

December News

From Altoona Elementary School



Principal's Message

Dear Altoona Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable November break! Now we can look forward to a busy December. December 3rd is the end of the first trimester. Report cards will be sent home on December 13th with your child(ren). If you have any questions regarding your child's report card, please contact the classroom teacher.

The cold weather is in full swing! Please be sure to send warm gear with your child(ren) every day. If you need assistance getting warm clothing and/or gear, please contact Amy Bauman our guidance counselor.

Thank you for your partnership in engaging, equipping, and empowering your child(ren). We are thankful for your support.

Sincerely,
Tara Betlach
Elementary Principal



Important Dates

Dec. 3	End of 1 st Trimester
Dec. 7	Early Release Day; Dismissal at 11:30
Dec. 13	Report Cards sent home
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1	No School

4 YR. OLD KINDERGARTEN



Hello Families!

In 4K, we have been busy building, creating, and learning new things! This year, along with our Handwriting Without Tears program, we've also introduced the Orton Gillingham approach. This is a multi-sensory approach to learning the connections between letters and sounds! We are focused on recognizing letters and how they're formed, creating and building them, so that we can eventually write them. We've started with letter work within our students' names.



We've been busy building and creating too! Our students learn best through play -- during play, they have the opportunity to solve problems with peers, use independent thinking, make choices, build self confidence, learn new vocabulary, develop motor skills (both fine motor and large motor), and the list goes on!



We've also made it out of the classroom and have gone on a couple field trips. Pictured is Ms. Wendy's 4K friends at Ferguson's Apple Orchard!



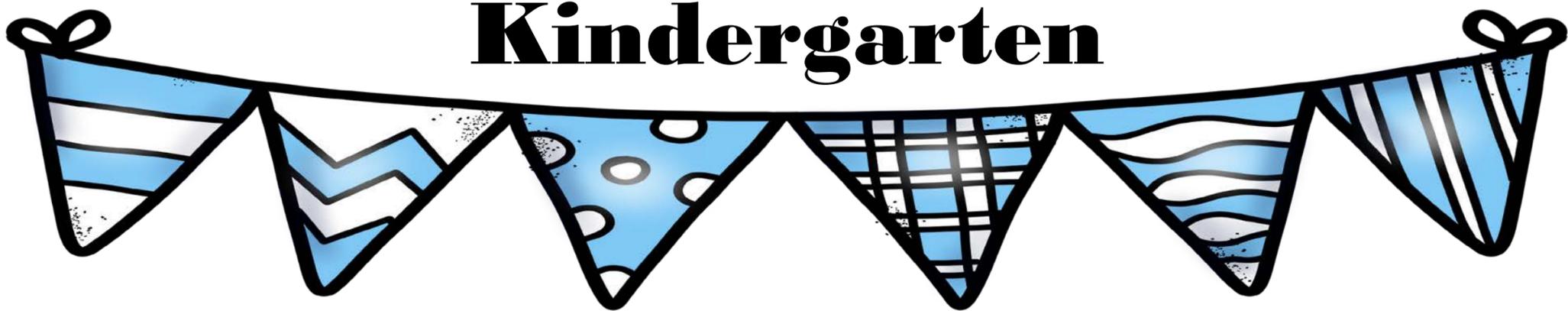
Please remember to send your child's winter gear -- snow pants, boots, mittens/gloves, and hats. We will be heading outside to play as often as possible!

Thanks for all you do!

