

DECEMBER 2020



Altoona Elementary Newsletter



Absentee
Hotline #
715-839-6095

Please call
when your
child is
absent!

A word from our Principal:

Dear AES Families,
Thank you for your support,
flexibility, and understanding
as we make adjustments to
our processes so that we can
continue to educate your
children. The AES staff has
been working diligently to
ensure your children feel
cared for and ensure they
are growing academically,
socially, and emotionally as
well. Our community is so
fortunate to have such a
caring and dedicated school
community and staff.

To those of you who
nominated someone during
American Education Week:
Thank you! Your recognition
and kindness was greatly
appreciated.

Best regards,
Tara Beflach
Elementary Principal

School
starts at
7:40 a.m. sharp!

Winter Gear Checklist

- Snowpants
- Winter coat
- Boots
- Hat
- Gloves or Mittens



IMPORTANT DATES

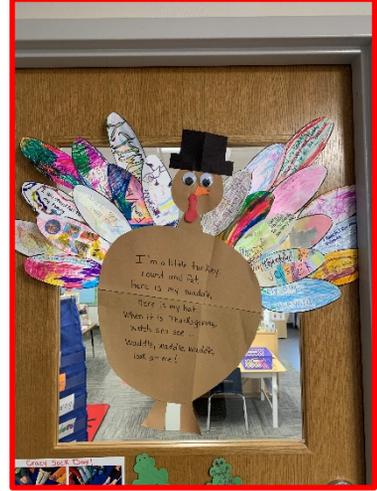
No School
December 24th -
January 1st

School resumes
Monday, Jan. 4th





4K News



November has been a month of thankfulness! We are so thankful to still be in school. Wearing our masks, keeping our distance (or what we like to call "bubble space"), and washing our hands is sure helping even our youngest learners. We are finishing up our first round of letters and will be doing a review before starting another round. We are practicing retelling stories, naming the characters, and what the problem and resolution are. We, of course, are still enjoying our playground. Have a safe and happy break!

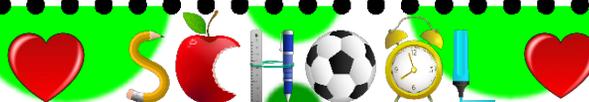
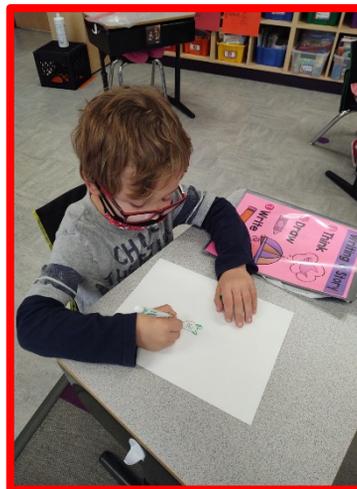
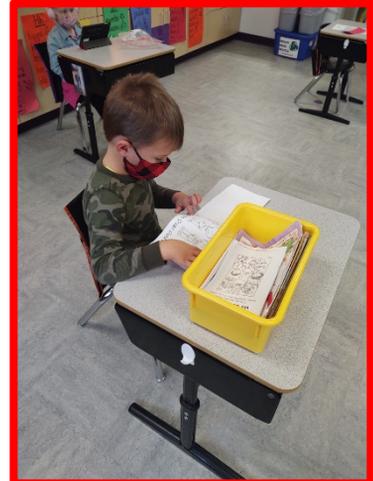




Kindergarten News



This month in Kindergarten, the kids are learning how to be independent workers so that the teachers can work with small groups of students or skill groups. This month shows Miss Norberg's class listening to reading (EPIC), enjoying books, working on writing, and doing sound sorts. Kindergarteners have also been learning how to discuss a story, blending and segmenting words, and learning new vocabulary words such as force and motion. In math, they have been working on the concepts of shorter and longer, and beginning to work with 2-D shapes.



NEWS FROM FIRST GRADE



It has been a busy month of learning in first grade. During this month, students have been spending time working on story problems with unknown addends. They have been working hard to find as many combinations of numbers to answer these problems as they can. They have also been playing several math games to work on these skills, including Build It 2, Dot Addition, How Many Am I Hiding, and Counters in a Cup.



During our Language Arts time, first graders have been learning about animals. Students have listened to many non-fiction books about animals and how their bodies help them to survive. Students have also learned about how some animals use camouflage to protect themselves. In addition to hearing these animal books, students have been working hard to research an animal of their choice. Students have used PebbleGo to learn about their animal's habitat, life cycle, food, and other fun facts. Notes were then put into complete sentences using their best handwriting. First graders also drew a picture of their animal in its habitat. They have been working hard and are so excited to share what they have learned.

