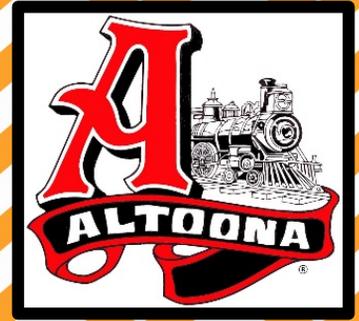


ALTOONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



2019-20

Dear Altoona Elementary Families,
This school year is off to a fabulous start. The staff has been diligently teaching the students about our core values: respect, responsibility, and safety. Safety is a top priority for us here at Altoona Elementary School. So please remember these guidelines when visiting our building or dropping off your child(ren).

***The bell rings at 7:40 a.m.** Children should already be in line on the playground at this time. School starts at this time.

*If you are arriving after 7:40 a.m., we need you to park in the parking lot and bring your child to the office and sign him/her in.

***No unattended cars are permitted in the drop-off lanes.** These lanes were designed to keep traffic moving. Vehicles are not allowed to pass in these lanes to ensure the safety of your children. If you need to get out of your car for any reason, please park in the parking lot.

*Unless your child is enrolled in the Grace Childcare, they may not be on school grounds prior to 7:20 a.m. **Playground and breakfast supervision starts at 7:20 a.m.**

If you have any other questions about procedures and guidelines, please read the Parent/Guardian Handbook that was emailed to you earlier this year or find it on our website at <https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/schools/elementary-school/aes-students>

Thank you for your continued support!
Tara Betlach
Altoona Elementary Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OCT. 1 - FUNDRAISER KICK OFF
- OCT. 8 - ELEM. PTO MEETING - 4:00 P.M.
- OCT. 14 - FUNDRAISER ORDERS DUE
- OCT. 17 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- OCT. 22 - ELEM. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45-7:00
- OCT. 24 - EARLY RELEASE DAY-11:30 P.M.
- OCT. 24 - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 1:45-7:00
- OCT. 25 - NO SCHOOL
- NOV. 1 - PTO HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE 5:30-7:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT INFO

The school hours
are
7:40-2:45
Please be on time!





4K NEWS



Thank you for your time and commitment this fall with filling out paperwork, meeting with teachers, and getting your child off to a great start at school. Our teachers have been busy setting classroom routines, modeling expectations for our young learners, and building relationships with your children!

Teaching routines is important for children both at home and at school. We spend a lot of time the first few months of school establishing our classroom routines, with a focus on building strong relationships. This helps children learn self-control, reduces power struggles, guides behavior and safety, supports social skills, and helps children cope with transitions. It helps to make them feel safe and secure in what to expect next.

What types of routines do you have established at home? Setting routines and expectations will make your life easier as a parent.

Child Development Check-in

This is an opportunity for ongoing child development check-in, for children ages 3 and up until they enter kindergarten. As a family, it is important to know:

- Typical child development
- Where is my child on their developmental journey? (We will be providing a questionnaire for families to fill out and return.)
- What resources are available in our community to support child development? (After the questionnaire is filled out, we will send results with activities and resources to support your child in their next steps of learning.)

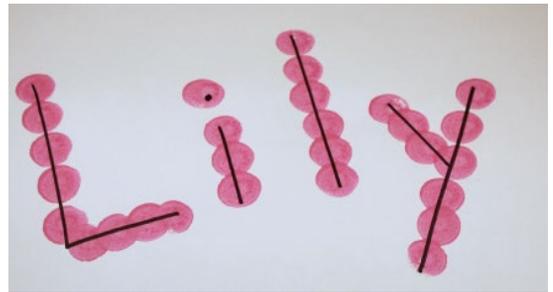
At anytime, a family can request an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ3) to determine where your child is on their developmental journey. Once a year, we will formally send out a questionnaire to families with children between 3 and 4 years of age. We will be mailing these out in September. If you have not received a questionnaire or have concerns, please head over to our district website to complete this form under the Parents tab, then Special Education and Student Services, <https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/>



Kindergarten



The Kindergartners have been learning to write their name the “Kindergarten way.” We use an upper-case letter first and all the rest are lower-case. This is a tricky habit to get into since they typically learn to write their name in all capital letters. The classrooms have set up a variety of multisensory activities to help the students practice, such as shaving cream writing, sand/salt writing, mosaic names, dot marker names, playdoh names, name puzzles, tracing letters and using “curves” and “lines” to build their name. Many of these activities can be done at home as well! Make practice fun by using many different modes (markers, crayons, clay, paint). For now, we are working on first names. After the holidays we will begin working on last names.



