Altoona Elementary School

April

Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Greetings Altoona Families,
Spring has sprung! Hopefully, this is the end of the inclement weather days. We want to thank you again for your understanding and flexibility you have had to endure this winter season. It definitely hasn't been a typical winter. Warm weather and green grass will be very welcomed!

Report cards were sent home on Thursday, March 21st. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Sincerely,
Tara Betlach
Elem. Principal

Reminder:

April 22 is our snow make up day and will be a full day of school.

Important Dates

April 9 - Elem. PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m.

April 12 - Elem. PTO Family Rodeo Dance 5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 19 - No School

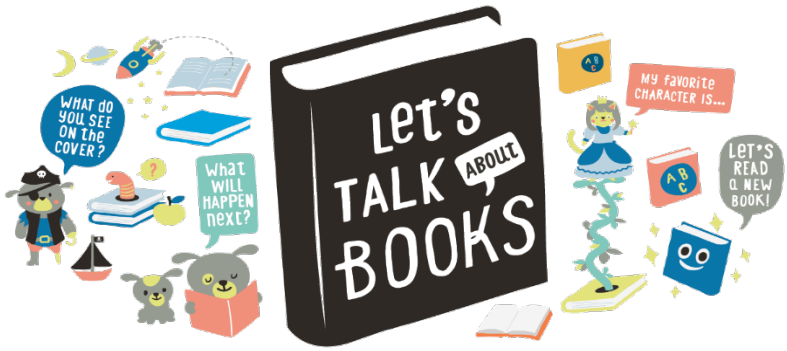
April 25 - 1st & 3rd Grade Music Programs
1st Grade: 12:30
3rd Grade: 2:00

April 26 - Grandparents/Special Friends Day

The RAIL summer program sign up begins on **April 3rd** on the Altoona School District website! You must have your Family Access login to register. **Register Early! Classes fill up quickly!**

R-Real
A-Adventures
I-In
L-Learning

News from 4K



Read and Think Aloud

Read to your child or have your child read to you. Cuddle up and read everyday, bring books with you wherever you go, make book reading fun and exciting, and allow your child to read the same books over and over. It's natural for children to want to keep reading the same books. Each time, try to point out new words, ideas, or pictures and talk about them together.

Talking about what is being read makes thinking about what is being read a habit.

Ways to Talk About Read Alouds:
•I wonder why...
•Where did...
•If the character...
•I wonder what will happen next...
•What if they...
•Why did they...
•I like this author because...
•This character/story/setting reminds me of _____ because....
•This story is similar to/different than...
•My favorite part was ____ because...

Word Power
Before kids can read, they need to understand that words are made up of sounds. Have fun talking about words!

•Listen to and make rhymes (cat, bat, hat, sat)
•Clap syllables (hap-py)
•Segment words (cat = /c/ /a/ /t/)
•Make up alliterations (Silly Sam!)

Laura Trachsel
4K Coordinator

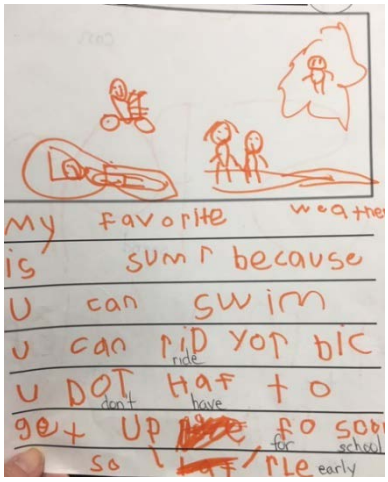
4K Registration for the 2019-20 school year is now open!

