



It's Worth Reading

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| <p>Important Dates March 2026</p> | <p>🍀🍀🍀 A letter from the Principals - March 🍀🍀🍀</p> |
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| <p>March 2 - 6 : Read Across America Week!</p> <p>March 4 : Trimester 2 Ends</p> <p>March 5 : Trimester 3 Begins</p> <p>March 5 - 6 : Pre-K Screenings @ District Office / Pre-K Not In Session</p> <p>March 8 : Daylight Savings / Spring Forward</p> <p>March 11 : Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>March 12 : Trimester 2 Report Cards Go Home</p> <p>March 17 : No School Teacher Institute Day / Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>March 25: WE Kindergarten Registration - Information Night</p> <p>March 27 : Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal</p> | <p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>As March begins, we look forward to more sunshine, warmer temperatures, and Spring Break. We can't believe we will be starting the third trimester of the school year. We have had a great year so far and look forward to everything to come. School attendance is vital to your child's success. Please send your child(ren) to school on time each day. During arrival and dismissal, Worth Elementary is a VERY busy place. Please use caution as you drive to drop off or pick up your child(ren). Safety is our top priority! We must work together to ensure the safety of our students, parents, and staff, including our crossing guards.</p> <p>We are looking forward to another great month at Worth Elementary!</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>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.</p> <div data-bbox="737 1249 1198 1707" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Dress for the Weather</p> <p>During this time of the year, the weather changes hourly. Please send your child to school dressed for the weather changes. We will go outside for recess, weather permitting. It is important that students have coats and hats to wear outside.</p> |

March 30 - April 3 :
SPRING BREAK - No School

April 6 : Students Return
From Spring Break

April 7 : IAR Testing
Begins- Grades 3-8

It is also important that students have the proper footwear. Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times. Crocs and slides are not permitted as these can cause a safety hazard. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. D'Andrea or Mrs. Koehler

Traffic - Arrival and Dismissal

Safety is our top priority. During arrival and dismissal Worth Elementary is a VERY busy place. 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. Do not drop students off at any corner, in the middle of the street, or at the stop signs.

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. U-turns are not permitted within 100 feet of an intersection or across two solid yellow lines.

Please be mindful of our neighbors and be sure to park in a legal spot and not in private 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.

Assessments and Surveys

In April, after spring break, students in grades 3-5 will participate in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and the Illinois Science Assessment. The best preparation for these important assessments is a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Outdoor Recess and PE

In clear weather, students will go outside for recess. Students should not wear Crocs or slides to school for weather and safety purposes. Students who wear Crocs may be asked to stay indoors for recess (if the ground is wet) and will sit during PE.

As per the Parent - Student Handbook:

- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

Second Step SEL

Our last part of the year will focus on a review of social-emotional skills learned throughout the year, as well as self-management. Please remind your child about the importance of respecting oneself and others.

Safety Measures / Sick Protocol

Please note that all students must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. This includes being free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. Reach out to Nurse Diana if you have any questions.

Parent Communication

We ask that all parents enroll in our district communication platform, School Messenger, as we use it regularly to communicate important information to parents. Most contact information should have been updated during the registration process. If you have recently changed your contact information, or you would like to check, you may follow the instructions listed on the district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/>

We look forward to another month filled with fun and meaningful learning experiences!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea
Worth Elementary Principal



Mrs. Alyse Koehler
Worth Elementary Assistant Principal

Daily Student Schedule

Grades K-5

8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Attendance

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

Late Arrivals / Early Dismissals

Students who are late for school must be signed-in by a parent in the main office.

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

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

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

How to Report an Absence

Choose 1 of 3 Options:

- Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger Home app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at home.schoolmessenger.com). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
- Use the SafeArrival website, home.schoolmessenger.com. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Call the toll-free number (855) 660-0124 to report an absence using the automated phone system.
- These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

- **Note: (Through the app or website, you must sign up with the email address that is on file with the school. The only contacts that can make attendance changes are those listed as having custody of the student.)**
- **In addition, we will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. If you have trouble with SafeArrival, you can email help@worthschools.org to describe your issue.**