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SCHOOL YEAR COMING TO A CLOSE

The 2017-2018 school year is coming to a close and we at the CWL Elementary have had a great school year. We have had lots of great opportunities this past year and wish to say THANK YOU for all the community support everyone has given our school.

A lot of things have happened in our PreK-6 Grade Classrooms this year. Here are “just some” of the things our students learned and also got to experience. We are so very fortunate here at the CWL Elementary.

The Preschoolers last day of school was May 22nd. This year in Preschool we used the Gold Assessment which covers seven different areas of learning. Those seven areas of learning were:

1. Early Literacy Skills (covers letters and sounds)
2. Social and Emotional Skills
3. Fine and Gross Motor Skills
4. Physical Skills
5. Number Concepts
6. Language
7. Cognitive Development

Preschool also participated in several field trips and activities, some of which included going to the Apple Orchard in Fort Dodge, participating in Homecoming activities, participating in Fire Prevention Week, National School Bus safety Week, Red Ribbon Week, the Halloween Costume Parade, visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny, being a part of our Bucket Assemblies and Student of the Month and Read Across America Week. This is just a few of the activities our preschoolers were involved in this year.

Kindergarten used a combination of Everyday Math and Ready Common Core Math along with Lexia. They also use Ready Common Core for Literacy and The Next Steps Forward in Guided Reading this year. Our First and Second Graders used Next Step Guided Reading, Zearn Math Games, Lexia, Epic Reading Books and Everyday Math with online games in their classroom for learning as well as taking many educational field trips.

Some of the Field Trips were combined with Kindergarten this year and some were just with the first and second grade, but here are a few of the trips that we took. In September, K-2 visited Stinson Prairie and learned about prairie land. On this trip we got to tag butterflies. Also in September the second grade got to go on a Native American Ways Field trip. October brought a visit to the hospital with our first grade, a visit from a real author, Coach Sloth for the whole school and K-2 went to the Apple Orchard and the pumpkin patch. November was our Veteran’s Day program and in December we had Christmas books read to the class by Mr. Hueser, caroling in Lu Verne and Christmas Dress up days to get us in the Holiday spirit. In January we went ice skating with the hockey team in Mason City and in March brought a play in Ames. Grades 1 and 2 made books about their favorite things in spring and in April and May we learned Ag in the Classroom, went to Dairy Days, the Science Center in Des Moines, had another author come, Harlan Wittkopf, cleaned up our communities to make them look nice, went to the nursing homes in Humboldt to sing to residents, went swimming at the YMCA and held our annual picnic in the park and field day. We also participated in Bucket Assemblies, Student of the Month and every quarter we have a reading program where the children learn something new and do activities as a whole. K,1,and 2 have had a very busy year and these are just “some” of the things we did.

The 3rd and 4th graders have had a busy year of learning. We recently had Ag in the Classroom come and visit. We learned about the development of a chicken egg and are currently taking care of the 12 eggs. The eggs take 21 days to hatch and while candling them we saw several babies growing inside. We can't wait to watch them hatch!!!

UPDATE: On May 15th the chicks started hatching.

ANOTHER UPDATE: AS of 3:30 p.m. on May 16th , 9 baby chicks have hatched.



Here are all of the awesome things that the 3rd and 4th graders have done this year.

Researching all the states and presenting them to the class, Learning and mastering our multiplication facts, Mystery Science Lessons – Human Body, Energy and Motion –Sound, Waves, and Communication –Rock Cycle, Erosion, and Natural Hazards, Body Systems Projects, Animal Book – We learned about the 5 categories of animals and made a book that each child was able to take home and share with their families, Ryan Sloth – Author visited our school, Virtual Tours to places that we have learned about, Zearn-math program I pads and Computers – 1 to 1, MTSS – 3-6 broke into groups, Read Naturally – working on reading fluency, comprehension, and summarizing, Pen Pals with another 3rd grade class in St. Paul Minnesota – They speak Hmong and are from Southeast Asia, STEM projects and challenges – One of them was trying to split the pumpkins in half with rubber bands, Quarterly Book reports, Lexie, Flashlight Friday's – We read our books with the lights off and use our flashlights, Cooking Day – Learned about fractions and how to cook, Ag in the Classroom- We are hatching eggs – takes 21 days, Tree's for Threes at Smith Lake, Science Center in Des Moines Skating with the hockey team in Mason City, Play in Mason City and Ames, EPAK for 4th graders, Star Lab at the Nature Center, Recycling Program, Animal Adaption Program, Migrations Program, Skulls Program, Winter Survival Skills at Call Park, Sugar Shack- made maple syrup, Union Slough – saw birds migrating, Rockford Quarry – learn about fossils –find them and bring them home, Rocks, minerals and soil program, Dictionaries from the Kiwanis, Student of the Month, Quarterly Reading Programed. Seuss Week, Monthly Bucket Assemblies focusing on the character traits, Singing at the care centers, Swimming at the YMCA, Picnic in the Park, Cleaning up all three communities for clean-up days, Art – weekly, Guidance – weekly, Class Dojo is used school wide – (Grandparents can be added to this, so that they know what is going on in their grandchild's classrooms.) , PLC –conference – hour together, Shirts – Lu Verne Betterment Committee helped purchased these along with a grant from the ISEA, Libraries – teaming up with them for summer programs, Books from the Methodist Church in Corwith – Each child got to take home 5 books.