Laura Trachsel, 4K Coordinator

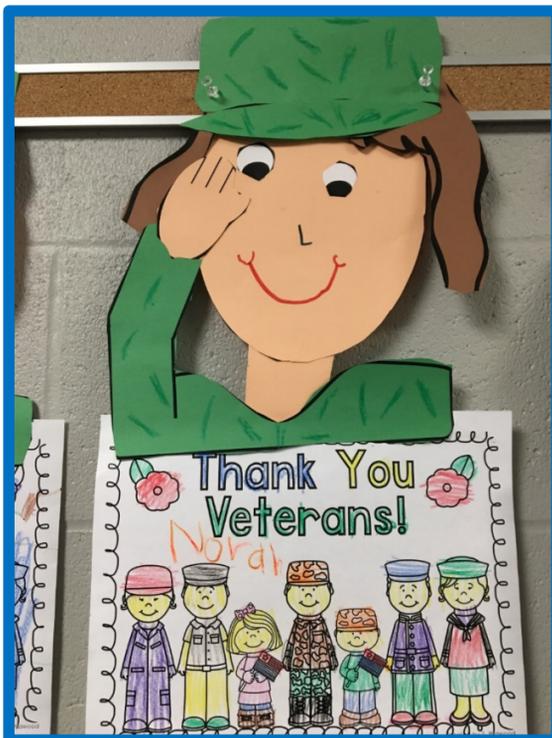


Kindergarten

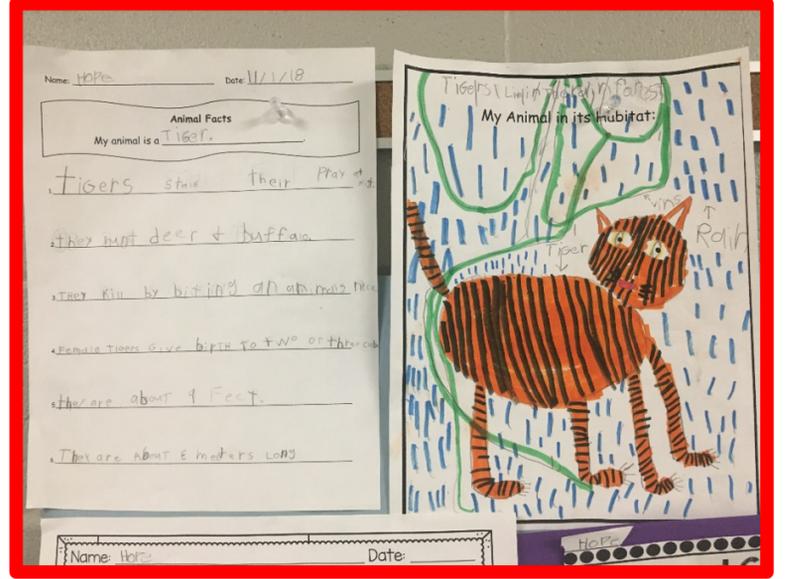
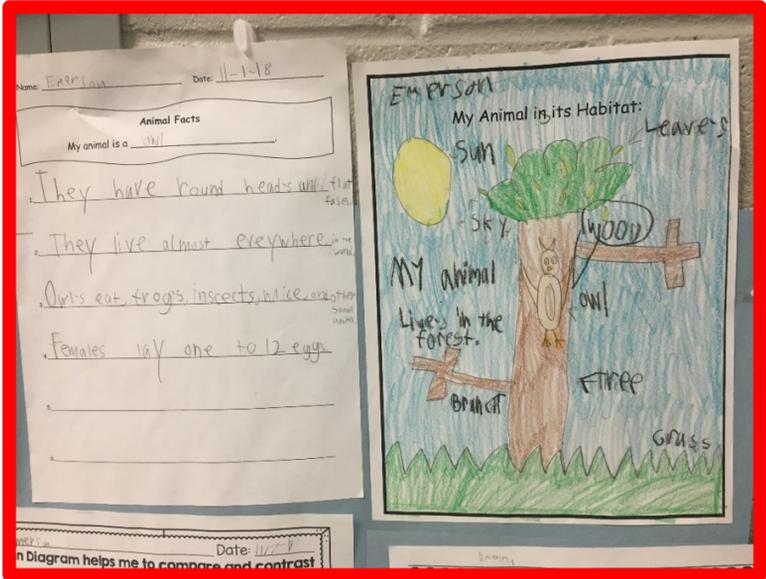


Students in the Kindergarten classes have been working on a force and motion unit; we have been learning vocabulary words like force, push, pull, gravity, friction, and motion. In math we have been focusing in on comparing quantities. The students also learned about veterans and what to be thankful for as we move into this holiday season.

