

Elementary School Board Report

August 15, 2022

- Summer school was held at New Hampton Elementary for 4 weeks, Monday-Friday, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. A total of 16 students were served during summer school. A program called, "Really Great Reading" was used to teach students phonics instruction. The teachers monitored student progress using a pre and post assessment as well as Running Records. Data results were shared with parents by sending home newsletters as well as additional reading materials for students to work on when they were not in session. The teachers also taught math and writing each day according to their skill level. Both parents and students loved summer school! The students were very eager to come each day. In fact, students were arriving as early as 7:30 a.m. ready to start the day and were disappointed to leave as the time at school went too fast! Many are hoping we offer it again next year!
- The administration team attended the SAI conference the first week of August. It was three days full of professional learning.
- Special Education teachers attended the ACHIEVE Training in Decorah the first week of August. This training is for the new IEP system that is being rolled out. The building principals attended the training in Elkadar. I'm looking forward to working closely with my special education teachers while we all learn the new system together.
- Tomorrow we welcome our new teachers to the district with New Teacher Orientation and everyone else returns back to school on Wednesday. It's exciting to begin another year and I'm looking forward to the next few professional development days and getting ready to welcome our students back!
- A focus of professional development this year will be social emotional learning for both students and staff. UNI received a grant and we'll be partnering with them to focus on educator well-being through their project called *Building a Community of Resilience: Social Emotional Learning for Educators*.
- We are looking forward to our Elementary Open House on August 18th from 2:00-6:00. This is an opportunity for the kids to drop off their supplies in their classrooms and meet their teachers.
- 4 year old Preschool teachers have completed their home visits allowing them to meet and get to know their students and their families.
- Our new cabinets and sinks are installed and teachers have been working hard throughout the month on putting their rooms back together.
- The building secretaries have worked endlessly on creating our new registration forms and helping families get their children registered for the beginning of the year. As of Friday, August 12 the elementary currently has ~85% of returning students registered.