

Communicator

June 2022



Imagine Summit Introduces Students to STEM Fields

On May 3rd, four Middle/High School students from Neillsville were part of 28 of the Chippewa Valley's brightest young women who attended the Imagine Summit, an event focused on introducing young women into STEM fields.

The summit was hosted at the WIN Technology headquarters in Eau Claire. WIN Technology is a Wisconsin-based fiber-optic network and managed information technology services provider. The day included a discussion of STEM career pathways, robotics, and coding activities, as well as cybersecurity. Students were chosen for the event through an application process.



Important Dates

FRI JUN	3	Last Day of School
MON JUN	6	Summer School Begins
FRI JUL	1	Summer School Ends
WED AUG	24	Student Open House, Picture Day, & Senior Night
THU SEP	1	First Day of School
MON SEP	5	Holiday Break - No School



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Superintendent's Message



As the 2021-2022 school year quickly comes to an end, I want to congratulate the graduating Class of 2022, and wish them all the very best as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. This year's graduates earned over \$161,000 in scholarships to support them as they pursue their various post-secondary learning opportunities. The future for these graduates is extremely bright, and I know they are ready to achieve great things, because of the experiences provided for them from our school and community. Thank you to everyone who helped support these graduates.

I would also like to recognize some outstanding educators who have dedicated their lives to serving the children of our district, and who will be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Combined, these educators have provided many years of outstanding service to the children of our district. This year's retirees are Kathleen Gehrke, Nancy Hagedorn, Kelly McGraw, Jane Miller and Carolyn Orlowski. I want to thank them all for their outstanding service to our kids and community, and I want to wish them the very best for a long, happy, and healthy

retirement.

The summer is a very busy time in our schools. Summer school will be in session during June, providing kids a wide variety of opportunities to stay active in their learning and in exploring their special areas of interest. Please consider signing up for a few of the many summer school courses being offered, if you haven't already. Our summer work staff will also be working on upgrading and maintaining our buildings and grounds, planning budgets, and hiring new staff in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year. The district will be making major building upgrades using federal grant dollars. We apologize for any inconveniences these projects might cause.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Neillsville community for their ongoing support of their schools and their children. The School District of Neillsville takes great pride in the relationships that have been established with the children, parents, community members, and area businesses. These partnerships have provided outstanding educational opportunities for all of our students. For that we are incredibly thankful.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

John Gaier
Superintendent

Third Graders Study Nature

The students enjoyed their field trip to Beaver Creek Nature Reserve in Fall Creek. While at the nature reserve, we went on an animal signs hike and discovered lots about animals and their habitats, as well as ran the obstacle course. We also learned first-hand about bugs, frogs, reptiles, and owls! It was a wonderful learning experience that the students will remember for years to come.



Third graders really enjoyed learning about different bird species in science and then designing and building their own unique birdfeeders out of recycled items.

The third graders can feel proud of all their hard work and learning in third grade. Remember to keep reading all summer long. Don't forget to get outside and enjoy the outdoors! Fourth grade...here we come!!!!

High School Principal's Message



Another school year has come to a close! With it, children of all ages yearn for the fun of summer vacation where they get to spend time with family and friends and, we hope, look forward to another opportunity to come back to school in the fall. As this academic year ends, the school district staff will also look for some time to recharge and reflect upon the year that was with plans to make the next school year even better! Notice who I mentioned . . . students, family, teachers, and other staff. It's about quality relationships.

As we say goodbye to our graduates, I would like to point out the importance of quality relationships. The graduation season is always the highlight to every school year for me. As the high school principal, I have the privilege of watching students come into my building as 9th graders and leave as young adults; ready to take on the world! I love being a principal! Though, as I referenced at the graduation ceremony, my relationship with our teenage students can be rather complex at times. I fully understand the position each of our students are in. Each student has a life outside of school and I try to never lose sight of their own personal trials as they navigate their way to independence as adults.

Every graduation year I have the honor of meeting with the class one last time before they make the march to receive their diploma. It's very humbling and always fills me with pride to see them all there ready to assume the responsibilities in front of them. They are all full of excitement, and relief I suppose, that they get to write their own story from that day forward. This is where I want to bring it back to the relationship piece. Relationships matter! Every student who leaves our halls for the final time as a student has left their mark in some fashion. The path they all took to get to this one point in time will certainly be different, but on this one day they all have a new beginning in front of them.