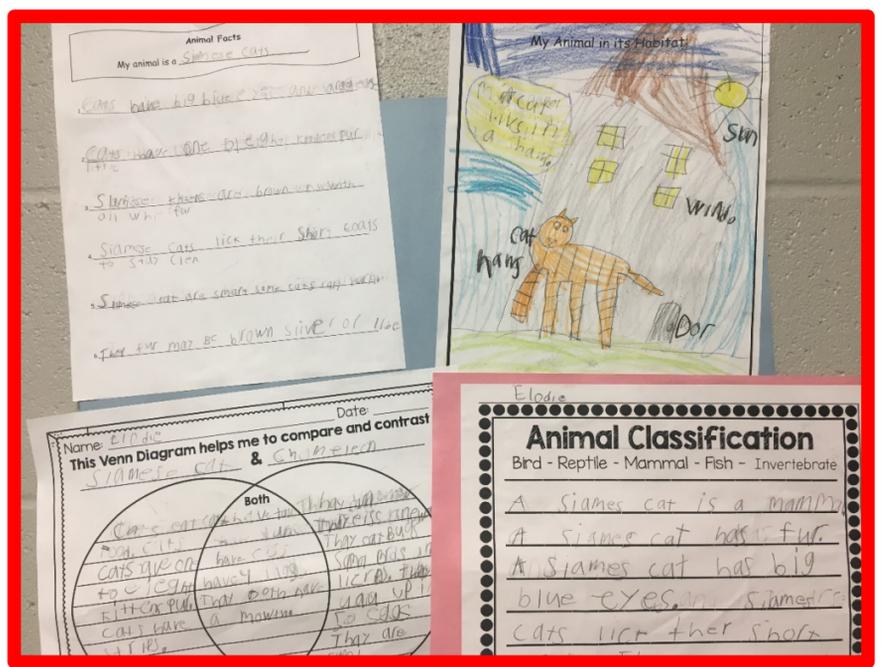
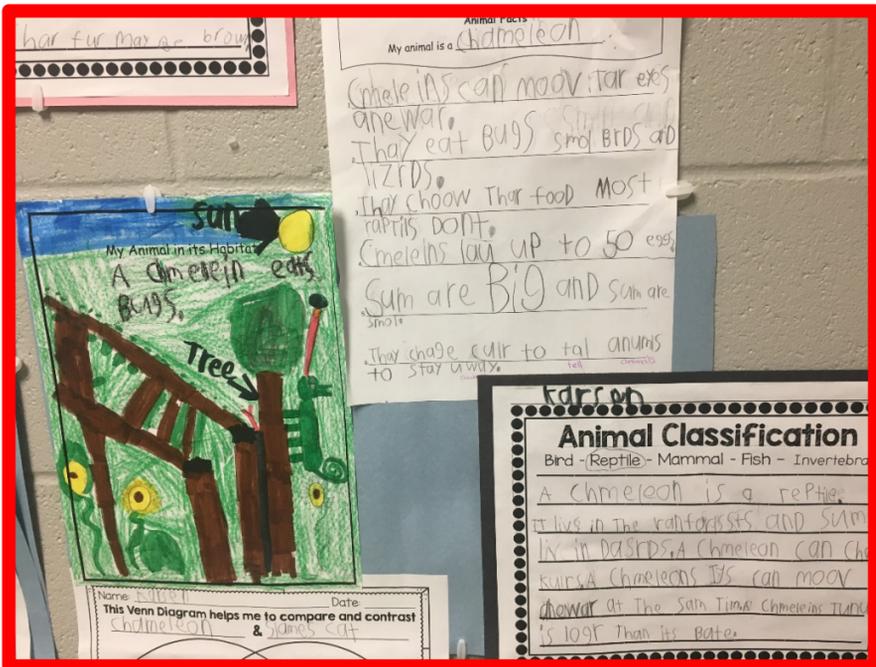
Moving forward, the Kindergarten students will be learning about characters and setting, while reading a few childhood favorites such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Three Billy Goats Gruff, and The Gingerbread Man. In math, we will be working on decomposing 2-D shapes.