The fifth and sixth graders have had a busy year also and went on various field trips together. Most recently they visited the star lab and went fishing at Smith Lake. They also went to Doctor Kaboom in Mason City in the Fall, participated in programs with Billie Willie, went to the Science Center in Des Moines, went ice skating in Mason City, had a visit from Coach Sloth and Harlan Wittkopf (real live authors), had our annual school picnic and field and game day, sang at the nursing homes in Humboldt , went Christmas Caroling in the Lu Verne community, had a clean-up day to beautify our towns, helped with Grandparents Day, and participated in Bucket Assemblies that were based on Character. The fifth grade also went through the DARE Program with Officer Curry.

The fifth and sixth grade used Everyday Math as our Math program this year and Mosa Mack for Science. In Science the 5th and 6th graders did various experiments. Some of their favorites were engineering and design experiments where they got to build solutions to problems. The sixth graders learned about the rock cycle by shaving, adding pressure and melting crayons. The fifth graders learned about chemistry by mixing different liquids to see if they could create a chemical reaction. Both the fifth and the sixth graders learned about space and created shadow clocks that we actually got to take outside and see if the shadows really do tell you the time. They worked!!!!

As you can see it has been a VERY BUSY YEAR at the CWL Elementary. We learned a lot of things not only in our classrooms but by also having these great learning opportunities outside of the classroom! It has been a great year and we are already looking forward to the next school year! A lot of these things would not be possible if it weren't from all the support of our parent's and communities, so we want you to know how much you are appreciated from all of us!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY 2017-2018

All parents were asked to complete a parent involvement survey. A parent policy is sent home with every family each year at registration. This policy is part of our Schoolwide Title 1 program, and all parents are invited to join the Schoolwide Program Planning and Review Committee. Please call if you would like to become a member, or feel free to attend the next planning meeting in the fall. The areas covered on the survey were:

Parent involvement

Communication

Conferences and meetings

Parents were also asked to make recommendations on the school compact, parent policy, and communication methods. Finally, parents were asked how the school could further assist them.

Most parents either agreed or strongly agreed with the statements and expressed support in their written comments. One parent commented that she felt her child's needs were being met and arrangements to help the child succeed are fantastic. Several methods of communication are available such as; email, text, paper hardcopies, JMC notices, Facebook and Class Dojo, to keep parents informed. Please let the classroom teacher and/or office staff know your preference, and let them know of any changes to phone numbers or email address. These comments were shared with the staff and will be discussed at the next Schoolwide meeting.

TITLE ONE SURVEY 2017-2018

A Title 1 evaluation survey was distributed to the parents of students who received Title 1 services throughout the school year. Three specific areas were addressed:

Availability of the Title 1 teacher for questions and concern

Expectations and progress made

Benefit of the program for their child

Parents were asked whether they "Strongly Agreed, Agreed, Disagreed, or Strongly Disagreed" with each statement on the survey. In addition, space was available after each statement for written comments. Parents were also asked for suggestions they might have for the upcoming school year.

After reviewing the results from the returned surveys, each of the above statements were either marked Strongly Agree or Agree. Every parent felt the Title 1 teacher was easy to contact and communicate with, felt that they understood what was expected of them as a parent with a Title 1 child, and believed that their child benefited from being in the Title 1 program. Written comments included one parent's statement, "Keep doing what you're doing...it's working!" We are pleased with these results and will continue to provide a quality Title 1 program to our students.

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



April's Students of the Month are from the left: Maria Aguilar, Sierra Harris, Miguel Munguia and Landon Cartee. Great job and keep up the good work. **May's Students of the Month will be in our June Newsletter along with Perfect Attendance for Quarter 4 and Perfect Attendance for 2017-2018 School Year.**

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

Mrs. Enockson will be teaching summer band lessons every Monday during the month of June. Each lesson will be 20 minutes, and will begin at 8 a.m. Lessons are open for beginning 5th graders, next year's 6th graders, as well as for the current outgoing 6th graders. Please email her for your preferred lesson time. jenockson@gcb.k12.ia.us

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The CWL Elementary Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and will be CLOSED on Friday's during the months of June and July. Please call ahead on Friday's to see if someone is in the office.



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