First Grade



3 WAYS TO READ A BOOK

1. Read the pictures
2. Read the words
3. Retell the story

First graders have been off to a busy start to the year! It has been exciting to see their beginning reading skills and their enthusiasm for books! Our classrooms have been practicing 3 ways to read a book! They are (1) Read the Pictures, (2) Read the Words, and (3) Retell the Story.

First grade classrooms have been busy getting into good literacy routines using the Daily 5. The Daily 5 is a literacy framework that instills independent behaviors and creates classrooms with highly engaged readers and writers! The “dailies” are:

WORK ON WRITING

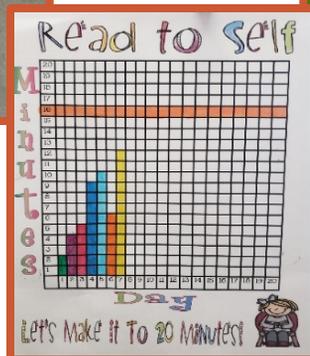
READ TO SELF

READ TO SOMEONE

WORD WORK

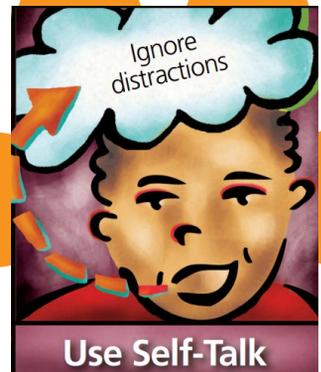
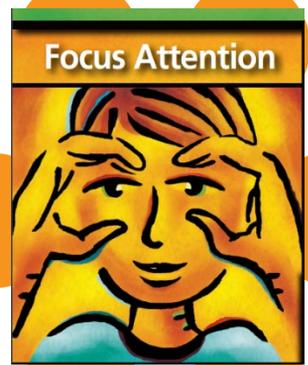
LISTEN TO READING

So far, all classrooms have been working on building stamina for Read to Self and two other daily tasks. Classrooms have been keeping track of their stamina and recording it daily. We have also been making goals for improvement!



Second Grade

Students in second grade have started their year with our social/emotional curriculum covering skills for learning. We have learned what it looks like to be respectful, practiced focusing attention, listening and used self talk to help with these skills. Our next lesson teaches us about being assertive. Together these lessons help us become better students.

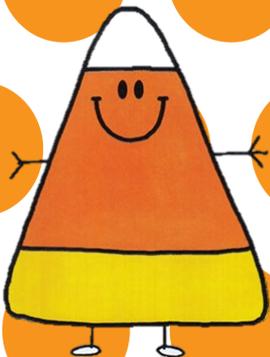


We're
looking
forward
to a great
year!

Home/School Connection

Practice Together: Distraction Detectives

1. Go to the room where your child usually does his or her homework and pretend you're both second-grade students working on a homework assignment.
2. Become distraction detectives! Walk around the room and identify things that could distract you (such as television, computer, toys, or siblings).
3. For each distraction, decide on self-talk you could use to stay focused and on task.
4. Say your self-talk out loud and write it down.



NEWS FROM THIRD GRADE



Opening Soon: 3rd Grade School Store!

There comes a "rite of passage" at AES once you hit third grade...THE SCHOOL STORE!! The school store is a place where third graders can purchase items using their own Railbucks that they've earned for being extra respectful, responsible, and safe throughout the school year.

Each month a new classroom will have the opportunity to manage the school store. The job skills include marketing and advertising, choosing inventory to sell, designing promotional sales, friendly customer service, computation skills for exchanging money, and of course staying focused and on task to increase productivity.

store managers must apply for the job. In order to apply, students must fill out an application which includes finding 2 adults in the school who will write references to comment on the students work ethic and character.

school store managers must:

- smile and be approachable
- Be able to solve problems calmly
- Be organized and careful in their counting skills
- Have all of their work turned in for class

students have an opportunity to shop at the school store 2 times per month. students have a choice on how to use their Railbucks. They can buy less expensive items or use their will power and money management to save for something more expensive. Another option is for students to put some of their Railbucks in a class jar that will be drawn from every Tuesday and Thursday, where they will earn an award in the classroom. The Railbucks that are put in the class drawing jar will also be put in the office for an ALL SCHOOL drawing to be announced at our monthly all school meetings. With all of the choices, the third graders are faced with difficult decisions.