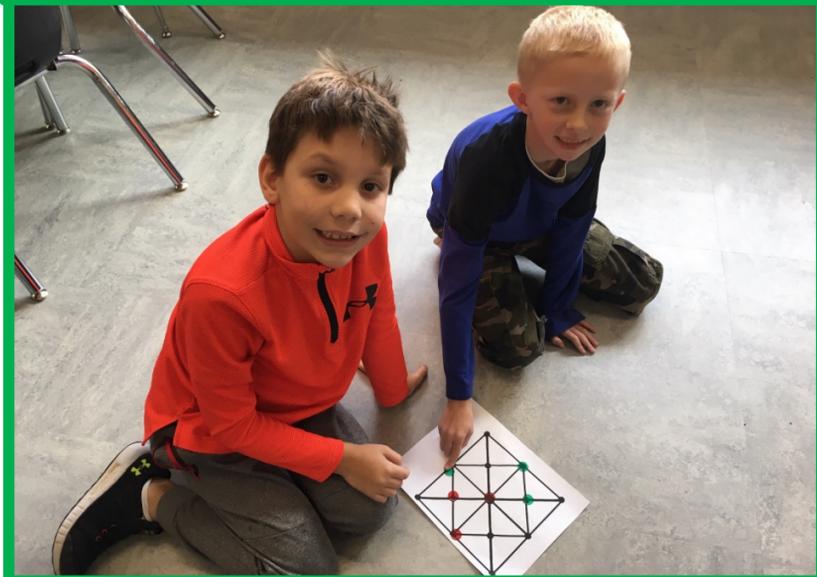
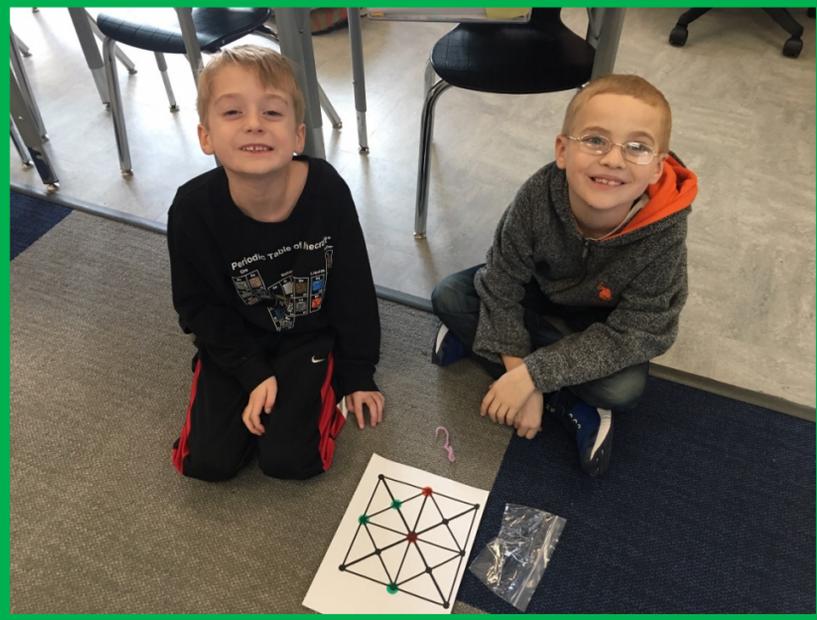
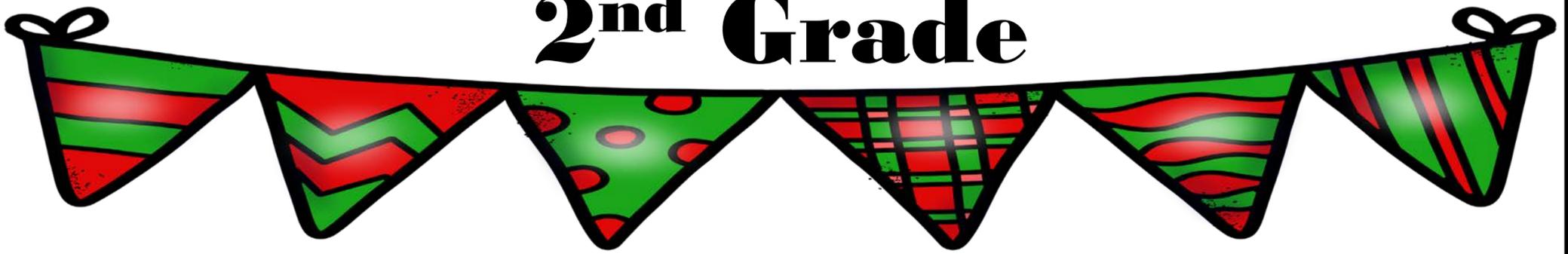
1st Grade



