

Elementary School Board Report March 21, 2022

1. We had 14 fourth graders attend the Science and Engineering Fair in Calmar. Here they presented and were judged on their “What Bugs Me” invention that was created through their PBL project. It was a great opportunity for students!
2. The third graders' Hydroponics system that they've set up with the Nature Center and Matt Crayne is going well. They have a variety of flowers and 6 bluegill in their fish tank!
3. We had a very successful preschool open house! A total of 71 3 and 4 year old families came for the open house to register, meet the teachers, and see the classrooms. The preschool teachers are very excited with this turnout.
4. Teachers had an opportunity to participate in a tic-tac-grow throughout the last month. Staff were encouraged to participate in various professional learning and self care opportunities between our February and March PD days. We then had a drawing for a recess/duty coverage for those who participated.
5. Last week during professional development we had Sara Seick and Gertie Monte come in for the last time this year. They presented on Effective Teaching Practices and Standards for Mathematical Practice. They have helped us prepare for next year's math adoption process. We should now be able to begin the year knowing what we want in a curriculum.
6. This week we have parent teacher conferences and our second elementary book fair.
7. Mr. Jurrens came to speak to third graders about why we are called the Chickasaws. It was great for students to see how he used research and multiple sources. 3rd graders are beginning a new research project on slavery and this was a great opportunity for students to see the importance of finding information from multiple sources.

