



Roosevelt Elementary



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December 2022

P.B.I.S.

Word of the month:

Acceptance.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7 Professional Development- 2 hr late start for students	8	9
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19	20	21 	22	23 No school for staff or students
26 Winter Break- No school for staff or students	27 Winter Break- No school for staff or students	28 Winter Break- No school for staff or students	29 Winter Break- No school for staff or students	30 Winter Break- No school for staff or students
Jan 2 Winter Break- No school for staff or students	Jan 3 School resumes			



Happy New Year



Greetings, Roosevelt Friends and Family!

As we come to the end of 2022, I want to thank you for our partnership, and PLEASE **ask us** for more. We want a strong, personal working relationship with each of our student's parent(s), and we'd move mountains to make that happen. We consider you, the parent, to be their first teacher, and we want to hear from you and work with you. Let us know how we are doing! I encourage you to **reach out to your child's teacher** and see how they are doing. We want to be doing the best job we can; reach out to us and check in!



A few items to mention:

Cold weather:

Students will go outside for recess unless the air temperature is **below 0** or the wind chill creates a temperature below **-10 degrees F**. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for cold weather, including a jacket, hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and scarves.

Lost and Found:

If you are missing an item at home that you feel got lost at school, feel free to step in and look at our Lost and Found. It is located to the left of the **main lobby**.

Illness and Health:

If your child shows **symptoms in the morning** before school starts, please keep them home. We know it is an inconvenience for you to leave home or work and come and get them, but with the symptoms, we see they are best at home.

We're Hiring:

We have several **open positions** that just happen to 'line up' with your child's school hours if you are interested. Please look at the link below, and if interested, please apply.

<https://www.applitrack.com/willmar/onlineapp/default.aspx>

Also, please see the last two pages of our Dec. Newsletter because we need basic Math and Reading tutors. We'd **love** to have you join the Roosevelt Team!

Up and Coming Important Dates:

Wed., Dec. 7th: 2-hour late start

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd: No school

Mon. Jan. 16th: No school; Teacher Work Day

Feb. 13th, 14th, and 17th: Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for your support and partnership. If I can be of any assistance or you'd like to meet, please call me at 231-8474 or email me at lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us
Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Elementary Principal

Classroom News



PreK:

In preschool, we have been working on learning the names of letters and the sounds that letters make. We have been learning about same and different sounds. Being able to hear the sounds that letters make, helps children begin to connect that words are made up of letters. You can practice this at home by talking about the first letter in the names of your family and what sounds they make. Can your child think of other words that start with the same sound as their name?

Kindergarten:

In Kindergarten this month we are working hard on letter names, letter sounds, and blending sounds together to read and write words. Please keep reading books to your child at home to build vocabulary and having your student read their decodable books to you! Please remember to send winter clothing items every single day to school: coat, snow pants, boots, mittens/gloves, and a hat. If you feel comfortable labeling any of those items with your child's name, that is a big help to us as they get mixed up in the hallway. Thank you for your continued support from home!

1st Grade:

Hello from First Grade!

As the weather gets colder, we thank you for sending your child with all of his/her "snow clothes" (hats, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, and coats). It's always a good idea to also throw in a dry pair of socks! This month, we will continue to learn about community in Social Studies as well as how weather affects us. In Math, we will be working on addition and subtraction. Our focus in Reading will be on retelling stories and identifying the characters, settings, and major events. Thank you for reading with your child at home! We continue to see them grow in their reading confidence in the classroom!

2nd Grade:

Hello! The first couple of months have flown by! This month, we will be practicing rounding and estimating and starting 2 digit adding and subtracting. In literacy, we will identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text. . We will also be writing friendly letters. Thank you for partnering with us in helping your child learn and grow. As always please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.



Classroom News



3rd Grade:

Hello Families,

We are already in December! I hope you remember your coat, hat, and mittens because it is getting cold out there. In math the 3rd graders are working hard in multiplication and division. They are focusing on word problems and multiple strategies to solve them. They are getting really good at them. In literacy they are identifying all of the different types of nonfiction text. From sequencing all the way to comparing and contrasting a topic. This month will be going quick so don't forget to go play in the snow.

4th Grade:

Here we are just a few weeks into the second quarter of the school year! We have really enjoyed the beautiful Fall weather for recess and extra time outside for phy. ed. In regard to Fall weather, please make sure your child is coming to school with the appropriate cold weather clothes. We have outdoor recess until it is below -10 degrees. Therefore, jackets, boots, hats, and mittens/gloves are necessary to have at school. If you are not able to purchase any of these items, please reach out to your child's teacher. As for what is happening in the classroom... we completed our estimation unit and are now starting number sentences. In reading, we are learning about life lessons or themes in our stories. In social studies, we are starting to learn about the different regions in the United States. Lastly, we continue to work on being Roosevelt's fourth grade STAR Students. We have a STARS Awards ceremony at the end of every month and hand out awards to students who are showing STAR behavior. We encourage students to work hard all year to try and earn all five letters.

5th Grade:

Hi 5th grade families!

The snow is coming down and we are glad to have warm classrooms to be in. Please make sure your students bring coats, hats and gloves for recess time now! We are beginning our unit in fractions and we are excited for it! In reading we will be working on finding themes in stories and the main ideas of paragraphs and pages. Have an amazing December!

EL:

Having a large and growing vocabulary is a key role in learning language! Help your child learn about new words or content in a variety of ways. Talk about new vocabulary words several times over the course of the week, in different settings. This will help enrich your child's understanding of the word. Continuing to practice new words will help students maintain their learning over winter break.



