

April

Newsletter



A Word From Our Principal

We are welcoming the warmer weather here at AES. Our hope for after Spring Break is for snow pants, boots and mittens to be able to be washed, put away and not returned until next winter!

One of my goals is to get into all the classrooms to introduce myself. I have combined this with my passion of reading children's literature. It has been such a pleasure to get to know all the amazing students at AES. By Spring Break I will have had an opportunity to read in all classrooms. Ask your child about the story I shared with their class.

Have a safe and healthy Spring break! I look forward to seeing the students' smiling faces on April 6th!

Ms. Begley



Attention Altoona Parents:

Taher and our food service department will be handing out bagged meals to your child every Tuesday afternoon with 1 breakfast and 1 lunch for Wednesday meals and Friday afternoon with 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches for the weekend. **If you wish to opt out** of this, please send an email with your child's name to:

pdakejones@altoona.k12.wi.us



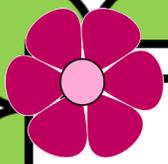
Dates to Remember

March 29-April 5
NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK



APRIL 6
SCHOOL RESUMES

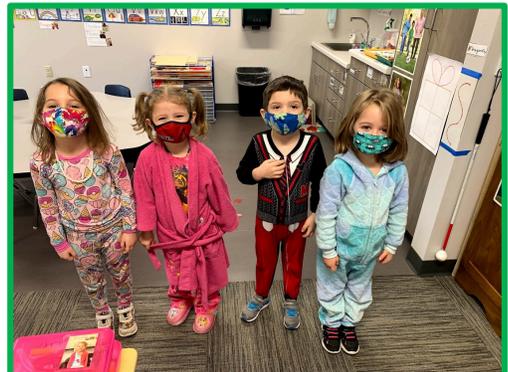
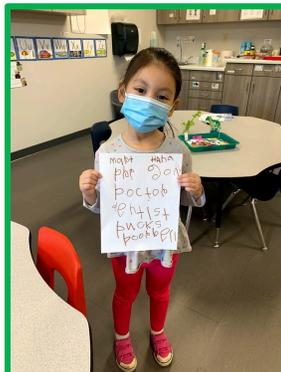
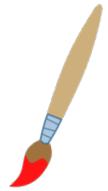
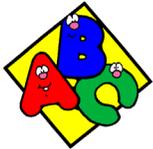




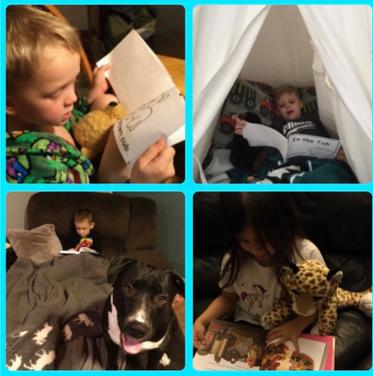
4K News

We celebrated Read Across America the first week of March with hat day, silly day, favorite color day, PJ day and LOTS and LOTS of reading! We are finishing our second round of letters by practicing how to write them and make the letter sound. Many children have been writing letters and words around the classroom and pretending to be the teacher during free choice time. We are reading and writing and rhyming-oh My!

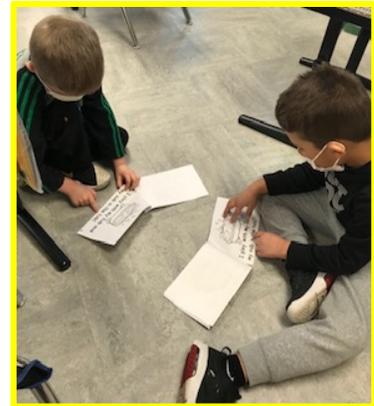
Officer Peterson and Donut came for a visit. The children loved giving Donut lots of attention and enjoyed seeing an officer in uniform and asking him questions! We collected lots of peanut butter and jelly for the PB&J drive! Hoping the warmer weather will come back and stick around!!! Have a happy and safe spring break. We will see you in April!



Kindergarten News



Kindergarteners have been busy, busy this month! Read Across America Week was the first week of March, and students were encouraged to grab a book to read at home with their favorite stuffed animal. Check out Mrs. Peterson's friends who love reading!



We also started a non-fiction unit on Weather and Farm Animals this month. Students are working on telling the difference between facts and opinions, and recalling facts to write down on paper. In math, kindergarteners have been tackling addition and subtraction problems. There are SO many fun ways to learn these fun facts!



Mrs. Peterson's friends are fishing for math equations and sight words too!

Happy Spring!

