Hello Merry Prairie,

OMGoodness! Can you believe it's almost that time again?!? What a mixed bunch of emotions, I'm sure, for your house. This house is SUPER excited to make this year at Merry Prairie an exceptional one because we are Wild About PRE.

Welcome BACK to all of our returning and Welcome HOME to all of our new families. As the beginning gets underway, please let us know how we can support you. You are welcome to contact the office anytime at (740) 965-7850. You can also reply to this email to send one directly to me.

We look forward to seeing you all soon! Take Care Until Then, -Kim. :)

Being Great for Our Kids:

Going back to school is a transition for everyone but especially for our kids. It can either be a good or tricky one. Check out these 7 tips to help as you say hello to school! Access the full article here: <u>7 Tips to Help Your Child Going Back to School</u>.

1. Talk about School

- 5. Look at the Positives Together
- 2. Reintroduce the Sleep Routine 6. Start New Routines
- 3. Reconnect with Friends 7. Prepare Yourself Too
- 4. Make Yourself Available

Being in the Know:

* Class Lists will be posted for grades 1-4 on Wednesday, August 9th at 9am. Kindergarten will be posted on Thursday, August 10th at 9am. These HAVE to be accessed through a Parent Portal account that is created in Powerschool. PLEASE call the office if you do not have or cannot access an account. Kindergarten and New Families will get their letter shortly. The office will not disclose classroom teachers to individual families. We will, however, send you an email with information.

* 2023-2024 School Lunch Price: \$3.25 and Breakfast Price: \$1.75

Upcoming Dates:

8/7	Kindergarten Screening	8/14	Tead
8/8	Kindergarten Screening	8/15	Mee 2-3p
8/9	Kindergarten Screening Grade 1-4 Class Lists "Go Live" @ 9am	8/16	Stag
8/10	Kinder Class Lists "Go Live" @ 9am	8/17	Stag

- 8/14 Teacher Work Day
- 3/15 Meet & Greet: Last Names A-K @ 2-3pm, Last Names L-Z @ 3-4pm
- 3/16 Stagger Start Day: Last Names A-K
- 3/17 Stagger Start Day: Last Names L-Z
- 8/18 First Day ALL Students