If you are willing to donate items to our school store we would very much appreciate it! Typically we have several of one item so if you are able to donate, it would be best to have several of the same item. Items can include just about anything including cool pens, markers, erasers, individualized snacks, and even trinkets from the dollar store. Please do not spend more than \$1 on any item. Many items come in packs of 4, 10, 12, etc. In that case we will open the packages and sell the items separately. Please do not feel any pressure to donate! Thank you!



NEWS FROM OUR SPECIALS

PHY ED



SPANISH



LIBRARY



MUSIC



RAIL TIME



GUIDANCE



ART



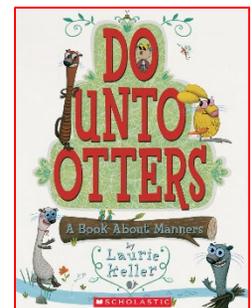
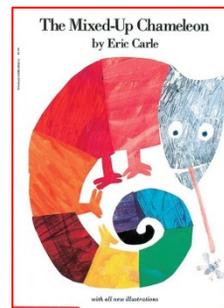
Hello from the AES physical education department! This year students will have Mr. Wojtyna twice and will have Mr. Hugo twice in six days for a total of four days of PE in a six day rotation. We are excited to be able to offer students the opportunity to be engaged in a standards-based and skills-based PE curriculum. With your help at home we can ensure students are engaged in activities that promote skill development, knowledge acquisition, and social responsibility every day of the week. We look forward to helping your students become physically literate individuals this year.

-Mr. Hugo & Mr. Wojtyna



RAIL TIME

Rail time? What is it you ask? Well, the kiddos and I have decided it's the extra special Special! We are planning on exploring many different ways to make learning fun. So far, the 3rd and 2nd graders have watched a silly video read aloud of the book Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners by Laurie Keller. In this story, the rabbit and the otter family are trying to figure out how they can get along as new neighbors. They decide that by simply using their manners (please, thank you, sharing, playing fair and cooperation) they can get along just fine! We discovered that the same rules apply here at AES! Our Kindergarten and 1st graders watched The Mixed Up Chameleon by Eric Carle. This colorful story reminds students that we are all different and that it's okay to just be yourself! You are enough! We then colored our own unique chameleon and glued some googly eyes on them. So far, Rail time has been simple but fun and there is more to come! Up next, learning about the digital portfolio app Seesaw! ~Mrs. Varsho



GUIDANCE

Hello! I am Mrs. Bauman. I am the AES Counselor for grades K-3. I am excited for another school year of Classroom Guidance with all of your children.



MUSIC

Welcome to our new school year! My name is Mrs. Drayton and I am the music teacher at Altoona Elementary School! In my classroom your child will sing, play instruments, play games, dance, and learn how to read and write music! I look forward to helping your child become tuneful (I can sing in tune), beatful (I can keep a steady beat) and artful (I can show/use expression in music).

Please put these dates on your calendar:

Kindergarten: March 19th, 6-7pm - Kindergarten Specials Night

First Grade: April 30th, 12:30pm Music Program

Second Grade: Jan. 16th, 6-7pm Folk Dance Night

Third Grade: April 30th, 2pm Music Program



LIBRARY



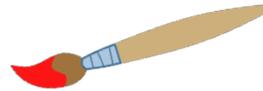
Hi! My name is Ms. Kaetterhenry and I'm the Library Director for our District. This is the start of my 15th year as a school librarian and it's my fifth year here at Altoona. I teach K-3 library classes and also oversee the middle school and high school library programs. In the past couple of years we have added lots of new books, coding robots, touch chromebooks and a jamboard to our library. In my free time I like to take my dog Baxter to the dog park, read lots and lots of books, and do photography.

SPANISH



¡Hola Familias!

My name is Amy Gillespie and I am the Spanish teacher at AES. This year, the students will be exploring both the language and the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. Make sure to sign up for Class DoJo to see what your child is learning in Spanish!



ART

Hello Altoona Families! I'm Mrs. Werner the Art teacher at AES and Ms. Sykora is a student teacher in the art room for the first 9 weeks of school. We have already been busy creating art in the art room this year! Make sure to check out Clasdojo to see photos and learn what we are working on in art class. We look forward to creating, exploring and learning about art with your children this year! If you ever need to contact me my email is jwerner@altoona.k12.wi.us. Have a great school year!



Box Tops for Education-Update



The Box Tops for Education program is going digital. Box Tops on packaging will rapidly disappear. In order to participate in the program you will need to download the free Box Tops App from your App store or through the Box Tops website. Sign up, choose your school, and begin using your App.