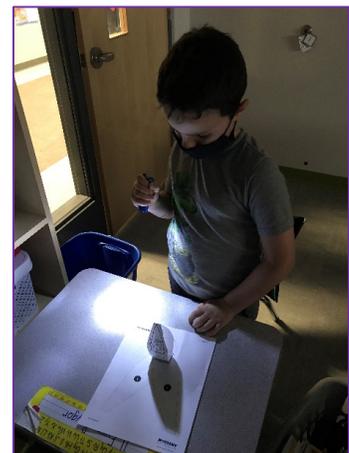
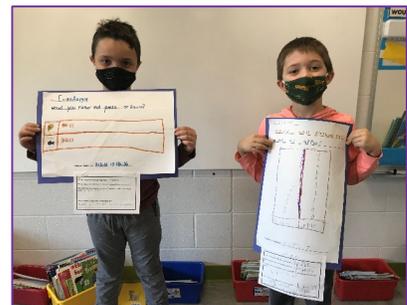
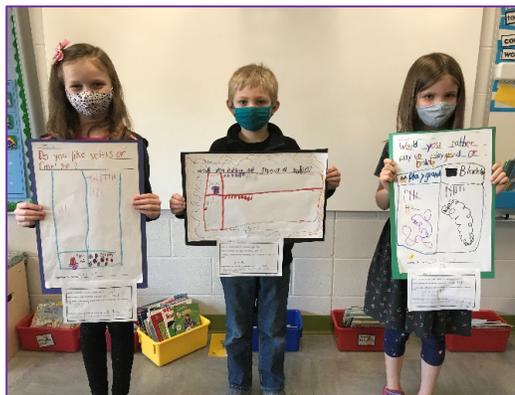
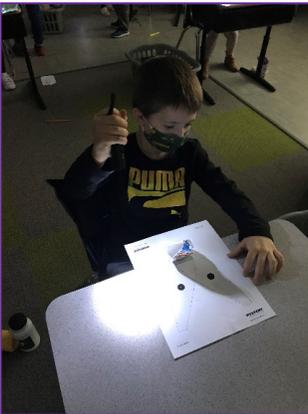


News from 1st Grade

First graders have been busy celebrating and decorating our hallway to reflect the arrival of spring! We sure have been enjoying the extra sunlight and less winter gear at recess.

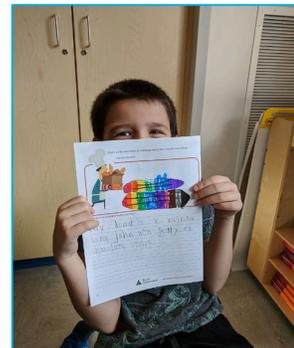
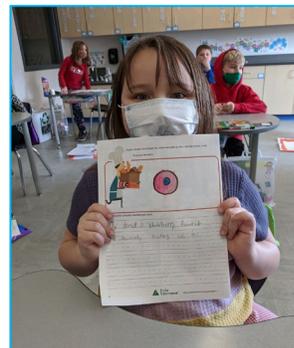
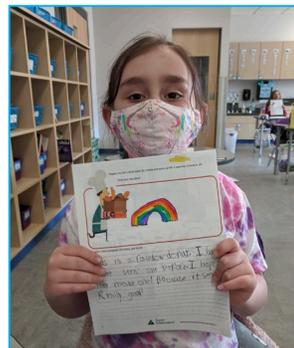
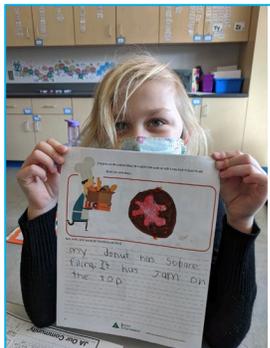
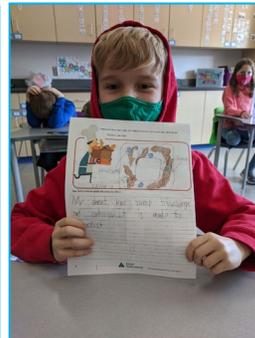
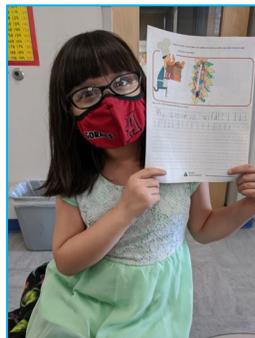
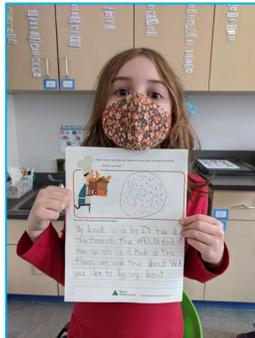
In science, students have been learning about the sun and shadows! In writing, first graders have been practicing how to write a paragraph to express his or her opinion with specific reasons. This has been a great transition to our new math unit where students are collecting and representing data. It has been so fun to learn more about each other!

