



# It's Worth Reading

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## A Letter from the Principal - October 2024

Important Dates  
October/November

**Oct 9** - Meal ordering begins for November

**Oct 10** - Fastbridge & IAR test results sent home with student

**Oct 14 - No School - Columbus Day Observed**

**Oct 18** - Meal ordering due for November

**Oct 31** - Happy Halloween - Student Parade - more information to come (weather permitting)



**Nov 1** - Early Dismissal - @ 1:30 PM-

EC - Remote Learning  
Pre-K - Not in Session

Kindergarten PM- Class IN Session - 8:30 - 11:30

- **NO AM Kindergarten** -

**Nov 13**  
-End of 1st Trimester

**Nov 15**  
-Picture Retakes

Dear Worth Elementary Families,

Welcome to October! We are moving right along with our school year and learning a lot of new things.

### **Meal Ordering**

As in years past, parents and guardians must pre-order breakfasts and lunches for students in grades 1-5. If you did not place your order for September, please be sure to send your child with a lunch each day. A snack will be provided for EC, Pre-K, and Kindergarten. 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 November will open on Wednesday, October 9, and closes October 18, 2024**

### **Safety Drills**

This month we will have concluded all of our safety drills including fire, severe weather, and lockdown.

### **Curriculum**

**Reading:** Our students and teachers have been working hard implementing 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:** Wrapping up Unit 1: Mindset and goal-setting

### **Parent Communication**

We ask that all parents enroll in our district communication platform, School Messenger, as we utilize this regularly to communicate important information with parents. A flyer about School Messenger was shared with you at Open House. 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 and vomit-free.

## **Attendance**



## **Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.**

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

### **When Do Absences Become a Problem?**



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!

## **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.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea  
Worth Elementary Principal



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.

### **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.

## **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**.

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<br>PM: Not in session | 1:30 Dismissal | 1:15 Dismissal |
| Friday, November 1   | Remote | Not in session | AM: Not in session<br>PM: 8:30-11:30 | 1:30 Dismissal | 1:15 Dismissal |
| Friday, December 6   | Remote | Not in session | AM: 8:30-11:30<br>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<br>PM: 8:30-11:30 | 1:30 Dismissal | 1:15 Dismissal |
| Thursday, April 17   | Remote | Not in session | AM: 8:30-11:30<br>PM: Not in session | 1:30 Dismissal | 1:15 Dismissal |
| Friday, May 23       | Remote | Not in session | AM: Not in session<br>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



LOWER FLOOR PLAN

### Gr 1-3 Meeting Point

MAIN FLOOR PLAN

