





It's Worth Reading

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<p>Important Dates January</p>	 <p>A Letter from the Principals - January 2025</p> 
<p>Jan 6 - Students Return from Winter Break</p> <p>Jan 6-17- FastBridge Winter Benchmark Testing Window</p> <p>January 15- BOE meeting at 6 pm at Admin Center -February Meal Ordering Opens today</p> <p>January 20- No school- MLK day</p> <p>January 24 - February Meal Ordering Closes</p> <p>January 27- Parent Virtual Erin's Law Presentation</p> <p>January 28- Cookies and Canvas Night (registration required)</p>	<p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>Welcome to 2025! We hope you had a wonderful winter break. We are eager to have our students back in the building every day! We look forward to new beginnings, lots of learning opportunities, and fun and laughter filling the hallways of Worth Elementary.</p> <p><u>Dress for the Weather</u></p> <p>As we are in the winter season, please send your child to school dressed for the weather. We will go outside for recess weather permitting.. It is important that students have coats, hats, and gloves to wear outside.</p> <p><u>Traffic - Arrival and Dismissal</u></p> <p>Safety is our top priority. Please use the drive lane to drop off and pick up your student(s). Be sure to pull all the way forward before your child exits the vehicle. If you choose to walk your student(s) to the door, you must park in a legal parking spot. It is unsafe to drop students off at any corner, in the middle of the street, or at the stop signs. Also, students should cross from corner to corner at the direction of the crossing guards. Please be mindful as they help ensure the safety of all our students and families.</p> <p>Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 AM. The North Entrance is for walkers. There is no parking on Oak Park next to the school during arrival and dismissal. Please be mindful of our neighbors and be sure to park in a legal spot and not in personal driveways. It is important that we are respectful of the neighbors and businesses across the street from Worth Elementary. There is no parking in the Safety Support Services Lot across the street at the north end of the building.</p> <p><u>Universal Expectations</u></p> <p>Students will review our Universal Expectations with their classroom teachers. Please remind your child(ren) about the importance of making good choices, being their best self, and following the universal expectations while at school.</p>

Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be sent home with their chargers every Friday during the winter months in the case we have inclement weather. Please be sure to remind your child to bring their device back to school the next day, charged.

Meal Ordering

If you need assistance ordering, please call the Nutrition Hotline at 708-671-3903. Information on ordering can be found on our district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

The window to order breakfast and lunch for February will open on January 15 and will close on Friday, January 24, 2025.

If you have not ordered meals for January, please be sure your child eats breakfast before school and to send your child with a lunch from home.

Curriculum

Reading: Our students and teachers have been working hard to implement our new reading curriculum, Wit and Wisdom. When you are at home reading, ask your child what is something you notice and what is something you wonder? They have been having some really rich academic conversations in their classrooms with these noticings and wonders.

SEL: Second Step Unit 2 is all about Emotion Management

Erin's Law

In compliance with **Erin's Law**, which aims to prevent child assault and abuse, Worth School District 127 has partnered with Childhood Victories to provide our student and parent presentations. All Worth School District 127 parents are invited to attend a Virtual Parent Information Night via Zoom on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm. A link to the presentations will be posted on the district website and shared via School Messenger. Childhood Victories will livestream the grade-level presentations on Friday, January 31, 2025. Students will be watching the presentation in their classroom with their teacher. Illinois law allows parents to opt their children out from participating in an Erin's Law presentation. The Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Linda Esposito, will send a parent letter, including opt-out information, on January 20, 2025. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Zoom.

Parent Communication

Please make sure you are enrolled in the district communication platform, School Messenger. We want to make sure you are getting the most up-to-date information. If you have recently changed your contact information or would like to check your current information, you may follow the instructions listed on the district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/>

Safety Measures / Sick Protocol

Please note that all students must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. This includes being fever-free (without medication) and vomit-free. **If you need to report an absence, please call the office at 708-448-2801.**

Attendance

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS
earn their degrees



WORKERS
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



It is **CRITICAL** that your child be present and on time at school **EVERY DAY!** Valuable learning time is lost when a student is absent. Please contact Mrs. D'Andrea or Mrs. Koehler if you have any questions.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Car Riders: Driving parents are encouraged to use the car lane for arrival and dismissal. Walking parents may not collect their students from the car lane. Students of all ages in all classrooms may use the car lane. Car riders enter the building from the car lane and will be dismissed into the car lane.

Students not using the car lane: can enter through the closest door and will be dismissed from different doors based on grade.

- ALL 4th/5th-grade students will be dismissed from the 4th/5th grade doors. Walkers will need to exit to 112th St.
- ALL students in Grades 1-3 will be dismissed from the **NORTH DOORS** (closest to 111th St.). Parents who wish to meet their student(s) should plan to meet them on the school's front lawn, near the grade-level signs.

- Students in the EC/PreK and Kindergarten programs or those requiring accessibility may enter / exit through the main entrance.

Parents who want to park to drop off / collect students must do so in legal parking spots. **They should never drop off or pick up students from the street**, as this jeopardizes safety and could result in a ticket.

All siblings will meet inside the school and proceed to their designated dismissal door.

Highlights from December

School Musical- Aladdin



Choir Concert





Monday Morning Meeting



Sincerely,
Elizabeth D'Andrea
Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea
Worth Elementary Principal

Alyse Koehler
Mrs. Alyse Koehler
Worth Elementary Assistant Principal

Daily Student Schedule

Grades 1-5
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten
AM: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
PM: 12:15 - 3:15 p.m

A Note About Absences...

If your child will not be at school for any reason, please call school to let us know. You can call the absentee hotline at 708-671-5859, 24 hours a day and leave a message. You can also contact our main office at 708-448-2801.

EC / PreK
AM: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
PM: 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken at 8:30 a.m. for ALL students.

We appreciate your partnership in educating students and keeping them safe!

Late Arrivals / Early Dismissals

Students who are late for school must be signed-in by school personnel.

Students leaving early from their regularly scheduled school day will need to be signed out in the office.

The designated pick-up person will need to provide a government issued ID to be scanned and returned before the school will release the student for dismissal.

Please call the office to let us know you will be picking up early.

District 127 Early Dismissal Days

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope your child's 2024/2025 school year is off to a great start. This letter is an **essential reminder** of early dismissal dates for staff Professional Development and school improvement. Please review the table below and make special note if your child is in Early Childhood, Pre-K, or Kindergarten.

- **Early Childhood** will not attend in person but will have remote instruction.
- **Pre-K** is not in session for all early dismissal dates.
- **AM and PM Kindergarten** will **alternate attending AM** in person except on December 20.
 - Kindergarten is not in session on December 20.

Date	EC	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1-5, WW/WE	WJH
Friday, September 27	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, November 1	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, December 6	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
*Friday, December 20	Remote	Not in session	NOT IN SESSION	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, February 14	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Thursday, April 17	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, May 23	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal

*Staff are dismissed after student dismissal—no Professional Development.

Please contact your child's building principal with questions or concerns regarding early dismissal dates.

Gr 4-5 doors

FINISH FLOOR PLANS



Front Lawn - Gr 1-3 Meet

Gr 1-3 Meeting Point

MAIN FLOOR PLAN



LOWER FLOOR PLAN

