teacher conferences, several families also wondered about our school’s practices and philosophies related to homework. The positives are that homework can reinforce what’s being taught in the classroom. It also enables parents to actively engage in their child’s education.

At Prairie View we believe that homework should be:

- Completed as independent practice. We are not expecting parents to pass 5th grade again. This means it is the student’s work, not the parent’s work.
- The homework assigned should be relevant to our curriculum, not busy work.
- Homework is practice, thus, not graded.
- Incomplete homework should not equate to a loss of recess. Our teachers frequently provide students time in their class to complete work with guided assistance and feedback. If a student is not using their time wisely, or fails to complete their work, that student may be inside during a portion of their recess to reconnect with the teacher in order to catch up.

Prairie View students DO have homework. On a nightly basis, we encourage and expect students to read 20-30 minutes. The research is clear, students with strong reading and writing skills are likely to be successful in the college and career-ready world. Additionally, grade levels also have student expectations related to weekly math homework and math fact practice.

If you have questions or concerns about homework practices at Prairie View, I encourage you to contact me. I am always interested in feedback and different perspectives.

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	1 <i>No School</i>	2	3	4	5	6
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EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 APRIL 2024 PV BREAKFAST

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1
NO SCHOOL


2
 Apple Cinnamon Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Double Chocolate Oat Bar
 Apple Juice
 Applesauce
 Milk

3
 Mini French Toast
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Double Chocolate Oat Bar
 Fruit Punch
 Apples
 Milk

4
 Cinnamon Pretzel Stix
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Double Chocolate Oat Bar
 Apple Cherry Juice
 Pears
 Milk

5
 Mini Cinnis
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Double Chocolate Oat Bar
 Orange Juice
 Craisins
 Milk

8
 Donut
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Chocolate Chip Bar
 Orange Juice
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

9
 Blueberry Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Chocolate Chip Bar
 Apple Juice
 Applesauce
 Milk

10
 Mini Pancakes
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Chocolate Chip Bar
 Fruit Punch
 Apples
 Milk

11
 Apple Frudel
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Chocolate Chip Bar
 Apple Cherry Juice
 Pears
 Milk

12
 Double Chocolate Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Chocolate Chip Bar
 Orange Juice
 Craisins
 Milk

15
 Donut
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Cinnamon Pop Tart
 Orange Juice
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

16
 Blueberry Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Cinnamon Pop Tart
 Apple Juice
 Applesauce
 Milk

17
 Mini French Toast
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Cinnamon Pop Tart
 Fruit Punch
 Apples
 Milk

18
 Apple Frudel
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Cinnamon Pop Tart
 Apple Cherry Juice
 Pears
 Milk

19
 Double Chocolate Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Cinnamon Pop Tart
 Orange Juice
 Craisins
 Milk

22
 Donut
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Strawberry Pop Tart
 Orange Juice
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

23
 Apple Cinnamon Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Strawberry Pop Tart
 Apple Juice
 Applesauce
 Milk

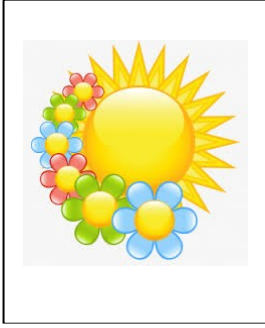
24
 Mini Pancakes
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Strawberry Pop Tart
 Fruit Punch
 Apples
 Milk

25
 Cinnamon Pretzel Stix
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Strawberry Pop Tart
 Apple Cherry Juice
 Pears
 Milk

26
 Mini Cinnis
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Strawberry Pop Tart
 Orange Juice
 Craisins
 Milk

29
 Donut
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Banana Chocolate Chunk Bar
 Orange Juice
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

30
 Blueberry Muffin
 Assorted Bagels
 Cereal
 Banana Chocolate Chunk Bar
 Apple Juice
 Applesauce
 Milk



2023-2024 Prices
 Breakfast \$1.65
 Reduced \$.00
 Ala Carte Milk \$.40



EAST TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 2024 ELEMENTARY LUNCH