I care deeply about the success of each of the students that we are fortunate enough to call Neillsville Warriors! My hope is that our entire school family has somehow left a mark on all of them. I understand that it's complex because relationships are all complex. Things never go perfectly, but we all come out on the other side better off for having crossed paths. What will next school year bring? I don't know! The mix of students will be just a bit different as new students enter our buildings. There will be new staff members joining us as we say goodbye to those choosing another path for now. Regardless of who comes to our school, young and old, we have the chance next year to continue to develop quality relationships!

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! Thank you to our families, our wonderful staff, and to the entire school community for your support of our students! Have a wonderful summer break!

It's a great day to be a Neillsville Warrior!

Respectfully,
Mr. Anderson

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Middle School Principal's Message



Welcome to the final Communicator article of the 2021-22 school year! I can't believe we are already at this point in the school year; I don't know where the time goes. The fourth quarter was again another eventful quarter in the middle school with field trips, guest speakers, celebrations, service projects, kindness activities, club activities, and sports; all in addition to continuous academic and social-emotional growth through daily coursework.

The fourth quarter middle school character traits included "focus" for April and "teamwork" for May. There were mini-lessons focused on focus and teamwork in homerooms, as well as students and staff continuing to fill out Character Awards for students they observed exhibiting the Character Trait of the Month.

During the fourth quarter, the Middle School Student Council was busy working on plans to make Teacher Appreciation Week a special week for all Middle School staff! For each day during the week, they planned a theme to honor the teaching staff or the subject they teach. In addition, all students contributed to creating posters with positive messages on them for the staff members. To wrap up the week, each staff member received a cute cookie from the student council. All of the work that was put into making Teacher Appreciation Week special was greatly appreciated by all!

I would also like to take a moment to highlight Mrs. Gehrke as, after 32 years teaching at Neillsville Middle School, she is retiring. She is a very dedicated educator that will be greatly missed by both students and staff. Mrs. Gehrke has taught many different subjects while in middle school, but most recently, 8th grade science, academic (STEM) elective, and the 8th grade careers class. A huge thank you to Mrs. Gehrke for all of her time and dedication. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors!

I would also like to take a moment to highlight Mrs. Gehrke as, after 32 years teaching at Neillsville Middle School, she is retiring.

In conclusion, I wish the 8th graders the best of luck as they start their new chapter as high schoolers. Furthermore, I look forward to welcoming the 5th graders into our Neillsville Middle School community come fall. As with every year, I enjoyed watching each of the middle school students grow and change during their middle school journey, and wish all a safe summer!

Have a wonderful day,
Kory Poeschel
Middle School Principal

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Elementary Principal's Message



As this school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making it a success. In addition, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer!

Announcements

Happy retirement to Mrs. Miller! Mrs. Miller has been a 4th grade teacher for 32 years. We will miss her hugs and laugh along with her empathetic nature. She has been a great team member and an inspiration to all. Thank you Mrs. Miller for all that you have done for our elementary school. I know we will see you next year as one of our wonderful substitute teachers.

There will be two new teachers in our elementary school for the 2022-23 school year. We welcome Mrs. Amy Hanna and Ms. Megan Kappes to the School District of Neillsville family. Mrs. Hanna will be teaching 5th grade and Ms. Kappes will be teaching 4th grade.

Four-year-old kindergarten enrollment is still happening. Please call the Elementary School office at 715-743-8710 for more information. Our 4-year-old kindergarten program consists of 4 half days per week. There will be a morning and an afternoon class Monday through Thursday.

Happenings

The month of May is a busy month with music concerts, field trips, screening, and last day of school activities. All of these events further and showcase the students' learning in the classroom.

Fourth graders study Wisconsin history during the school year, therefore, they have been to many places that teach students about Wisconsin's logging and farm history, along with the history of the old houses and jail in Neillsville. The students then complete projects about their choice of Wisconsin history to show their own knowledge and research skills. The other grade levels in the elementary school have also learned about our city parks and our public library by visiting these places. The Neillsville Public Library promotes their summer reading program. The students get to speak with the children's librarian and look around the children's section. Within our school walls, the students visited a star lab. The star lab is a tent-like dome structure where students can see and learn about the stars and planets. Mr. Ryan Selvik sets up the program and instructs the students.