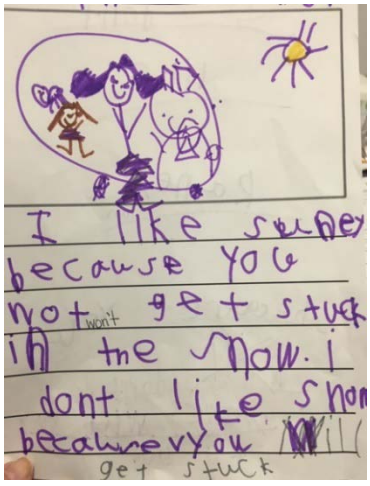
Kindergarten News

This month we have started our Weather Unit. We are learning all about different kinds of weather and about patterns in weather. We are continuing to learn and write opinion pieces during writing time and learning how to give strong reasons to support our opinions. We are also reviewing the differences between fiction and nonfiction books and learning about how to use nonfiction text(s) to research a topic. Kindergarten will also be visiting the Farm in the upcoming weeks!

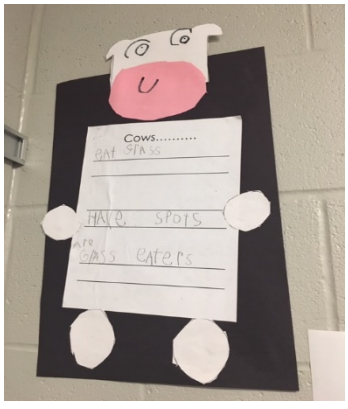
APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!!!

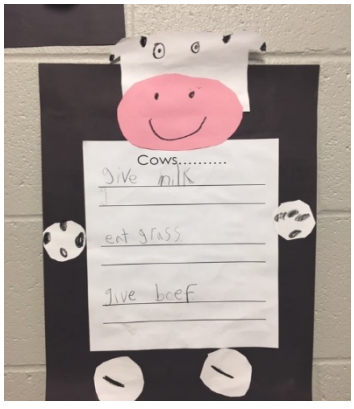
Here are some student pieces where students share and support their opinion about their favorite kind of weather.

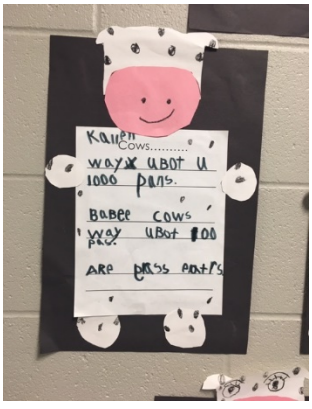




Here is some student work where students recall and record facts about cows.

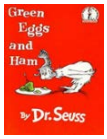






1ST Grade News

March has been a busy month for us in First Grade! We are working in our "Seasons Unit". Students worked in groups to create a poster based on their season. We have also been working on paragraph writing using the traffic light model. We celebrated Dr. Seuss day (pajama day) by reading and did many activities celebrating many of his classic books. We got to eat green eggs and ham and learn about St. Patrick's Day traditions. We love first grade!



We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a read-a-thon on March 1st.

Green Day!

Learning about St. Patrick's Day traditions!

2nd Grade News

Coming Soon: Field Trip to Beaver Creek Mon. May 13th

Have you ever had to voice your opinion and back it up with reasons why you felt that way? That is exactly what second graders have been working on. First, they learned the format of a friendly letter. Then, they started using letters to voice their opinions about characters and stories from books. Some students even included examples from the stories. They are getting really good at being persuasive! Are they using this skill at home too? We read some stories that modeled persuasion as well. Here are some titles. Maybe you have read them too.