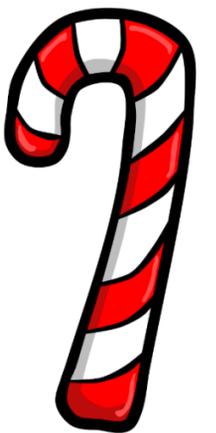
In First Grade, the children have been doing animal research projects using the link PebbleGo. The students chose their animal, wrote down facts about the animal such as information about their body, food it eats, habitat, and life cycle. Then they wrote 3 or more facts on a good copy, made a picture of their animal in its habitat, and compared their animal to a partner's animal using a Venn Diagram. The students also wrote a paragraph about what classification their animal belongs to. They created a poster with this information and presented their animal poster to the class. The first graders were very excited about their final product!



2nd Grade



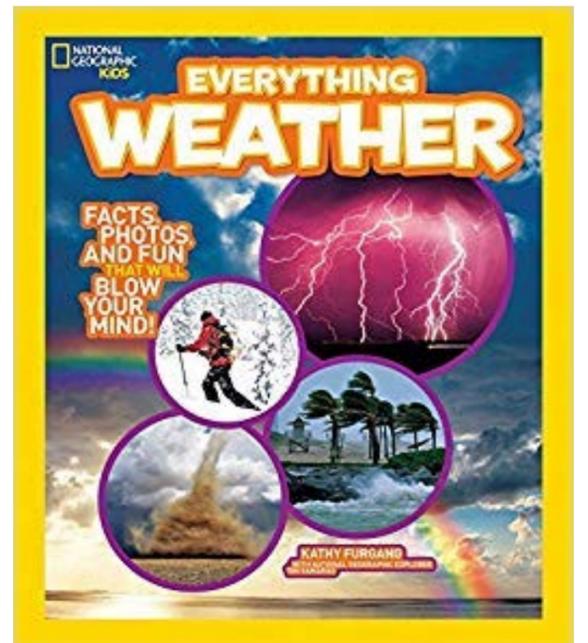
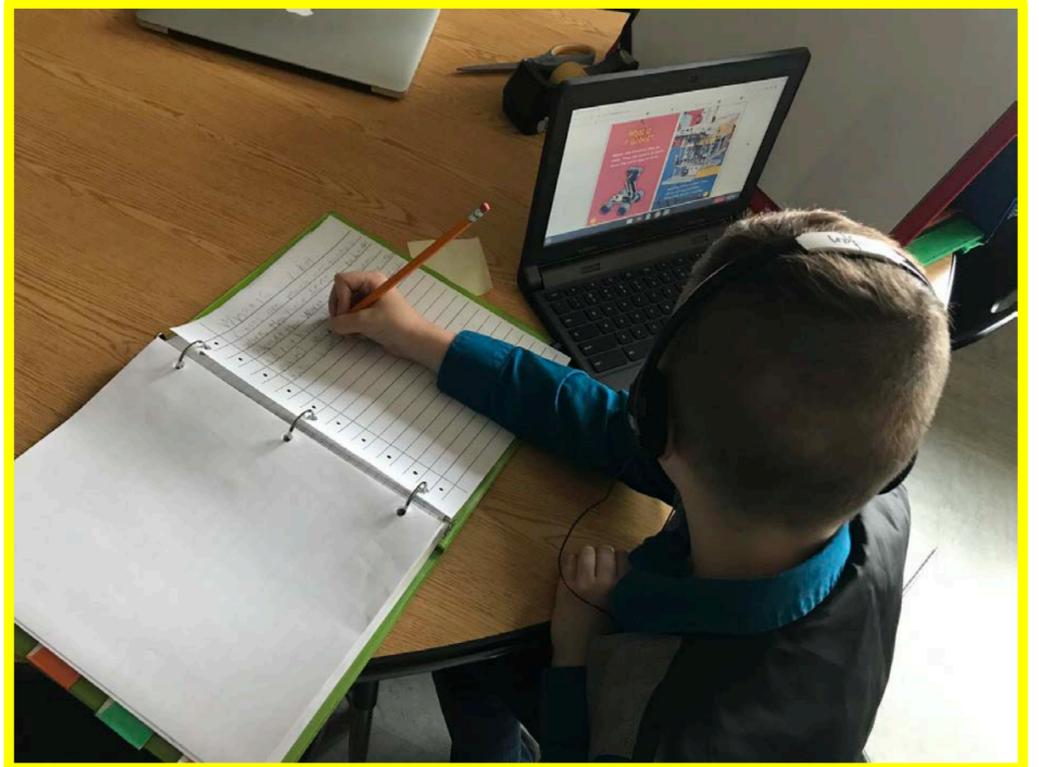
In second grade, we have been busy learning how to play classic Native American games. The games we've been playing are called Picaria, The Bowl Game, Wampanoag Pin Game, and Pass the Stone. We've enjoyed learning about some of the ways children used to pass the time using things they found, such as beans, sticks and stones. Ask your second grader to show you how to play!