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During the month of May, all of the elementary students participated in the end of the year screener (FastBridge). This screener gives teachers information about reading and math progress that has occurred this school year. We use this information in the fall to meet the needs of each student. This includes students who are at or above their grade's skill level. We want to see every student grow in their learning.

The last day of school is filled with activities. This year we will have a field day where the students go out on the track and move to different station activities. After the field day, we usually do a lot of

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Forensics Celebrates Stellar Season

The forensics team had a stellar season this year. Forensics requires students to speak in front of a judge and other competitors. The team was made up of six students competing in a variety of categories. Five team members went to the state competition on April 9th. Receiving a gold medal at state was Olivia Koprek in the poetry category. Receiving silver medals were Mackenzie Keller in the farrago category and Vickie Ratsch in the poetry category. Finally, receiving a bronze medal in the group interpretation category were Makendri Hericks and Tehra Fausett.

Pictured from left to right: Makendri Hericks, Tehra Fausett, Vickie Ratsch, Olivia Koprek, and Mackenzie Keller.



Imagine Summit Photos Continued . . .



Elementary School Principal continued

cleaning too. In addition to field day, the elementary school puts on a talent show. During small breaks in the talent show, I will draw names for prizes for golden ticket winners. We have many gold tickets to choose from in my pail. This is wonderful!

In Closing

Thank you again for supporting our elementary school this past school year. I know we have had some challenges due to Covid, etc., however, we made it through the year with most of our usual activities. Have a wonderful summer; and we will see you for the 2022-23 school year!

Marcy Kunze
Elementary School Principal

High School Guidance



Summer is here!

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer. Here are a few helpful tips to keep you on track for next fall!

What can I do with my time this summer? Although summer is meant for fun and relaxation, don't forget that it is also a great time to **VOLUNTEER!** Often times, the school year is so busy it is hard to squeeze in one more thing. Summer is a great time to get in some community service hours to amp up your college and scholarship resumes to the next level. Volunteer opportunities exist all around our local community; a few examples include the Clark County Humane Society, the Clark County Food Pantry and Resource Center, Neillsville Care and Rehab Center, as well as many other organized events through local churches and community organizations. If you do volunteer, keep track of your hours in an organized way to make filling out your applications a breeze in the future.

In addition to volunteering, a **SUMMER JOB** is another excellent resume building experience. Not only is this a chance to earn some extra spending money, or save for college, but it also demonstrates the characteristics of hard work and responsibility. I have heard many scholarship selection committees comment on the how impressed they are by the students who not only balance academics and sports, but hold part-time jobs. Many local companies are hiring for summer help right now; take the initiative to apply.

Special Notes for the Class of 2023! *UW Application Process starts August 1st!* The application process for the UW system opens on August 1st, 2022 for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications can be officially submitted on August 1st as well. The online application can be found at <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/> The essay tends to be the lengthiest part of the application; this was shared with you during academic advising to help you get an early head start!

Planning to attend a WI Technical College after high school? Apply Early! Many of the WI technical colleges (CVTC, MSTC, WTC, NTC, etc.) accept applications from students during the summer prior to their senior year. Applying early is **highly recommended** especially if a student is applying to a program that typically has a wait list (health care programs, welding, EPD, etc.) Please check the application process information on the specific technical school website for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Senior Night: Wednesday, August 24, 2022: All seniors and their parents are invited & highly encouraged to attend "Senior Night" during our open house event on Wednesday, August 24. A presentation will be given at 6:00 PM to go over the timeline for senior year; college application help sessions will be held prior. A reminder with specific details will be sent to you in the mail at the beginning of August.

2022-2023 Schedules 9-12 grade students should leave with a completed schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. If for some reason you did not receive your schedule, please check your Infinite Campus account or contact the HS office at 715-743-3323 ext. 5 to have one mailed home to you. Schedule changes can be made at the start of the next school year, during the first five days of the semester, for qualifying reasons.

**As always please feel free to contact Julia Backaus, MS/HS Counselor,
if you have questions about any of the information provided
at 715-743-8713 or jbackaus@neillsvillek12.org**



Elementary Guidance



Classroom Lessons: Our topics third quarter have been:

Kindergarten & 1st Grade:

5K and 1st grade got to finish up their 7 Habits. We spent some extra time talking about Habit 5 "Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood". We practiced being a good listener and talked about how it feels when our friends really listen. We also really focused on Habit 6, "Synergize", which is all about working together!