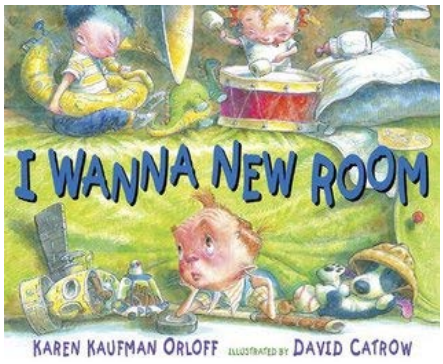
I Wanna Iguana

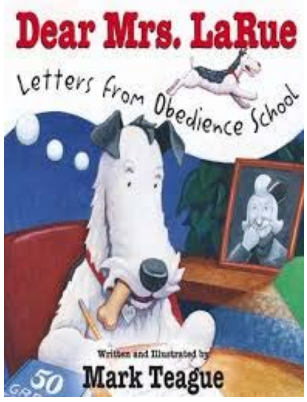
I Wanna New Room

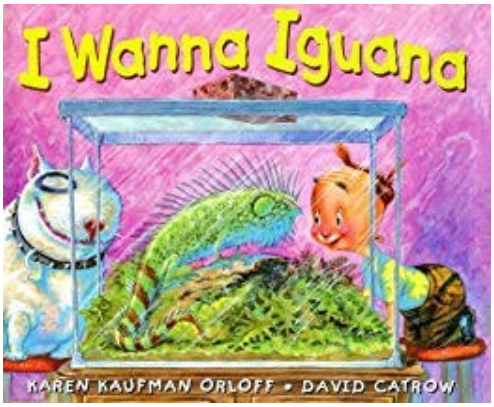
I Wanna Go Home

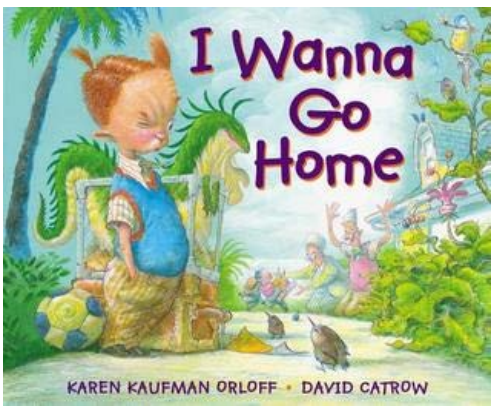
Dear Mrs. LaRue, Letters From Obedience School

Hey Little Ant









State Testing will be April 9th – 12th.

3rd Grade News

We started Module 3B: American Idols in English/Language Arts. Third graders have been learning about a variety of influential people like Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Jackie Robinson, and Thomas Edison. As we have learned about these important people and events, we have added information to the timelines in our classrooms.

Third graders have been researching a famous person who helped to change our country/world. As they research, students use the inquiry process to ask questions, search for answers, identify topics of interest, create, and share what they have learned.

1849

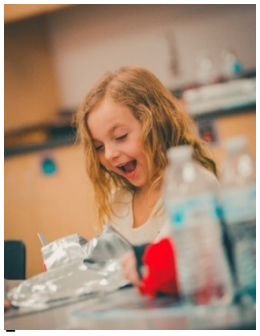
Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery. For the next 10 years, she helped others escape through the Underground Railroad.

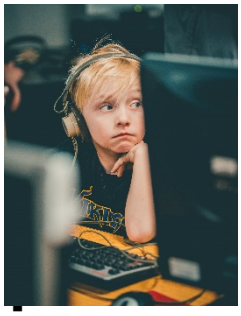
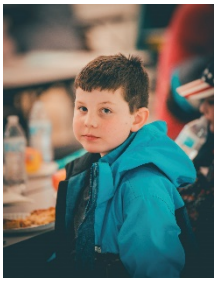
1879

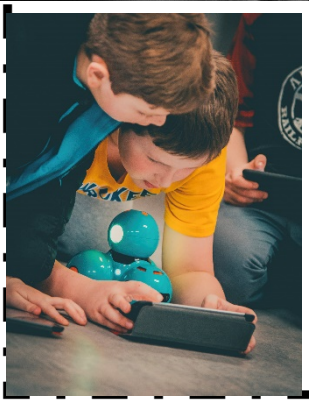
Thomas Edison invents the electric lightbulb.

1919

Women are given the right to vote when the Nineteenth Amendment is passed.





Box Tops Contest Winners

The winter Box Tops contest is complete and the winning classes are: Kindergarten - Ms. Flackey's, 1st - Ms. Stephens', 2nd - Ms. Faraca's, and 3rd - Ms. Stangel's. This was our shortest submission period and we raised over $330. The Box Tops program has raised over $40,000 since we started participating. Thank you everyone and please continue to watch for Box Tops and turn them in.

- Ms. Scullion, Box Tops Coordinator

Playing 4E Health℠ and 1st Grade Teacher Edna Borrero

Want to give a giant

Thank You!