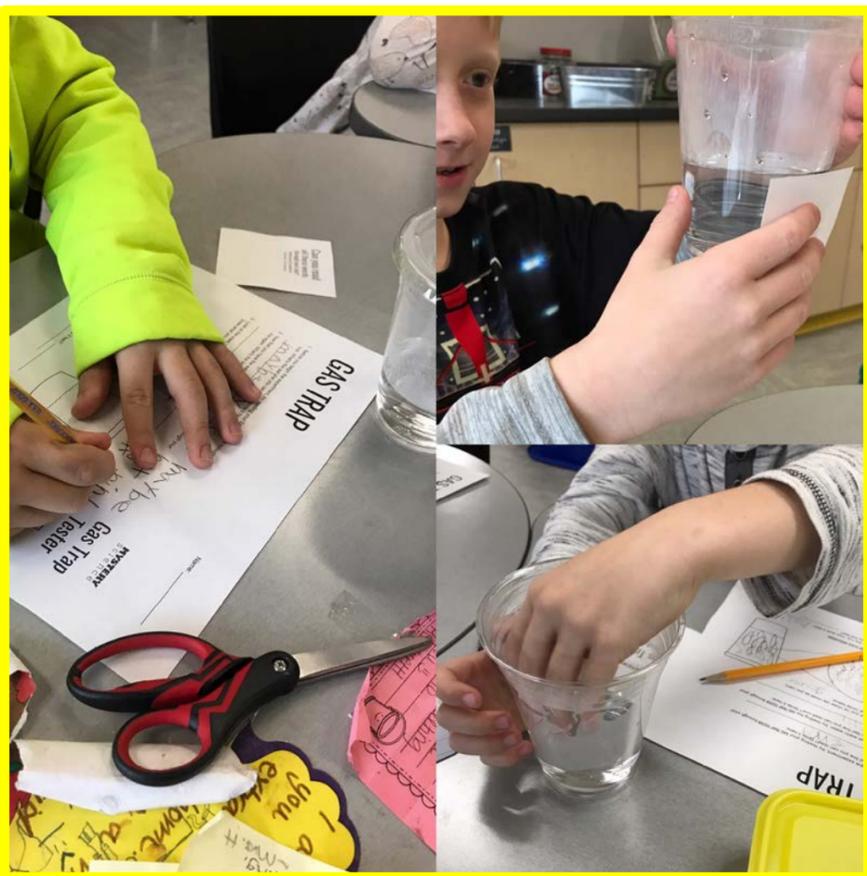
3rd Grade

Exploring Weather & Climate In Third Grade

We are doing an integrated unit in reading, writing, and science that is all about weather and climate. Our Mystery Science module, Stormy Skies, focuses on the idea that by paying careful attention to clouds, wind, and other weather clues around us, we can predict the daily weather and make sense of why places on earth look and feel the way they do. This part of the year is so fun because all of our learning throughout the day seems to “click” together for a deeper understanding of concepts.



We have had fun discussing new vocabulary during Language Workshop, listening to reading on our chromebooks using weather-themed collections on epic! for kids, and recording new learning in our Thoughtful Logs. As our culminating project, we are creating our own “expert” books to teach others about something we know a lot about. They will include at least three chapters, text features, and even an “About the Author” page. We will create our books on google slides and then use what we know about speaking and listening to present our books to our classmates.



FALL BOX TOPS CONTEST WINNERS



Ms. Flackey's Class



Ms. Stephens' Class



Ms. Faraca's Class



Ms. David's
Class

As promised, here are the pictures of the grade level winning classes for the fall Box Tops contest. I'm already gearing up for the winter contest that will start right after the first of the year. You may continually turn them in and as long as you have your child's teacher's name on them, I will count them towards the next contest. Don't forget to turn in those Tyson Project A+ labels (worth 24¢ each), Loaves for Learning UPCs, and Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps and bag strips. I recently shipped 6,740 caps and strips for a total of \$337.00. It all adds up!! Have you checked out the Box Tops app yet? Download, shop, and submit for Bonus opportunities. Happy collecting and thank you to all.