2nd Grade:

Our 2nd graders wrapped up the year talking about feelings. They watched a couple of great videos about why we lose control of our emotions and then we learned what we can do to help calm down when we are feeling angry, sad, scared or even excited. If you would like to check out the video, go to Youtube.com and type in, "Why Do We Lose Control Of Our Emotions?"

3rd Grade:

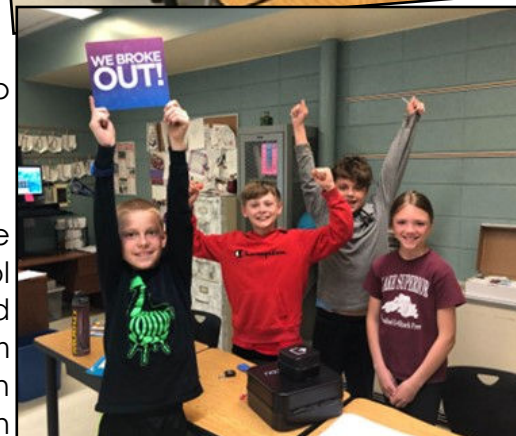
3rd grade spent most of the end of the year in their interactive notebooks. We spent a lot of time talking about our Thoughts, Feelings and Action Circle. They practiced using examples from their life that showed them how their thoughts, good or bad, create their actions and then their actions create their feelings about themselves.

4th Grade:

Our 4th graders spent most of 4th quarter finishing up our safety lessons, but they wrapped up our last lesson with a team-building activity. Teams had to work together to solve clues that would help them "Break out the Beat!"

5th Grade:

In our most recent guidance lesson, the 5th graders had the opportunity to learn a little about middle school. Our Middle School SEL teacher, Mrs. Neville, provided information about teachers and support staff they may see in the middle school and walked them through what their day might look like. Mrs. Neville also brought down a few groups of 8th grade students to answer any questions our 5th graders may have about middle school. Fifth graders will also get a chance to tour the middle school, practice opening lockers, and participate in team-building activities before the end of the year.



Questions and Concerns

If you ever have any questions about the guidance program, please feel free to contact me. Also, if you are interested in getting your son or daughter in a small group or individual counseling with me, please reach out.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer,
 Bri Anne Collins, Elementary School Counselor
bacollins@neillsville.k12.wi.us or 715-743-8717

Middle School Social Emotional Learning



During the fourth quarter, our NMS guidance lessons focused on moving forward. First, students in 6th and 7th grades learned about career options and completed lessons in Xello. By completing surveys, the program helps match students with careers that might interest them. Seventh graders will continue to work through this program in their careers class next year. Students in 7th and 8th grade welcomed Deputy Dylan, our school resource officer, into their classrooms in May. He spoke about the dangers of vaping, drug, and alcohol use. Eighth grade guidance lessons were delivered by Mrs. Neville and the Teen Leadership Council. The final lesson in April covered the importance of sportsmanship.

Each Monday during 8th hour, students continued to take some time to focus on academic and career planning. Once monthly, your child was asked to send you an email to share his or her academic progress. In addition to grade checks, Mondays were a time for team meetings which focused on skills like teamwork and tolerance. As part of ACP, 8th grade students were lucky enough to participate in the Reality Store and Career Venture. The goal of these events was to give students more insight into the responsibilities of living on their own, and exposure to many potential careers.

The NMS FOR Club (Friends of Rachel) was busy this quarter. The students participated in transition lessons for 5th graders; read a story about kindness and individuality with kindergarten and first graders; and a few students attended a gathering in Eau Claire that offered activities for visually impaired students. Our 8th grade FOR members will begin the transition to the high school by meeting with the high school FOR members and learning about the activities they sponsored this school year. We look forward to seeing what they do next!

May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. The purpose is to bring to light the importance of mental health and its role in each child's development. If you would like resources, or more information about supporting your child's mental health, please reach out to the Neillsville School District Pupil Services Team or Clark County Community Services.

Finally, I hope that your child is able to take some time this summer to reset and recoup for next fall!

Jill Neville, Interventionist & Coach

Fifth Graders Craft Pinball Machines in Art



In the 5th grade we are enjoying the warmer weather. We have finished making and presenting our pinball machines in art. We've been staying busy learning about the heart in health. We've been working hard to prepare for our very last math test. All of us are looking forward to our last week with our field trip, field day, and talent show!



