

Vision

Building a
Foundation that will
last a Lifetime!!



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W. O. PARMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Baby Tiger News

Welcome Back 2022

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I am thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. It has been a busy summer at W. O. Parmer, for those students who attended our summer learning programs. We hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families. Now it is time to look forward to a wonderful new school year!

Our incredible staff of educators have been in school working to prepare classrooms for the new school year. We are excited to welcome new staff members to our W. O. Parmer Elementary School family. We recognize that students may be feeling anxious with the start of a new school year, and we will continue to place a strong emphasis on social and emotional learning while focusing on building classroom community. Instruction focusing on specialized skills and content needed to learn grade-level materials, while providing the appropriate tools needed to grasp concepts.

W. O. Parmer Elementary School is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our school and have high expectations for each student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and resilient. Together with our dedicated staff, we

strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. Our School Vision of "Building a foundation that will last a lifetime" will continue to guide our mission to put kids first and partner with families to develop enthusiastic learners.

Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort, and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2022-2023 school year. Careful consideration was given to input from staff and families, as well as student learning styles. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. We are eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks

for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group, and teacher.

Communication with Parents

While we encourage parents to talk with teachers about their child's progress throughout the school year, teachers cannot be interrupted during the instructional day. If you need to speak with your child's teacher(s), please email them and they will call you at their earliest convenience, within 48 hours. If you are unable to reach the teacher within 48 hours or it is an emergency, call the school and the secretary will take a message to relay to the teacher.

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that W. O. Parmer remains a successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

*Jacqueline Thornton,
Principal*



Mission Statement

W. O. Parmer— A World of Possibilities— where kids come first and we partner with families to develop enthusiastic learners.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences 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 from the first day of school, so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Remember, every day missed is a day of instruction missed, a day of classroom interaction with students and teachers that can't be recovered. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. **Please remember that tardiness and check-outs count as absences from subjects.** When your child is not in school he/she is missing valuable education. ***Remember, students may be retained due to poor attendance.***

WANTED: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

What is one of the proven predictors of academic achievement? Studies show that a family's engagement has a direct positive impact on a child's learning success.

Family Engagement = Student Success

When families are engaged in their

children's school lives, students have the home support they need to develop a lifelong love of learning.

Children with families engaged in their education are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores.
- Graduate from high school and

attend post-secondary education.

- Develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom.
 - Have better social skills and classroom behavior.
- They are also less likely to:
- Suffer from low self-esteem
 - Require redirection in the classroom.
 - Develop behavioral issues.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

Car riding K-2 students are dropped off at GES. Drop-off times are 7:10 -7:45 AM. Students are tardy at 7:45 AM. Parents must sign in tardy students. If your child is tardy, park in the 2nd lane at W. O. Parmer Elementary and **WALK YOUR CHILD** into the building. Pick up begins at 2:40 PM in front of W. O. Parmer. Kindergarten is in the lane closest to the building, first grade is in the middle lane, and second grade will be in the lane farthest from the building.

Bright Beginnings students' hours are from 7:45 AM -2:15 PM. Bright Beginnings drop-off begins at 7:45 AM (Use the lane closest to the building). Do not line up before 7:40 AM, as buses are unloading until 7:40 AM. Bright Beginning students will be picked up behind the old Second grade building, starting at 2:15 PM.

Please look out for more information regarding drop off and pickup procedures.