First graders recently had a visit from some sneaky leprechauns and were over the moon about the fun surprises left behind! We can't believe that Spring Break is just around the corner!



2nd Grade News

Second graders have been busy this month learning about our communities and being introduced to the idea of economics. They have participated in a program, called Junior Achievement, which has taught them what it means to be a citizen within a community, have a job that they are paid for, and how money moves through our community.



The activities have included: exploring a map of a community, creating a new donut invention, producing donuts to be “sold”, being paid for the work they completed and paying taxes so that government workers get paid.



SWEET “O” DONUT PRODUCTION

1. **PREPARE:** Separate each donut from the sticker sheet.
2. **MIX:** Place three ingredient stickers (eggs, flour, and milk) on the back of each donut.
3. **FLAVOR** each donut by coloring the center.
4. **CHECK** your work to be sure the donuts have been made correctly.



After working hard to produce paper donuts and counting the number of products they made versus the number of donuts that were “defects,” students got to enjoy the REAL thing! Yum!!!

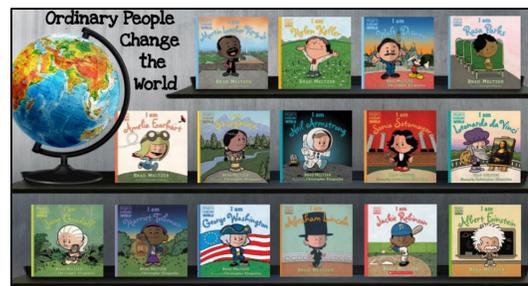
3rd Grade
Forward
Exam
will be the
week of
April 26.

News from 3rd Grade

Time sure does fly by when you are having fun and learning lots! The third graders have been busy learning about a variety of different topics.

In math, we have been learning about multiplication and division! The students have been learning to understand what multiplication and division are and the relationship between the two!

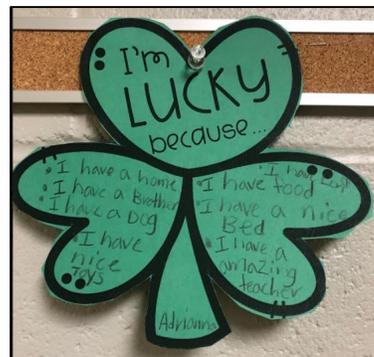
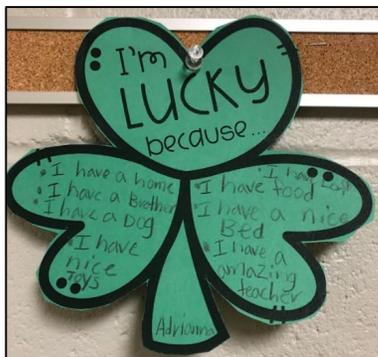
In language arts, we are learning all about Americans who have made an impact on the way we live! The students get to choose their very own influential American to research and report out about!



We also got to celebrate National Read Across America Day! The football team helped us celebrate by sharing their favorite books with us!



The third graders took some time to write about how lucky they are! What a fun month it has been!





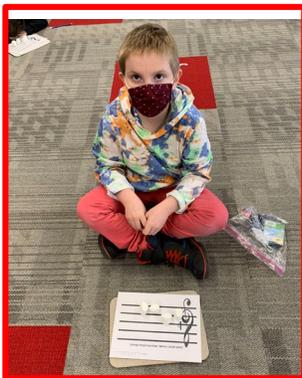
A Note from Music



Kindergarteners are excited to share their music books with you! In the next few weeks all of the kindergarteners will have their own songbook that has many of the songs that they have learned this year. In the back of the book there is even a QR code for you to scan to hear examples of each of the songs/chants. Enjoy!



3rd Grade is using marshmallows to write music! We have been working hard to write do, re, and mi on a five-line staff and this is always a great way to check for understanding. Plus, they love all the sugar!





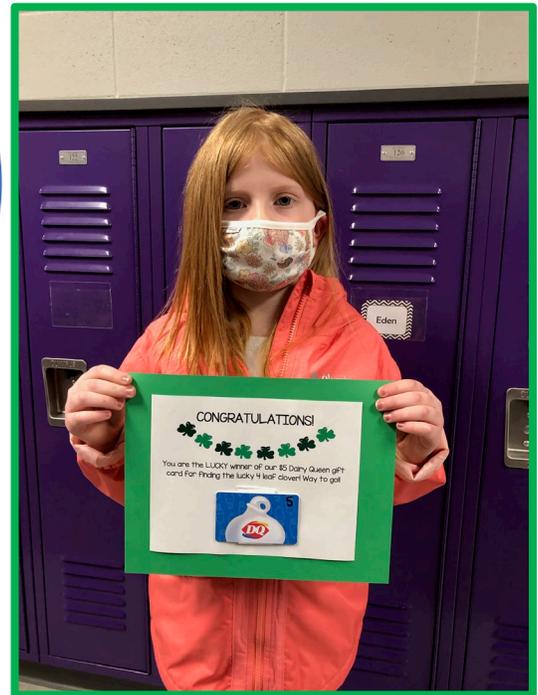
Thank you!



congratulations
to olivia!
she was our
4 leaf clover
contest
winner!