Special Education



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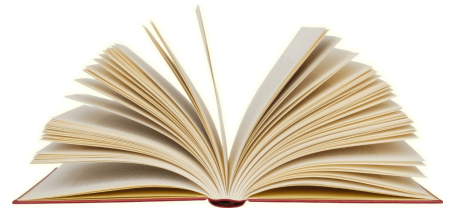
At the conclusion of this school year, I will be taking a new position supporting schools across CESA 10 as the Executive Director of Special Education and Pupil Services. I will also be supporting educational efforts across the state as the Regional Service Network Director. I have much gratitude for the experiences that I have had over the past 11 years in the School District of Neillsville. It has been my honor to support students, teachers, and families, as well as be a part of the strong systems of support that exist in our district. Thank you to each of you who have touched my life and taught me valuable lessons along the way!

Most sincerely,

Tonia Anderson Ruskin, Ed.S., NCSP
Director of Special Education
504 Coordinator
Nationally Certified School Psychologist

7th & 8th Graders Analyze Poetry in ELA

The 7th and 8th grade students have been busy in English Language Arts 4th quarter with reading different types of literature! Both grades recently completed a poetry unit. During this unit, the students learned about different types of poetry and how to analyze poetry. Students focused on identifying the different figurative language and poetic devices that authors use in their poems. Seventh grade students ended the unit by writing a "Where I'm From" poem. Eighth grade students wrote a spoken word poem and performed it to the class.



The students in seventh grade ended the year with a whole class novel, *The Watson's go to Birmingham*. This novel had the students laughing in the beginning when one of the characters gets his lips stuck to a mirror on a cold winter day in Michigan. At the end of the book, the students were shocked to find out that although the characters are fictional, a major event had actually happened in history. The students watched the film version based on the book and compared the film to the book.

Eighth grade students ended the year with a final book club unit. This time, the books the students read were historical fiction. There were seven different books that each student got to choose from to read. Some students finished the book they chose so fast that they had time to read two books! The students ended the unit with completing an analytical, written, and creative response to the book they read by creating a one pager.

The middle school students have also been busy beyond the curriculum. The Middle School Student Council planned a variety of activities for Teacher Appreciation Week. Members organized each day of the week to be a different activity. The students showed their appreciation for teachers by giving high fives, taking selfies, giving compliments, and creating something to give to their teacher.

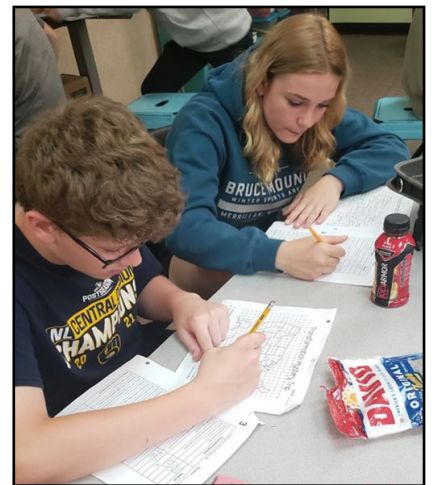
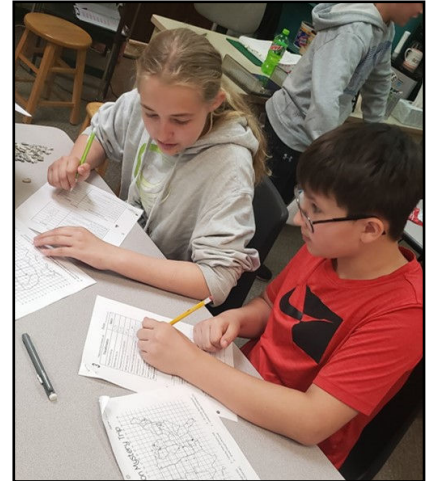
6th Graders Tackle Geography Projects

In math, we are working on comparing integers on the coordinate plane. For you folks who have been out of school awhile, that's the X and Y axis where we plot points. For example, for the coordinate (5,7) the first number walks you over to the tree and the other number tells you how far to crawl up the tree. Students are also tying this skill with previously learned latitude and longitude coordinates in geography. We practiced skills like translations, rotations, and reflections to take a journey across the United States.