MONDAY

1
NO SCHOOL



TUESDAY

2
Nachos*
Turkey/Cheese Sub
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans
Cucumbers
Bananas
Berry Medley
Milk

WEDNESDAY

3
Chicken Pot Pie
All American*
Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Strawberry Cups
Milk

THURSDAY

4
Pancakes/Sausage
Yogurt/Muffin
Corn
Tri-Taters
Celery Sticks
Bananas
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

FRIDAY

5
Cheese Pizza
Strawberry
Parfait/Pretzels
Mixed Green Salad
Veggie Medley
Peaches
Fresh Apples
Ice Cream
Milk

8
Chicken
Smackers/Roll
Orange
Parfait/Pretzels
Baked Beans
Carrots
Applesauce
Grapes
Milk

9
Chicken Quesadilla
All American* Sub
Mexican Rice
Fiesta Beans
Cucumbers
Bananas
Berry Medley
Milk

10
Pizza
Dippers/Sauce
Turkey BLT Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Strawberry Cups
Milk

11
Mac-N-Cheese/Roll
Chef Salad*/Roll
Corn
Bell Peppers
Bananas
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

12
Homemade Pepperoni
Pizza*
Banana Split
Parfait/Grahams
Mixed Green Salad
Veggie Medley
Peaches
Fresh Apples
Ice Cream/Milk

15
Hamburger on a Bun
Orange
Parfait/Pretzels
Baked Beans
Carrots
Applesauce
Grapes
Milk

16
Nachos*
Turkey/Cheese Sub
Mexican Rice
Fiesta Beans
Cucumbers
Bananas
Berry Medley
Milk

17
BBQ Pork/Bun*
Ham/Cheese* Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Strawberry Cups
Milk

18
Chicken & Rice/Roll
Chef Salad*/Roll
Corn
Bell Peppers
Bananas
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

19
Cheesy Garlic
Bread/Sauce
Banana Split
Parfait/Grahams
Mixed Green Salad
Veggie Medley
Peaches
Fresh Apples
Ice Cream/Milk

22
Cheeseburger/Bun
Peach
Parfait/Pretzels
Green Beans
Carrots
Applesauce
Fruit Punch
Milk

23
Walking Tacos*
Hero* Sub
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans
Cucumbers
Bananas
Berry Medley
Milk

24
Teriyaki Meatball
Bowl
Classic Club Wrap
Mixed Green Salad
Steamed Peas
Fresh Pears
Strawberry Cups
Milk

25
Corn Dog
Chef Salad*/Roll
Corn
Tri-Taters
Celery Sticks
Bananas
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

26
Pizza Dippers/Sauce
Strawberry
Parfait/Pretzels
Mixed Green Salad
Veggie Medley
Peaches
Fresh Apples
Ice Cream
Milk

29
Chicken Patty/Bun
String Cheese
Orange
Parfait/Pretzels
Baked Beans
Carrots
Applesauce
Grapes
Milk

30
Chicken Al Pastor
Tacos
Ham/Cheese* Sub
Mexican Rice
Fiesta Beans
Cucumbers
Bananas
Berry Medley
Milk

2023-2024 Meal
Prices

Lunch \$2.80
Reduced \$.40
Adult \$4.65
Milk \$.40
Extra Entrée
\$2.75



Fill your tray with
fruits and veggies!
You may choose
one entrée, 2 fruits,
2 veggies and a milk
every day! Must
choose at least one
fruit or veggie.

*May contain pork

April 2024 LP & PV Students are Lovin' Literacy @ Home!

Goal for Early Childhood-5th Grade: Read or be read to for **20 minutes or more** each day!

