



Cat Talk

USD 218 Elkhart, Kansas

Give Thanks for Your Blessings



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Happy Thanksgiving!

Grade School News



3rd Grade News

By Tracy Flanagan and Nancy Morrison

How time flies! Wow, already November. The first quarter in third grade was a blast. Routines, expectations, goals, and procedures have been established and the students are off and running in a new world of third grade content. Fall MAP testing has concluded, only the start of many tests throughout the year!

The students have enjoyed learning about owls and bats, completing our animal unit. We will have an owl pellet dissection soon! It makes for a great smell in the classroom. The third graders are getting a grasp on their first experience with AR. We are so proud of the students that have worked and will continue working so hard to meet their goals. We will complete the first semester with our holiday themes and theme books.

We have also worked very hard on being Germ Stoppers. Because of all the germy bugs going around, the students have been presented with the importance of washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick. **BUT ONLY WHEN THEY ARE SICK, NOT JUST BECAUSE!** We take frequent breaks to make sure hands are washed, and sanitize our rooms two times per week with Clorox wipes.

We continue our reading block comprised of 3 different thirty-minute sessions: reading table, seatwork, and learning lab. These are leveled groups as to maximize students' individual learning levels.

We anticipate a great "rest of the school year." The end of the year will be here before we know it. Everyone stay safe and always count your blessings!

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

By Jerry Chrin

Many good and fun things are happening in our Elementary Music classes. All of our grades have learned songs from different cultures and countries around the globe. Our fourth graders learned how to say "hello" in several different languages as they learned a song at the beginning of the school year. They also like songs from the 60's and 70's that are in our books. The third graders like old favorites, too. Our second graders have learned to 'sign' a song with their hands. First and kindergarten students have learned how to move to the music they are singing.

The month of October sees us including songs for Halloween. We again sing songs from earlier times such as "Casper, the Friendly Ghost", "Purple People Eater", "Monster Mash", "Adams Family". The students also have more songs in their songs books about this October holiday.

In November we will begin to learn the songs for our Winter Program. This year our presentation will be based on the old story “The Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens which features that bah/humbug old man, Ebenezer Scrooge. This program will be presented on Tuesday, December 13. Mark that on your calendar and be sure to tell all of your family and friends.

High Plains Educational Cooperative Offers free Early Childhood Screenings

USD 218 Elkhart and High Plains Educational Cooperative are offering free Early Childhood Screenings for preschool children ages 3-5 years.

The following areas will be screened:

- Vision / Hearing
- Speech / Language Development
- Cognitive / Educational Skills
- Social Development
- Adaptive / Self Help Skills
- Fine and Gross Motor Skills

To find out more about your child’s development schedule a screening with your local Early Childhood Specialist.

For more information and/or to schedule a screening contact Janie Shelden at Elkhart Elementary 697-2133.

Middle School News



7th and 8th Grade LA

By Peter Henderson

There are a lot of things happening in seventh and eighth grade language arts this year. Eighth graders are busy looking at how an author creates characters by reading the book MIRACEL’S BOYS. Each student will be writing their own narrative and learning how to develop characters.

In late November, eighth grade students will begin their unit on the Holocaust in which they will read three novels using literature circles.

Seventh graders are busy reading *THE GIVER* and working on Nightmare Grammar. Seventh graders will be reading *THE MISSING GATOR OF GUMBO LIMBO* next nine weeks and learning how to write a research paper.

Both grades will be required to read an autobiography or biography for the second nine weeks book project.

NOVEMBER Birthdays

JoAnn Quigley	11/1
Patricia Sanchez	11/1
Larry Williams	11/2
Karen Jones	11/5
Lorrie Wright	11/5
Tonya Parks	11/6
Alicia Frownfelter	11/8
Ashley Gonzalez	11/10
Daniel Vaughn	11/14
Sherri Hurn	11/16
Candace Oly	11/16
Jonetta Forbes	11/19
Marita Walls	11/28



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