In science, we just finished our chapter on states of matter - solids, liquids, gasses, and plasma (not the stuff in your blood). Our current chapter is dealing with understanding atoms. We're looking at how atoms differ and how elements can have different isotopes. An example would be carbon. Carbon has 6 protons and 6 electrons, but can have variations in the number of neutrons. You may have heard of carbon 12, carbon 13, or carbon 14. Each has 6 protons, but each also has a different number of neutrons.

In geography, we just finished a project dealing with Central America and the Caribbean. We are now completing a big project dealing with countries from around the world. Each student was allowed to select a country and was then provided with a large sheet of paper that helps them to collect and organize information about their country. Presentations will be the last week of school.

In English, students are currently working on a "How To" drawing. Students decide on a topic - how to . . . draw a kite. They create directions that explain instructions for how to draw the kite and their classmates must follow the directions to complete the task. This became a lot more involved than the students originally thought.



Diving into Insects in Kindergarten



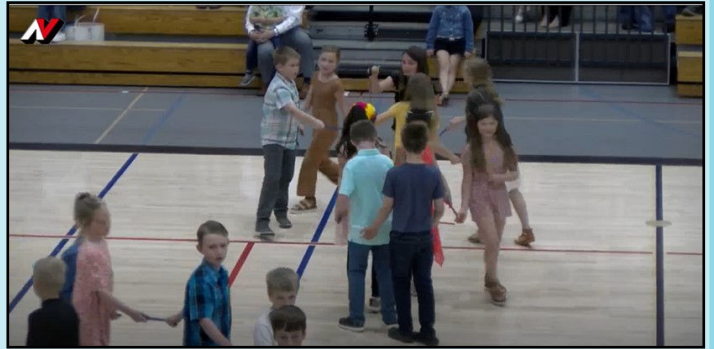
We are so proud of how far our kindergarten students have come this year. Their skills have soared in language arts and math! They are so excited to come back next school year as first graders!

This spring, as things started to blossom outside, we learned about plants and grew our own marigolds to bring home for Mother's Day! The kids loved checking on them every day to see their progress before bringing them home! We also dove into our insect unit and learned about ladybugs, bees, and butterflies. We did many activities centered around the bugs and our classes even had the chance to watch caterpillars go through the stages to transform into colorful butterflies!

We joined the rest of the elementary grades for a spring music program to finish out the year. The students had such fun practicing at school and showing their families the songs and dances they had learned. To celebrate a great year we went on an end-of-the-year trip to Schuster Park for a picnic and to enjoy some time with all of our kindergarten friends!

Elementary Concert Photos

Grades 3-5 - May 23rd



Grades 5K-2 - May 24th

First Graders Learn How Cheese is Made

Our first graders are close to becoming second graders. They have worked very hard in reading, writing and math this year. We are excited that many of our students are going to summer school! This will help alleviate some of the "summer slide". It is so vital for our students to keep reading, writing, AND doing math all summer. Time off from school should not mean time off from learning. Please help your child get the most out of their learning this year by continuing their educational routine and keeping their skills sharp.

One way to keep that excitement about reading is participating in the Public Library's summer reading program. Our students took a walking field trip to the public library to find out about the reading program and the wonderful incentives they will get when they accomplish their reading goals at the end of summer. Please call the public library if you have any additional questions about it.

With the arrival of spring, there were chicks galore in first grade! We put eggs into an incubator, candled them, and waited twenty-one days for chicks to begin hatching. Zero hatched! Thankfully, Miss Ashley brought in chicks so that we could watch them grow and change.

We were able to use our senses in the Listeman Arboretum as we went on our spring nature walk. There were many seasonal changes as spring came to Wisconsin. As our school year came to a close, we went on a field trip to Nasonville Dairy to find out how cheese is made from milk. Next, we traveled to Wildwood Park and Zoo. Have a safe summer! Good luck in second grade! Thank you parents for supporting and helping your children throughout the school year!



All Day Summer Learning

Keep the learning going all summer! Here are ways to fit learning opportunities into your child's daily routine.



Riding in the car - Let your youngster be the "tour guide" when you drive around town or go on a trip. He can point out places and describe them. He'll become more observant as he notices details and he'll practice speaking and using descriptive language.

Taking a bath - Playing with shapes and patterns strengthens early math skills. In the bathtub, your child can use washable markers and draw shapes on the sides of the tub. Or cut sheets of colored craft foam into different shapes. Have him/her dip the shapes in the water and stick them on the tub walls to make patterns or pictures.