Thank you so much for all of the peanut butter and jelly donations during the recent food drive! It will help many of our Altoona families!



hello spring!

Ms. Begley Enjoys Reading to our Students!





ALL ABOARD! SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM SAVE THE DATE

Our district-sponsored summer school program is back in a new, exciting format! If you are looking for a fun and engaging summer school opportunity for your child, this is the ticket!!

Session 1: 8:30-1 July 6-July 22	Session 2: July 26-August 12
All Students in Grades K-8 are eligible for:	
Enrichment activities: 8:30- 9:30 Enrichment or Remediation 9:30-10:30 Enrichment or Remediation 10:30-11:30 Enrichment or Remediation 11:30-12:00 Lunch provided 12:00- 1:00 Enrichment for all!	
Select Students are nominated for:	
Targeted instruction in reading, writing, and math from 8:30-11:30 with the option to stay for lunch and an elective course	

The Summer School Program Works for Parents, Too!

- 8:30-1:00
- Four days a week (No Fridays)
 - No cost
- Transportation provided if within district boundaries

Any questions, please contact Katie King, Summer School Coordinator at

kking@Altoona.k12.wi.us or 715-839-6050 ext. 223

<https://www.Altoona.k12.wi.us/parents/summer-programs>



**2021-22
4K REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

Dear Parents:

You are invited to participate in **the Altoona School District 4K Program** at our new Early Education Center, located at **754 Bartlett Avenue, Altoona**. Our 4 year old Kindergarten program is an enriched, play-based program designed to prepare your child for their educational career. We provide an enriched curriculum that provides school readiness skills, social emotional development, and school expectations. We know that our children learn best through play and provide age appropriate activities in all areas of development. We are the only 4K program connected with our school district, we work closely with the Elementary staff to make this a simplified transition to Kindergarten, and our program is provided at **no cost**.

Our 4K program is a half day program (morning and afternoon options) that runs four days a week. It's a program designed for all children who live in the Altoona School District who will be four years old by September 1, 2021. Four year old children who have been accepted for open enrollment will also be eligible to participate. Transportation options are available.

4K Enrollment is completed online. Please visit our website to complete the necessary paperwork: <https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/parents/registration> If you do not have access to complete the required online forms, we will be able to provide online access at the Elementary School for you.

While enrolling online, we require the following forms to be uploaded:

- Original Birth Certificate (we verify the information and return it to you)
- Proof of Residency (mortgage documents or utility bill with your name and address on it)
- Immunization record
- Other important documents if applicable (IEP, court documentation, etc.)

If you are unable to upload the required documents, please bring the above listed forms to the Altoona Elementary School Office, located at 157 Bartlett Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., **before Friday, May 28th, to complete the enrollment process.** Contact Shannon Ross at 715-839-6050 to coordinate a time to come into the Elementary School Office.

We encourage you to take advantage of **Altoona 4K!** If you have questions, please contact Laura Trachsel, Altoona 4K Coordinator, at: ltrachsel@altoona.k12.wi.us. Please pass this information on to others who may not have received it. We want all Altoona families with four year olds to be aware of this exciting opportunity!

Sincerely,

Laura Trachsel

4K Coordinator
715-838-7350



Altoona Elementary Lunch Menu

April
2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>ChooseMyPlate.gov</p>	<p>This is for Food 4 Thought</p>		<p>1 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>2 SPRING BREAK</p>
<p>5 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>6 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Golden French Fries</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>7 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>8 Pancakes Egg Patty Tri Tater</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>9 Hamburger on a Bun with pickles Golden French Fries</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>
<p>12 Cheese Pizza Green Beans</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>13 Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>14 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>15 Soft Beef Tacos Refried Beans</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>16 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Glazed Carrots</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>
<p>19 Hotdog on Whole Grain Bun Golden French Fries</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>20 Pasta with Meat Sauce Caesar Side Salad</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>21 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>23 Pizza Dippers With Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>
<p>26 Cheeseburger on Bun Waffle Fries</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>27 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Tator Tots</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29 Macaroni & Cheese Roasted Broccoli</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>	<p>30 Cheese Pizza Side Salad</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Juice 1% Milk</p>

PRICES	Regular	\$2.70
	Reduced	\$0.40
	Adult	\$3.85
	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.



Your MENUS plus more information on our app
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