



Plainview Primary

Together Everyone Achieves More

Lisa Moore, Principal

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We are off to a wonderful start to the 2016-2017 school year! Thank you for all of your support and help as we have begun an exciting school year. Many of you were able to come to our parent orientation, meet and greet, and parent nights. We hope that was very helpful giving knowledge about our school. Everyone should have access to our handbook online. Please read this very important document. There are answers to many questions inside this handbook. However, if you have a question, please do not hesitate to call the school and ask. We are here to work as a team for the success of your child. We are striving to make this the best year!

We are celebrating our 14th year as a Model Great Expectations School. I am extremely proud of this honor. Our teachers and students serve as role models for other schools across the United States. We have many visitors that come in and observe our methods. We will be recognized at the State Celebration on September 29th, in Edmond, Oklahoma. I am sure you will be hearing your child talk about our eight expectations, our creed, our life principles, and quotes that we use each day. Our teachers are highly trained in the 17 teaching practices that create a model Great Expectations classroom. We will be sharing more information on this topic as the year progresses.

Parent /Teacher Conferences will be coming up soon. We will send a notice home when you can begin scheduling your appointments. Conferences will be held from 3:30 to 7:00 on September 20th and September 22nd. We ask that everyone schedule an appointment. Again, we are a team for the education of your child. You play a vital role in our team.

I want to thank you again for all of your help and support to start our 2016-2017 school year off in a wonderful manner. I look forward to an outstanding year!

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From the Gym

Welcome Back to School!
We want to PE to be fun and provide a spectacular learning experience for EVERY student at Plainview! To be at our best, we want to each child to be at THEIR best by teaching ways to be healthy and active. Here are some tips: Eat breakfast, make healthy lunches with fresh fruit and veggies, limit screen time, 60 minutes or more of physical activity EVERY DAY, eat healthy snacks. Here's a yummy recipe for a FANTASTIC snack: Rainbow Trail Mix-Mix equal parts of each of the following ingredients and enjoy as a great snack on the go! Dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, chopped apricots, pineapple, mango banana chips), seeds (sunflower or pumpkin), grains (pretzels, bagel chips, low-sugar cereal, granola), and nuts (almonds, cashews, peanuts, pecans). We're looking forward to a winning year in physical education! Don't forget that the Plainview XC elementary meet is September 6th at 5:30 on the cross country course behind the baseball and softball fields. The cost is \$5.00 per runner. The 2016 Elementary XC schedule:
August 30th – Marietta
September 6th – Plainview
September 20th – Oak Hall
September 27th - Velma/
Ardmore Track Club
October 4th – Lone Grove
Entry fee is always \$5.00.

Music

Hello and welcome back to a great new school year! We are already hard at work in the Music Room! Pre-K is working on finding a beat and new instruments in the jungle with our imagination. Kindergarten is working on finding a steady beat and keeping it. 1st grade and 2nd grade are reviewing familiar rhythms as well as figuring out where our space is compared to others. We are working hard in classes to review these concrete concepts before we start adding our new material! I am looking forward to a great year watching these young musicians grow!

Counselor

Greetings Plainview Primary Families! If we have not met, my name is Blaine Coffey and I am the School Counselor for the Primary. Every other week, I teach a forty-minute guidance class to all pre-k, kindergarten, first, and second grade students. We will cover a range of topics related to students' social and emotional development and academic performance. Additionally, I will run a few select groups that address specific topics related to our students' needs. If your student would benefit from individual time with me, you or your student's teacher may refer them for individual counseling services. My door is always open to our children and you for support when needed. My office is located down the hall from the Primary main office. I can be reached by phone at (580) 223-5757 and the Primary Counseling webpage is located on the Plainview Primary website under the Counseling tab. I look forward to meeting you and working with your child!

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Library

Wow! What a great start to a new school year! The primary students have already experienced some great stories in the library. Classes come to the library every other week for story-times and library lessons. You can find out when your child's library day is, by checking with his/her teacher. During the first week of school, we talked about the proper ways for taking care of books. Perhaps your child would share with you some of the ideas we discussed. Keep reading!!

Pre-K

Our preschool classes have been very busy the first few weeks of school. They have been learning many classroom and school procedures. It's an adjustment going to school for the first time, and they are doing a wonderful job! Soon, we will begin learning our alphabet letters and enjoying all the activities the Fall will bring. We are off to a great start and we are all looking forward to an awesome year!

*Please remember to check your child's red Plainview folder **daily** for:

Notes from school, school lunch menu, class snack helper, and papers to keep at home.

Kindergarten

Our first days of kindergarten have been great! We have been working on procedures for all that we do at school. This will ensure that we are learning the best we can every day. It will also help us stay safe while we are learning. We have studied rhyming words and shapes. We have also been doing a "Me" unit with many interesting activities. Learning is fun in kindergarten!

1st Grade

Welcome Back to school!!!

First Grade is off to a brand new start for a year of learning. We have many new students and we WELCOME them to Plainview Primary. We are all looking forward to a year of reading and sharpening our math skills. First grade is a year when our kids bloom each and every month as they are introduced to new curriculum. The first paper back reader has gone home and we are reading every night. Parents please remember to check the red TEAM notebooks for any homework or notes each day. This is very important for your child to gain responsibility of unloading and reloading their notebooks with homework and readers. Our first field trip will be to the Woodbine Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 19th. Notes will be coming home at a later date with information. First grade teachers welcome any questions you may have regarding your child. You may contact the primary office at 223-5757 and we will return your calls as soon as possible. Thank you parents for all you do!!! It is greatly appreciated!!

2nd Grade

We have enjoyed getting to know your children over the past few weeks and we can tell you that it's going to be a fantastic year! If you have not completed all the forms from Meet and Greet, please do and send them to school. Thank you for attending and supporting our district Meet and Greet. In reading each week we have a new story from our hardback reader, and sometimes a paperback reader story. After reading the story, please discuss the story elements: character(s), setting, main idea, details, and genre. Students will take an A.R. test on their weekly stories. Their scores will be averaged together for a reading grade. Please have your child read nightly! Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up. (September 20 & 22) Please take time to call the office to schedule for a conference. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Reminders: ●School begins at 8:15, please be on time. We dive into learning after tardy bell rings. Students begin morning seatwork at this time. ●Sign nightly homework sheet (Keep in RED Team notebook until Friday). Sign and check your child's homework papers (Math and Vocabulary Sentences). ●TIC – Papers with TIC (Together in Class) are completed together as a whole class. ●Send clean water bottles to school on Mondays.

"Form good habits. They're as hard to break as bad ones." –Unknown