*You have **14 days** after purchase to scan your receipts before they expire. I do it right after I put the groceries away!

•**During transition** most brands you can 'double dip' by submitting a paper Box Top **AND** scan your receipt. The App will notify you if they are clip and submit only. Think of all the extra money we will earn by doing both!

*More information is available on the Box Tops website, including some for those of you that shop online.

•**You should continue to turn in your regular paper Box Tops to school as usual until they are no longer available or expired.**

Thank you all for your efforts, and I hope everyone will find the transition an easy one. Please watch the newsletter and emails for more updates. Monica



Altoona Elementary

October
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Lunch Menu

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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|  <p>Choose MyPlate.gov</p> | <p>1 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich</p> <p>Pancakes With Sausage and Fruit Topping</p> <p>Steamed Vegetables</p> | <p>2 Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun</p> <p>Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich on Flatbread</p> <p>Golden French Fries</p> | <p>3 Pizza Parlor Pizza - Homemade Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Yogurt Pack - Yogurt, String Cheese, Bagel and Cream Cheese</p> <p>Caesar Side Salad</p> | <p>4 National Taco Day</p> <p>Soft Shell Tacos with Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa</p> <p>Breaded Chicken Sandwich on a Whole Grain Bun</p> <p>Black Beans</p> |
| <p>7 Whole Grain Pretzel Bites with Cheddar Cheese</p> <p>Pizza Dippers with Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> | <p>8 Homemade Roast Pork with Gravy</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Dinner Roll</p> | <p>9 National Sub Day</p> <p>Deli Sub Sandwich with Ham and Cheese</p> <p>Macaroni and Cheese</p> <p>Steamed Corn</p> | <p>10 Great Apple Crunch</p> <p>Homemade French Bread Pizza</p> <p>Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun</p> <p>Apples from Connell's Family Orchard</p> | <p>11 Cheeseburger Basket</p> <p>Fish Nugget Basket with Whole Grain Roll</p> <p>Kettle Potato Chips</p> |
| <p>14 School Lunch Week</p> <p>Beefy Nachos with Cheese Sauce, Salsa, Lettuce and Tomato</p> <p>Cheesy Italian Flatbread with Dipping Sauce</p> <p>Caesar Side Salad Rice Krispie Treat</p> | <p>15 Crispy Chicken Tenders Whole Grain Dinner Roll</p> <p>Stromboli with Cheese and Pepperoni</p> <p>Steamed Vegetables</p> | <p>16 French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patty</p> <p>Chicken Caesar Salad with Whole Grain Dinner Roll</p> <p>Tri Tater</p> | <p>17 National Pasta Day</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken with Buttered Noodles</p> <p>Munchable - Sliced Turkey, Cheese and Crackers</p> <p>Cucumber Ranch Salad</p> | <p>18 Pizza Dippers with Marinara</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Whole Grain Dinner Roll</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> |
| <p>21 Waffles with Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun</p> <p>Fresh Pineapple</p> | <p>22 Pasta with Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick</p> <p>Pizza Munchable with Cheese, Sauce and Pepperoni</p> <p>Corn</p> | <p>23 Toasted Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Hotdog on a Whole Grain Bun</p> <p>Homemade Tomato Soup</p> <p>Golden French Fries</p> | <p>24 Early Release Day</p> <p>Grab and Go Lunch</p> <p>Deli Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Fruit Snacks</p> | <p>25 No School</p> <p>Have a Great Weekend</p> |
| <p>28 Walking Taco with Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Dinner Roll</p> <p>Black Beans</p> | <p>29 Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Nuggets with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy</p> <p>Whole Grain Dinner Roll Garden Salad</p> | <p>30 Pizza Parlor - Homemade Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Yogurt Pack - Yogurt, String Cheese, Bagel and Cream Cheese</p> <p>Cucumber Ranch Salad</p> | <p>31 Happy Halloween</p> <p>Oven Roasted Chicken Potato Wedges Garlic Breadstick</p> <p>Deli Sub Sandwich with Ham and Cheese Potato Wedges</p> <p>***Spooky Halloween Treat***</p> |  |

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| PRICES | Regular | \$2.70 |
| | Reduced | \$0.40 |
| | Adult | \$3.85 |
| | Milk | \$0.50 |

EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.

For questions or comments, contact Bernie Allen at 715-839-8058 or email ballen@altoona.k12.wi.us.



Your **MENUS** plus more information on our app **Taher Food4Life®**