For all of the FEED the DINO Charity Drive Donations at Altoona Elementary .

Congratulations to Kassidy O'Connell for qualifying for the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament!

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for board members for the 2019-2020 school year. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These positions are a rewarding way to volunteer at our school to make a difference. Here are a few ways they make a difference: purchasing additions to our playground, funding Books In the Park (free book giveaway throughout the summer), Family Learning Nights, and the End-of-Year Carnival. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lenberg at klenberg@altoona.k12.wi.us.

Some of our Third Graders shared about STEM Club with the School Board!

Music Melodies

The music room has been busy with many things this spring.

Student teachers

We just finished having Ms. Cruciani in our room for the last 9 weeks. In April, Ms. Hermanson will be joining the music classroom for the rest of the year.

Programs

April showers bring.....PROGRAMS! We look forward to seeing the first and third grade families at the spring programs on April 25th. First grade performs at 12:30pm and third grade performs at 2:00pm. See you there!

Pictures/Videos

If you want to see pictures and videos of what is going on in the music room and in all of the specials rooms please sign up for ClassDojo. This is a website/app that operates a lot like facebook for the classroom. Email Mrs. Drayton at edrayton@altoona.k12.wi.us if you want to sign up for this wonderful communication tool.

Altoona Elementary Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit & Vegetable Bar

April 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 ***April Fool's Day*** Pancakes with Sausage and Fruit Topping Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun Hash Brown	2 Cheesy Italian Flatbread with Dipping Sauce Whole Grain Corn Dog on a Stick Side Caesar Salad	3 Beefy Nachos with Cheese Sauce, Lettuce and Tomato Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich on Flatbread Black Beans	4 ***International Carrot Day*** Oven Roasted Chicken with Breadstick Creamy Macaroni and Cheese Glazed Carrots **Chocolate Chip Cookie**	5 Pizza Parlor - Homemade French Bread Pizza Roasted Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Steamed Vegetable
8 Chicken Strip Basket with Whole Grain Roll BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Basket Baked French Fries	9 Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun with Pickles Chicken Caesar Salad with Whole Grain Roll Seasoned Corn	10 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Basket Mini Corn Dogs with a Whole Grain Roll Kettle Chips	11 Waffles with Sausage Pizza Munchable with Cheese, Sauce and Pepperoni Fresh Pineapple	12 ***Grilled Cheese Day*** Grilled Cheese Sandwich Yogurt Pack- Yogurt, String Cheese, Whole Grain Bagel and Cream Cheese Tomato Soup
15 Walking Taco with Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato Creamy Macaroni and Cheese Black Beans	16 Pasta with Meat Sauce and Breadstick Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun Side Caesar Salad	17 ***Made by Chef Abby*** Home-style Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy & Dinner Roll Chicken Nugget Basket with Dinner Roll Garden Side Salad	18 ***HOM Celery*** Pizza Parlor - Homemade Cheese Pizza Pretzel Bites with Cheese Celery Sticks *** Cookie ***	19 No School
22 Popcorn Chicken with Buttered Noodles Roasted Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Green Peas	23 Whole Grain Mini Corn Dog Basket Deli Sub Sandwich with Turkey and Cheese Baked French Fries	24 Soft Shell Tacos with Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa Breaded Chicken Sandwich Refried Beans	25 Whole Grain Pancakes with Sausage and Fruit Topping Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun Blueberries	26 Homemade French Bread Pizza Creamy Macaroni and Cheese Side Garden Salad ***Homemade Brownie***
29 Pizza Dippers with Marinara Sauce Munchable - Sliced Turkey, Cheese and Crackers Side Garden Salad	30 Chicken Nugget Basket with Whole Grain Roll Fish Stick Basket with Whole Grain Roll Potato Wedges	1	Food 4 Thought April is National Celery Month	

PRICES

Regular	$2.60
Reduced	$0.40
Adult	$3.40
Milk	$0.50

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White or Chocolate is included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with a dinner roll.
For questions or comments, contact Bernie Allen at 715-839-6056 or email ballen@altoona.k12.wi.us.

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