Classroom News



Stem:

In STEM class, we are getting to know our new teacher, Mrs. LaVine. She will be here for the remainder of the year!

Kindergarten: In kindergarten STEM we are learning about sunshine and shade. We learned that the sun makes the Earth warmer.

1st Grade: In first grade STEM we are learning about sound and that vibrations make sounds.

2nd Grade: In second grade STEM we are learning about what it means for materials to go through reversible and irreversible changes.

3rd Grade: In third grade STEM we are learning about how inherited and learned traits help animals survive in their habitats.

4th Grade: In fourth grade STEM we are learning about weathering, erosion, and deposition and how these processes form various landforms.

5th Grade: In fifth grade STEM we are learning about what causes solids, liquids, and gasses to change to a different state of matter.

Music:

Music class has begun instruments with 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders! We are working on starting and stopping together and listening as we play. 3-5 is also starting to become composers and write their own music. K-2 is practicing moving safely to music, and identifying rhythms.

PE:

Physical Education classes have started new units. Basketball, Volleyball and Tumbling. These unites will run from November 14- Jan 13th 2023. We will also be adding some low organized games during this time. Please make sure students have the correct shoes for class. No Boots please.



Fight the Flu



**Cover
your cough.**

**Wash
your hands.**

**Stay home
when sick.**

**Get
vaccinated.**

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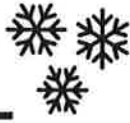


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- *volunteer opportunities
- *exciting updates on our newly joined and re-imagined Willmar elementary PTSA - goals, plans, current needs, and member benefits
- *upcoming PTSA/school events
- *community resources
- *to become a member and support our PTSA in supporting our students and schools!



FREE MEMBERSHIP

November & December

Sign Up On Facebook TODAY!

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ANYONE CAN JOIN!

parents, family, grandparent, friend, school staff!

THE MOST IMPORTANT 9 MINUTES OF EACH DAY

The way you spend **THREE MINUTES** during these times throughout the day and night will have a huge impact on your child's mindset, brain development and well being!

THE FIRST 3 MINUTES WHEN THEY WAKE UP

INSTEAD OF:

*Abrupt wake-ups and rushing

TRY:

*"Let's lay and wake up together in 3 minutes."

*"What are you most looking forward to today?"

*"I love starting my day snuggling with you."

THE FIRST 3 MINUTES WHEN THEY GET HOME FROM SCHOOL

INSTEAD OF:

*Rushing to screen time

*Asking them about homework

*Quick Greeting

TRY:

*"Tell me about the best part of your day."

*"You look sad. Let's snuggle for a minute."

*Share a snack together

*"Tell me about your highs and lows of the day."

THE LAST 3 MINUTES BEFORE THEY GO TO SLEEP

INSTEAD OF:

*Going to bed on their own

*Tucking them in quickly

TRY:

*"Tell your child something you love about them"

*"What were you most grateful for today?"

**Adapted from thebiglifejournal.com

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day. We have enjoyed seeing them in their classrooms, cafeteria and recess. They are growing, playing and learning every day! We want every child to thrive at school and we are here to help. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

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Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten Build the Habit of Good Attendance

DID YOU KNOW...

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!

- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

Before the school year starts

- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

Ready, Set, GO!

- If you are concerned your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about preschool or kindergarten, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice.





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 1 or 2 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-Covid-19 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 Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, 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.

Put Your Passion in ACTION

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**Behind every
statistic is a student.**

Our tutors provided more than one million tutoring sessions to 32,000 students across the country during the 2020-2021 school year.

We can support more students with your help!

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Help every child in Minnesota be a successful learner.

In Minnesota, fewer than half of our students are reading and doing math at grade level. These skills are essential for success in the classroom and community. With your help, we can give kids more – more opportunities, more success and more confidence.

Whether helping preschoolers to make a strong start, K-3 students to become better readers or working with middle school students to build foundational math skills, we train people to make an impact as tutors. Placed in local schools, our tutors provide extra practice and support that results in incredible growth. Be part of creating more success stories – become a tutor!





Make a difference, tutor kids!

Our programs help kids become stronger learners by training people just like you to be effective tutors. No experience is needed, we provide all the training and ongoing support! Our evidence-based programs work and have already helped more than 400,000 students nationwide.

As a tutor you will:

- Serve in a school setting (full-time and part-time options are available)
- Be a caring adult that provides individualized support to help students build their skills and confidence
- Work one-on-one or in small groups with students who need extra practice and support
- Track student progress and regularly meet with the school's on-site coach as well as one of our coaching specialists

Most anyone can make a great tutor. The most important qualification is your passion and desire to make a difference! To review minimum qualifications and additional details, visit us online at Join.ReadingandMath.org.

SCHEDULE All schedules are Monday-Friday.

SERVE

August 2022 – June 2023
 October 2022 – June 2023
 January 2023 – June 2023






APPLY

August 10, 2022
 October 5, 2022
 December 14, 2022



TUTOR PERKS

Each program offers part-time and full-time opportunities. Below is an overview of the perks based on hours served per week.

	35 Hr/Wk	25 Hr/Wk	18 Hr/Wk
 Stipend every two weeks	\$900	\$650	\$450
 Estimated Education Award By starting month			
AUG	\$4,546	\$3,247	\$2,474
OCT	\$3,247	\$2,474	\$1,718
JAN	\$2,474	\$1,718	\$1,374
 Federal Student Loan Forbearance & Interest Repayment	Yes	Yes	Yes
 Health Insurance Monthly premium 100% covered	Yes	No	No
 Child Care Assistance Based on family size and income	Yes	No	No

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