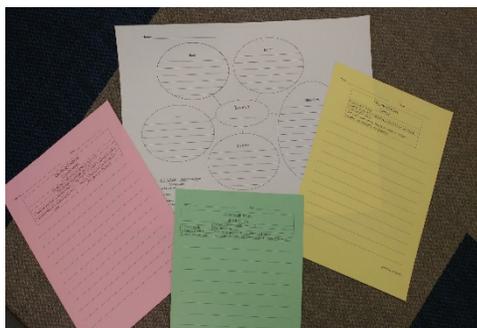
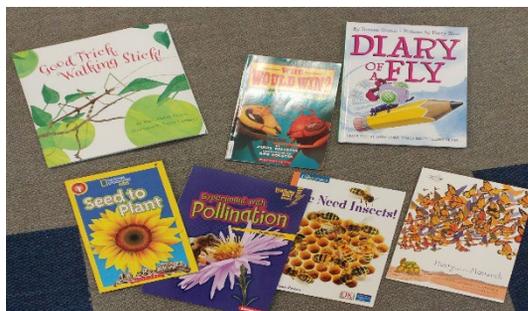




News from 2nd grade



The second grade class started their first research project for ELA and it is a creepy, crawly one...that's right we are diving into insects! Our language workshop books are helping us with comprehension and background knowledge.



Our writer's workshop time has been our research time and we are using a web for our note taking. After the research is done we will write our report in three parts (bold beginning, mighty middle and exciting ending). Finally, we will put the three parts together to create a paragraph with all of our researched information.



For science we have also been observing mealworms as they go through metamorphosis.





3rd Grade News

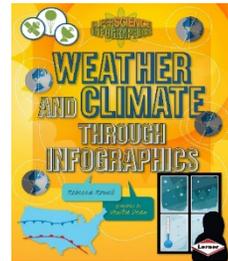


Call us the Experts!

In third grade students are working on creating an expert book. An expert book is a book written about what students are experts in! Students are writing an informational book and adding in lots of text features! Some of the text features we are adding are, a table of contents, a glossary, pictures, and diagrams! The students are working hard to write and complete their first draft with an introduction, three chapters, and a conclusion.



To help us learn more about informational texts, we looked at books written by experts. We read books like *Everything Weather* by Kathy Furgang and *Weather and Climate Through Infographics* written by Rebecca Rowell. These excellent books taught us lots of facts about all the different types of weather, precipitation, and the water cycle. Students are really enjoying reading nonfiction texts!



In math, students are working hard to create graphs that represent numerical data. Students are coming up with important questions to ask where they can find data to compare. Students are practicing measuring and using tally marks to keep track of information. When students find the data they are looking for, they are creating line plots, bar graphs, and pictographs. The students look at each of the graphs and see how many different questions they can answer with what they found.

Students are learning all about measuring! Students are learning how to measure items using feet and inches. We are currently practicing measuring things to the nearest half inch. Students have also learned about objects that are about the size of an inch and a foot. Students found that items like a toothbrush head, an inch worm, the top part of your thumb, and a paperclip are all about an inch. Students found that the height of a water bottle, a ruler, the width of a shovel, and an ice skate blade are all about a foot. The students loved measuring objects at their desks and items around the classroom like the height of the door!



1 inch

- length of a toothbrush head
- length of an inch worm
- distance from top of thumb to knuckle
- length of a paper clip



1 foot (12 inches)

- height of a water bottle
- length of a ruler
- width of a shovel
- length of an ice skate blade





Music Class



Students in Kindergarten and First Grade have been sharing their tuneful voices in music.



Tuneful: I can sing a tune.





Altoona Elementary Lunch Menu

December
2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Cheeseburger on Bun Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Golden French Fries Whole Grain Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	4 Pizza Dippers with Marinara Sauce Roasted Corn Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk **Cookie**
7 Hotdog on Whole Grain Bun Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	8 Pancakes Sausage Patty Tri Tater Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	9 NO SCHOOL	10 Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Breadstick Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk **Rice Krispie Treat**	11 Cheese Pizza Roasted Italian Vegetables Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk
14 Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	15 Walking Taco Cheese Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	16 NO SCHOOL	17 Hamburger on a Bun Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk **Cookie**	18 French Bread Pizza Caesar Salad Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk
21 Hotdog on Whole Grain Bun Golden French Fries Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk	22 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk **Cookie**	23 NO SCHOOL	24 MERRY	25 CHRISTMAS
28 HAPPY	29 NEW	30 YEAR!!!	31	 <p>Choose MyPlate.gov</p>

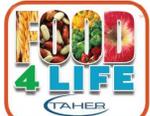
PRICES	Regular	\$2.70
	Reduced	\$0.40
	Adult	\$4.00
	Milk	\$0.50

EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White or Chocolate is included with lunch.
 For questions or comments, contact Polly Dake-Jones at 715-839-6056 or email pdakejones@altoona.k12.wi.us.



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TaHer Food4Life®



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