Reading just 20 minutes a day with your child will expose them to over 1.8 million new words a year. (Book-It Newsletter, 2016)



Special Note! Tracking reading minutes through goal setting can be good for some but for others, it might feel like once the timer is up, our kids will just stop reading, mid-sentence. If that is the case, instead of reading by minutes, try to suggest reading to certain pages or chapters or (with younger children) a number of books (equalling 20+ minutes). The goal is to develop healthy reading habits, rather than to countdown from a timer. Please encourage reading however it works best for your child/family!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Weekly Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters
28	29	30					I read _____ (circle one) Minutes Pages Chapters

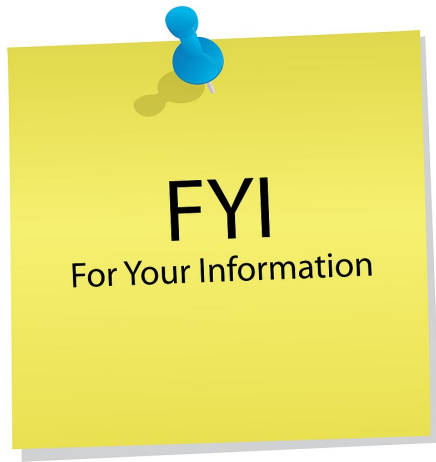
Parents/Guardians of **EARLY READERS**: Students can read one of three ways:
1) Read the words
2) Read the pictures
3) Retell the story.

Your child can color the box or put on a sticker to show he/she met the goal, if that is preferred.

What are you most proud of yourself about, as a reader, this month?

(Calendars are due on the first school day of the next month.) Students will have their pictures taken and displayed. Students who turn in calendars late are not guaranteed a picture. *Pizza Hut's Book-It coupons ended in March, but it's still so important to keep reading!*

Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Parent Signature _____



Please send your child with an extra set of clothes.

These items are handy when there are spills, falls or sickness.

Thank You!

Elementary Tutoring Opportunity

If you are looking for academic support for your student, we have several staff members who are available to tutor. Please note the grades each staff member is available to service (current grade of student during the school year, or grade the student has just exited if being supported over the summer). These sessions can be very flexible to meet the needs of your student. **Please contact one of the tutors below for pricing and scheduling information.**

Heather Glass: 262-993-5636 glahea@easttroy.k12.wi.us 4K-1st grade

Ashlyn Brey: 262-359-0199 bresh@easttroy.k12.wi.us 4K-3rd grade

Tiffany Bottoni: 920-296-3632 bottif@easttroy.k12.wi.us 4K-2nd grade

Laurie Fitch: 262-441-0375 fitlau@easttroy.k12.wi.us K-3rd grade

Katie Jeske: 262-844-1675 jeskat@easttroy.k12.wi.us 1-3rd grade

Cathianne Kurtz: 262-470-0513 kurcat@easttroy.k12.wi.us 3-5th grade

Savannah Baumeister: 262-305-9402 bausav@easttroy.k12.wi.us 3-5th grade (math only)

Summer Availability Only:

Cari McBurney: 262-496-5921 mcbcar@easttroy.k12.wi.us 4K-12th grade (reading, writing, note taking)

Katie Dathe: 262-305-4697 datkat@easttroy.k12.wi.us K-8th grade (reading and writing)





Open Arms Free Clinic / Seal-A Smile program
will visit your school soon.

This is a FREE Dental Health Program
If you signed last year Consent, please **CONFIRM**
that you would like to continue with this service,
filling a new Consent Form.

If you want your child NOT be served this year
or to be a NEW participant
please refer to the **QR code**



El programa de Open Arms Free Clinic / Seal-A Smile
visitara su escuela muy pronto.
Este es un Programa Dental GRATUITO

Si firmo el año escolar anterior, por favor **CONFIRME**
que le gustaria continuar con este servicio
llenando una nueva Forma de Consentimiento.

Si usted decide que su estudiante **NO participe** este año
o es un **NUEVO participante** por favor
complete la forma de consentimiento
usando el codigo QR





Kids Who Care Month

"Wear a Hat Day" on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, 25. Students and staff may donate \$.50 (or what he/she can contribute) and gain the privilege to wear a cap or hat for the day (or \$2.00 for all four days).

Money will be donated to the East Troy Family & Community Resource Center to help support their programming. Kids will show how they care about their community.



5th Grade Parents

It's crazy to think that the end of the year is upon us. Students have finalized picking their schedules and are mastering the padlocks in guidance.

Stay tuned for information about the middle school visit!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Miss Rice with any questions or concerns regarding the middle school transition.

