

# Elementary School Board Report

## October 17, 2022

### Fourth Grade

4th graders went to Nashua for Farm Safety Day put on by Jenna Steffen and the Chickasaw County 4-H Extension Office. Students learned different safety information with regards to tractors, trains, ATVS, animals, first aid, fire, farming, electrical, chemical, and emergency health care with the helicopter. We felt this was such an important field trip for our students to attend as we approached harvest season. This field trip tied in well with Mrs. Schwickerath's guest speaker, the following day, Joanne Tupper family who is the 4th grade ag partner. She shared with the students about planting, harvesting, her crop operation, how crops become food on our table, and more farm safety. Our ag partner ties into all of our core subjects and stresses the importance of those subjects as they are used daily in the work force, even while farming. Later in the year, Joanne Tupper comes back to 4th grade to share about her pork and beef enterprises.

### Third Grade

The 3rd Grade released their butterflies after raising them as baby caterpillars. They arrived on Aug. 31 and the students have been observing their body changes and learning their life cycle. The students saw the caterpillars form a chrysalis and also use their proboscis when sipping up the sugar water. It was a sad day for the students when we had to finally say good-bye.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders went to Fort Atkinson to participate in the Frontier Rendezvous Day, a meeting of fur trappers and fur traders. They got a glimpse of what life was like from 1824-1840. They went through rotations of territories, wagons, gunpowder making, forts, and fur trading. Then they were able to explore the other teepees and learn about their different trades.

### Second Grade

All of our second graders went to Twin Ponds Nature Center on Friday, September 30. We had a beautiful day. We did three rotations in the morning which were learning about owls, exploring the nature center and going on a hike. In the afternoon we learned about bats and went fishing. We had two parents from each class go as chaperones with us on the bus and we had around 15 other parents come for lunch and spend the afternoon with us.

### First Grade

The first grades took a trip to the fire station for fire prevention week. They learned fire safety tips and got a tour of the fire station.

### Kindergarten

We had Reicks View farms come in to share about their farm including both crops and pigs. The students were able to ask question, pet a pig, and taste a pork stick!

### Preschool

Tiffany & Theresa are taking an Early Childhood SDI (Specially Designed Instruction) training. This training is a 3 year commitment to best practices for preschool special education instruction. The first 2 days of the training have been wonderful and they are excited to start implementing whole class and individualized practices that will benefit all students.

The "Pie the Staff" fundraiser (for Madison) is wrapping up on Friday, and we look forward to our whole school assembly on Tuesday.

Learning Connections had their kick off event on the 4th. There was a great turn out with over 14 families that came, participated and learned more about resources that are available in our community. The first fall class will be October 25th and will be every Tuesday from 5-6:30pm until Christmas. It is a fun evening where both parents and children can grow and learn.

### **You've Been Book'd**

Stefanie Thronson started a program for teachers called You've Been Book'd! It is when the teachers request a You've Been Book'd! Bag and they will get anywhere between 3-6 books in a bag for you to read to their class! The You've Been Book'd! Bags are delivered to the classroom. As of right now we have 11 teachers participating in the program. It is just a fun way to share the books in the library with students and staff!

### **Lego Club**

Lego Club is a program for the 4th graders run through the library. Students have the choice to sign up for the club. The club started in September. They eat lunch in the innovation lab then they start building! This month students have built an island. They have then drawn disaster cards to see what has happened to their island. The students then need to problem solve how to fix the disaster then build it! An example would be a hurricane is coming. About every two months a new project will be started. Students come once a week.

### **Dot Day Celebrations**

Dot Day is an international day that is celebrated during the month of September. It is a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration. New Hampton Elementary teachers were able to sign their class up for a Dot Day Celebration. Ten teachers participated in the celebration! Students created their own unique dots to make their mark on the world!

### **Peer Shares**

Peer Shares are back! Stefanie is hosting a Peer Share on Novel Effect this coming Thursday, October 13th. Please see the following document for more information. [Novel Effect Peer Share](#)