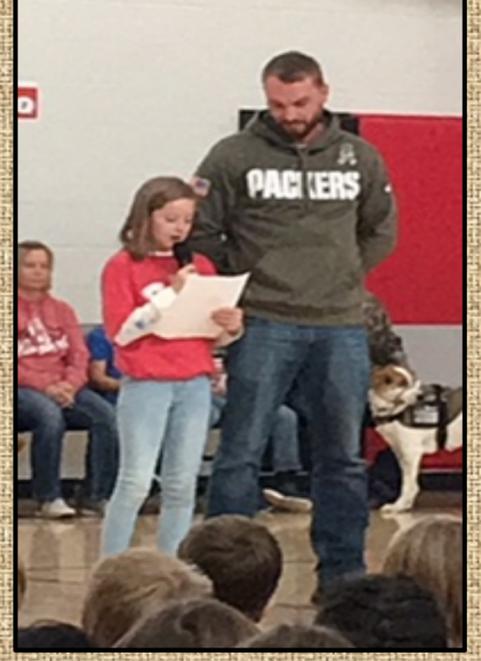
Ms. Scullion
Box Tops Coordinator



Recent Happenings at Altoona Elementary



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



MOM & DAD LUNCHEON



Creativity takes courage.
-Henri Matisse

Art News

I dream of painting and
then I paint my dream.
-Vincent van Gogh

Mrs. Werner **Art Teacher**

Kindergarten: Geometric Shape Monsters & Geometric Shape Snowmen



1st Grade: Van Gogh Sunflower Paintings



2nd Grade: Clay Lizards



3rd Grade: Clay Fish



Notes From Our Nurse

Food Allergies

Students with allergies face many day-to-day challenges which, in the school environment, may cause concern for their safety, their ability to learn, and their social and emotional well-being. The School District of Altoona is committed to creating a safe environment to protect the health of students with severe allergies. The risk of exposure to allergens for a student is reduced when the school staff, parent/guardian and community members work together to develop a safe place for these students.

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can involve several body systems, lead to death if untreated and is a growing public health problem. Anaphylaxis is deadly to children as well as adults. It is estimated that 100 to 200 hundred people die each year from allergy-related reactions, and approximately 50 people die from insect sting reactions.

The goal of the School District of Altoona anaphylaxis guidelines are to create an allergy aware environment. The management of students at risk of life-threatening allergies is a shared responsibility among the individual, parents, the school system and health care providers.

We have chosen to follow these guidelines:

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/allergy/FARE.NSBA.SchoolGuidelines.pdf>

Stay Healthy,
Anita Schubring RN
School District of Altoona Nurse





Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

Altoona Elementary Lunch Menu

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

December
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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

3
Whole Grain French Toast Sticks with Fruit and Sausage Patty

Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun

Breakfast Potatoes

4
Pizza Munchable - with Cheese, Sauce and Pepperoni

Whole Grain Pretzel Bites with Cheese

Steamed Vegetables

5
Chicken Nugget Basket with Whole Grain Roll

Cheesy Italian Flatbread with Dipping Sauce

Side Caesar Salad

6
Creamy Macaroni and Cheese

Roasted Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun

Roasted Broccoli

7
Early Release Day
Uncrustable Sandwich* with Baby Carrots, Apple and Chocolate Chip Cookie

*Sandwiches are peanut free - Made with Sunflower Seed Butter

10
Whole Grain Corn Dog on a Stick

Hot Ham and Cheese Flatbread Sandwich

Baked French Fries

11
Have a Bagel Day
Yogurt Pack - Yogurt, String Cheese, Bagel and Cream Cheese

Whole Grain Chicken Tenders with a Roll

Side Garden Salad

12
Walking Taco with Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa

Chicken Caesar Salad with Whole Grain Roll

Black Beans

13
Homemade French Bread Pizza

Toasted Cheese Sandwich

Tomato Soup

14
HOM Sage
Oven Roasted Chicken with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and a Roll

Crispy Fish Sticks with a Roll
Mashed Potatoes
*** Sugar Cookie ***

17
Maple Syrup Day
Waffles with a side of Scrambled Eggs

Creamy Macaroni and Cheese

Breakfast Potatoes

18
Pizza Dippers with Marinara Sauce

Deli Sub Sandwich with Turkey and Cheese

Side Caesar Salad

19
HOM Cabbage
Cheeseburger Basket with Kettle Chips

Roasted Hot Dog Basket with Kettle Chips

Creamy Coleslaw

20
Made By Chef Abby
Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and a Roll

Pretzel Pack - Pretzel, Cheese Sauce and Sliced Turkey
Steamed Carrots

21
Mini Corn Dogs with a Whole Grain Roll

French Toast Sticks with a Sausage Patty

Fresh Pineapple
Holiday Treat

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No School December 24 - January 1

Have a Great Winter Break!

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FOOD 4 Thought

Red cabbage is rich in vitamins A, C and K.

PRICES

Regular	\$2.60
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$3.55
Milk	\$.050

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.