Guidance Lesson Themes for the Month

3rd: Growth Mindset, Circle of Control, Size of the Problem

4th: Points of View, Stereotypes, Peer Pressure

5th: SMART Goals, Diversity and Peer Pressure

Save The Date!

(Co)Operation Learn will be held the evening of **May 2nd, 2024** at Little Prairie Primary from 5:00pm-7:30pm

*Please watch for registration information to come this month. Only participants who register will be able to eat the meal provided.

*Walk-ins are welcome to come after the meal to visit the breakout rooms.

Parents United Upcoming Events (<https://parentsunitedwi.org/register-now/>)

- Understanding the Mental Health Needs of Today's Youth
[Wednesday, April 10, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 PM](#)
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Events and Festivals in Walworth County Wisconsin - goWALCO

There are many great events throughout Walworth County. From the County fair and food events to music festivals and local farmers markets!

[🔗 gowalco.com](https://gowalco.com)



Cassie Rice

Cassie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

April Wellness Wednesdays:



April 3: Cleaning @ School→Shows responsibility, reduces distractions, and improves focus

- ❑ Elementary: Take a few minutes to clean your desk/table area/locker cubby
- ❑ MS/HS: Take a few minutes to organize your emails and backpack

April 10: Cleaning @ home→Making your bed is about setting an intention everyday, is a quick daily accomplishment, and can help provide you with a better night's sleep.

- ❑ Elementary and MS/HS: Make your bed everyday before you leave for school. Report back to your teachers about this new habit that you are forming and how it feels.

April 17: Cleaning your mind/thoughts→helps to improve focus, decrease stress, and regulates emotions

- ❑ Elementary and MS/HS: Take 5-10 minutes to do the mindfulness activity below: <https://positivepsychology.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Five-Senses-Worksheet.pdf>

April 24: Cleaning your behavior→ Improves respectfulness, responsibility and safety; feels good 😊

- ❑ Elementary and MS/HS: Be aware of your personal space (especially at recess/lunch time), speak positively (compliment your peers/teachers) and show kindness (do something nice for another person); share out w/classmates



Little Prairie & Prairie View Elementaries

(CO)OPERATION LEARN



Thursday, May 2 5:00–7:30 PM

Little Prairie Primary



“Wonderful Wisconsin”



Meal



Fun hands-on
activities



Book for every
child



Free childcare

This event is FREE. All East Troy families are invited.

Meal Registration: April 2nd–18th



EAST TROY COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ART SHOW

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

5-8 PM

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

FEATURING STUDENT WORK FROM
LITTLE PRARIE, PRARIE VIEW,
ETMS + ETHS

by Evan
Rummery

YOUTH CHEER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

EAST TROY TITANS

Enrollment Opens
Saturday, March 23rd

www.etcheer.com

Ages: 3K to 8th Grade

Season Fee: (starting at) \$150

additional \$100 after 4/30

(Does not include: uniform
or other equipment)



QUESTIONS

Contact us at
titancheerandpoms@gmail.com

The East Troy School District is not affiliated nor provides
financial support for this activity.



LAKELAND
ANIMAL
SHELTER



DONATE TO HELP THE ANIMALS!

April 8th through the 19th
Prairie View Elementary School

**Organized by PV Elementary
3rd Grade K-Kids**

SHELTER NEEDS

- ✓ Dog and Cat Toys
- ✓ Receiving Blankets
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Dish Soap
- ✓ Dry Dog and Cat Food
(No Red Dyes Please)





**WE ARE
COLLECTING:
BAKED BEANS
BBQ SAUCE
KETCHUP
MAYO
MUSTARD
PICKLES**

SUMMER

BBQ FOOD DRIVE

Help families, seniors and individuals in need get ready for summer by donating things for the perfect summer BBQ to the ET Food Pantry!

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS AT
SCHOOLS APRIL 8TH-19TH!**

**SPONSORED BY THE 4TH
GRADE PRAIRIE VIEW K-KIDS**

PV 5TH GRADE K-KIDS

Earth Day



Planet VS. Plastics

WE'LL BE PLANTING
TREES AND
CLEANING UP THE
ENVIRONMENT

ETCSD
SCHOOL
GROUND