Going to Bed - Try this twist on story time. Ask your youngster to read a wordless book to you. Or your child can invent a book that has words. Using illustrations to make up stories and read books will boost his reading comprehension.



Choir & Band State Solo & Ensemble Results

HIGH SCHOOL:

Firsts - Victoria Ratsch and Rylee Courtney - Vocal Duet; Rylee Courtney - Alto Solo; Victoria Ratsch - Music Theater Solo; Karli Gross - Music Theater Solo; and Kaden Sheikh - Drumset Solo.

Seconds - Show Choir; Sophie Hanson - Alto Solo.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Second - Jackson Hemp - Music Theater Solo.

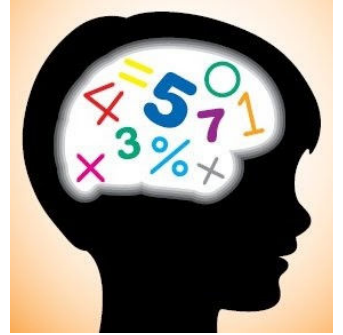


Second Graders Develop Math Skills

The second graders have been working hard in the last quarter of school. They have learned about proper and possessive pronouns, and compound words in language arts. Each class found and presented a reader's theater story to show off their fluency and intonation growth. The groups then presented to another classroom in the elementary.

The big project for fourth quarter was an animal report. Each student chose an animal and found out about what it likes to eat, where it lives, and how it develops from a baby, along with some interesting facts. After they gathered all of their information, they made a diorama of the habitat and included the animal. The students then shared their reports to the class.

In math, the second graders have learned to do multiple digit addition and subtraction problems with ungrouping and regrouping. They also explored fractions and parts of whole. We have also learned how to make and read bar graphs. In May, the second graders were to travel to Irvine Park, but the weather had other ideas. They are now going to Wildwood Park and Zoo to learn about some of the animals that they researched. They will end the trip with a special treat from Weber's Farm. Later in the month they will also be exploring at the Public Library and learning about the summer reading program. It has been a fun and phenomenal year!



Coding, Finance, & More in Business Class

Business Class Activities:

Personal Finance: Students worked on a semester-long checking account project. For this project they had 40 different transactions that they needed to either write a check or deposit slip for. Then, they had to record these transactions into a register and keep a running balance of the current amount in the checking account. Every 10 transactions they needed to compare their records with a bank statement to reconcile their account.

Marketing/ Publisher: Students ran a computerized business simulator. They had to set up and operate a grocery store. This included things like purchasing products, store set up, staffing, advertising, pricing, etc. The goal was to get their store to a profit of \$20,000 per week.

Business 7: Students are working on organizing their Google drive and using files appropriately. Students also continue to work on typing skills. Last quarter one student increased their typing speed from 84 wpm to 98 wpm.

Accounting: Students have been working on numeric typing with accounting calculators and numeric keypads. The top student was able to reach 240 characters per minute with an accuracy above 95% by the end of the year. Students also participated in a JA Titan Business Challenge for the first time this year.

Computer Science: Students are working with coding. Jennifer Peck from CESA brought in VEX robots that students were able to build and code themselves. Students also have been using a coding platform called CodeMonkey to learn the Python programming language.



4th Grade Packed Full of Activities

Fourth quarter was packed full of fun activities for the fourth grade students. From math projects to field trips to Star Lab, we sure were busy! We rotated through each classroom creating fun math projects that helped us review and apply different math skills we've learned throughout the year. Fourth grade students have four field trips in the month of May. We learn about the history of Wisconsin industry by going to the Chippewa Valley Museum and Wisconsin Logging Museum in Chippewa Falls. Fourth grade students work with our high school FFA members to learn about dairy farming in Wisconsin as we tour a local dairy farm. We also visit Reed School to see what school life was like in 1939. Lastly, we are able to have our "Walk Around Town" field trip to learn about the history of Neillsville.

Fourth grade students also worked on their Wisconsin projects. The projects were completed at home and students were able to choose any topic that related to Wisconsin. The fourth grade student council members for fourth quarter were Hadley Hare, Mason Becker and Claire Trojan. Thanks for a great year, fourth grade students! We can't wait to see you shine in fifth grade!

