

## Principal's Message

Dear Willard 3-5 Families,

I can't believe that it is already the beginning of the 2nd 9 week grading period, which means our learning for this school year is already 1/4 completed! Our students have been working very hard to be successful in the classroom. We encourage you to continue supporting your child's academics by reviewing school work with them nightly as well as discussing your child's report cards to find areas of growth, and areas of needed improvement. If you have not seen your child's report card, please call the school office at 330-675-8700 xt 1000.

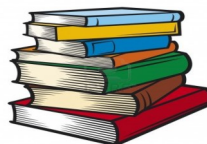
We hope to see all of you at our parent-teacher conferences on either Tuesday, November 19th or Thursday, November 21st from 4-7 p.m. each evening. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing and working with you. :)

Vicki Raptis  
3-5 Principal

Attached to the newsletter is the parent/teacher conference form for you to fill out and return to the school office. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19th, and Thursday, Nov. 21st, 4-7 p.m. each evening



The Book Fair is coming to Willard the week of November 18-22! It will also be open during the nights of conferences until 6:30 p.m.



Nov 6- Academic Awards (Gr 3-5)  
Nov 14- Picture Day Makeup  
Nov 18-22- Book Fair  
Nov 19 & 21- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Nov 27-29- Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 2- Students Return



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For the continued safety of your child, all transportation changes require a written note from a parent or legal guardian. Please make sure that we have a current emergency form on file for your student(s). Photo ID is required when picking up a student during the school day.



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The Golden Rule-RESPECT:

Treat others the way we would like to be treated...

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Happy Thanksgiving

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## Academic Updates: A Glimpse into the Classrooms



### Grade 3:

3rd graders will begin writing a letter each week about the book they are reading independently. Students will work to describe characters and how they are feeling. Students will recognize contractions, recognize and use the /y/ as a vowel, and use letter combinations that represent long vowel sounds in Word Study. 3rd grade writers will write an opinion piece based on a topic/text. In Math, 3rd graders will continue to practice addition and subtraction, as well as rounding multi-digit numbers and estimate their sums and differences. In Science, students will use the Scientific Method and learn how it applies to an actual science experiment. Students will study the Pilgrims in Social Studies and analyze how we live in comparison to them. "How to Be A Good Listener" is the focus for SEL.

### Grade 4:

4th graders will be finishing their expository writing based on a science or social studies topic. They will then move into opinion writing that will be supported by facts and details to support their opinion. Students will understand the elements supporting a variety of genres such as folktales, fairy tales, fables, legends, myths, and pourquoi tales. In Math, students will compare fractions with like and unlike denominators, locate fractions on a number line, and add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators. Also in math class, students will identify equivalent fractions and decimals as well as compare decimal numbers. Students will focus on the conservation of matter and the processes of energy transfer in Science. Students will learn about the cultural practices and products of the Woodland Indians of Ohio including the Adena and Hopewell cultures in Social Studies. During Social-emotional learning (SEL), students will practice becoming better listeners through classroom community activities, modeling, and active practice.

### Grade 5:

5th graders will continue to write about their reading in Reading Workshop so they can share their thoughts about what they have read. Students are working through writing informational or opinion pieces in Writing as well as connecting topics in the writing to Science and Social Studies content. In Math, students will work to divide multi-digit whole numbers; read, write, order, model, and compare decimal numbers; and multiply and divide whole numbers to the hundredths place as well as identify equivalent fractions and decimals. 5th grade students will study Sound and Energy in Science. Topics will include wavelengths, sound, energy transfers between objects and force in motion. Students will practice becoming better listeners in SEL.



### Welcome, All are Welcome

At Willard, we promote an inviting environment. We are here to support the students, to build upon their strengths, and to celebrate their success. Families are an integral piece of this partnership. We encourage you to join us for events that happen throughout the year. "Most educators recognize that the first days of school are critical for establishing a culture of learning that will set the right tone for the rest of the year. To promote a positive classroom learning environment, it is important to make these first days the most productive they can be in building relationships. A sense of community in the classroom motivates students to participate and engage, while helping them feel safe to learn and grow both individually and collectively. This sense of community doesn't just happen, it must be cultivated. ([www.pearsoned.com](http://www.pearsoned.com))"