

Partners In Education

First Semester News

Preschool News

Ms. Rosonke's TLC Preschool and The New Hampton Care Center

In September residents from Linn Haven Care Center visited our preschool room. We made them pudding pies and shared our snack with them. They read books to us and we gave them a tour of our school. We talked to them about how they got to school, what their school was like, and if they went to preschool.

The residents visited us again in October and attended our Halloween party. They played Halloween Bingo and did some Ghost Boowling. They played with our slime in the sand and water table.

We visited the Linn Haven Care Center in November for Veteran's Day. We gave each Veteran a flag we had painted. Some Veterans came to talk with us and showed us how to fold the flag and talked about how important our United States flag is to our country. We took a tour of the care center.

Mrs. Havlik and NH Nursing and Rehab Center

During the first quarter we took our first trip to our partner in education and was greeted by the residents. We enjoyed doing fitness activities together. The preschoolers led the residents in some fun exercises, stretching, bending, and doing lots of cool moves. The preschoolers sang along to a few of their favorite movement songs. When we were finished we introduced ourselves and gave them a handshake goodbye.

During the second quarter some residents from our partner in education, the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab visited our preschool room. The preschoolers enjoyed listening to the residents read stories. They loved hearing the stories and visiting with the residents that came.

Mrs. Demaray and Klunder's Kafe

We visited Klunder's Kafe in October for a tour and some super delicious Mickey Mouse pancakes! The children all "saddled up" for individual photo on the saddle stool! We finished our visit with a group photo out by the big chicken!!!! At Christmas time, the preschoolers all worked very hard to make a Santa stuck in the chimney decoration and wrote about what they would do if Santa was stuck in their chimney!

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Rowan and Dr. Boeding and Dr. Speltz Family Dentistry

Mrs. Rowan's class have partnered up with Boeding and Speltz Family Dentistry. We are logging and reading at least 100 minutes at home every month!! In addition, the kindergarten are making decorations for the Dentist office and the Dentist Office staff are coming and reading to the kindergartens. We love working together!

Mrs. Nosbisch, Mrs. Ries with State Bank of Lawler and Bennett's Pharmacy

On Sept. 26th, both classes went on a tour of both businesses. We have been making decorations each month that our business displays. They also pay the students \$2.00 in play money for each project. Sometime in January we will have a store where the students can buy toys, books, etc. The students at that time will decide if they need to save some of their money for more expensive items to purchase later in the year, spend all of their money, or save some and spend some. Colleen from Bank Iowa has been in to read to Mrs. Ries's class.

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First Grade News

Mrs. Dietzenbach and Dental Associates

We started the year out by visiting the office of the Dental Associates. We met the staff and toured the office. The staff also came to our school. They explained the importance of brushing our teeth. They gave each student a toothbrush. The first graders have made decorations for their office for the various holidays. We had Dr. Bob come to our classroom and read to us twice. The students have enjoyed getting to know our Partners In Education.

Mrs. Eggerichs and the Pub at the Pinicon

No report was submitted.

Mrs. Hennessy's Class and Eye Care Associates

Eye Care associates visited the classroom and shared information about eyes. We watched a DVD. They presented the students with an activity book about eyes. The students wrote what they were thankful for and sent them to be displayed in the office. We also made a hand print Christmas tree to hang up for Christmas. an employee also came and read a Christmas story to the class.

Mrs. Sanford and Holthaus Chiropractic

Our partner in education is Holthaus Chiropractic. This fall we were able to visit Dr. Rachel at her office. She demonstrated how she adjusts her patients' backs and necks. She also showed us some x-rays and gave us tips about how to keep our back healthy. This fall we sent her several writing projects to post in her waiting room for her patients to enjoy during their visit.

Second Grade News

Mrs. Wakeman with Office World and Pocketful of Posies



In September Karen Amundsen visited the classroom and met the students. She read a story and talked about how her business lends to the Character Counts pillar of Caring. Each child was given a carnation to give to someone and tell them how much they cared for them. The students always enjoy writing seasonal pieces for her customers to read. We took a nice walk to Karen's shop where she gave a tour and the students learned about economics....buying retail and wholesale. On the way back to school we looked at other businesses on Main Street and discussed their importance to the vitality of our community.

Mrs. Geerts and New Horizon's Chamber

2nd grade students in Mrs. Geerts' class have the pleasure of partnering with Jason Speltz and the New Horizons Chamber. The students visited the chamber office to learn about what Jason does for the community! He is busy! They got to help Jason make some goodie bags for people who are new to the community. Jason then took the class on a main street tour. They had a great day!

Mrs. Nuss and Security State Bank

The second graders in Mrs. Nuss' room enjoyed creating several projects that Security State Bank displayed for their customers. First of all, the second graders created a reindeer using a wire hanger, a knee-hi nylon, and colorful paper cut-outs. These were displayed for all to see at the bank during December. Stop in at the bank soon to see our new Partner in Education display with the students' pictures in a dollar bill! The students continue to decorate deposit envelopes for the drive-thru as well. We look forward to additional activities together!

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Mrs. Heeren and Ball's Chiropractic Clinic

Dr. Ball has come to visit our classroom on two occasions. In September, she focused on how we should take care of our bodies and talked about body systems. The students were excited to see Dr. Ball's skeleton that she brought to show what our backbones look like. On December 19, Dr. Ball read The Polar Express to our class and she watched the students perform their Christmas Around The World skits. Our class went to visit Dr. Ball's office to decorate for homecoming. The students were excited to see her office and get in the school spirit with hanging their homecoming artwork and streamers. Our class has also enjoyed providing several writing projects, along with their artwork, for Dr. Ball to hang in her office/waiting room. We look forward to the second semester activities with Dr. Ball.

Third Grade News

Mrs. Reicks and Schueth's Ace Hardware

In October, the students dressed in their Halloween costumes and walked to Schueth's Hardware for a building tour and party in the store's basement. Each student was given a treat bag. In November, Patty gave each student a new pencil to use while preparing for the Iowa Assessments. In December, Patty from Schueth's Hardware provided the students with great story problems involving the employees of Schueth's Hardware. The math problems were fun to do since the students knew the people in each story problem. We appreciate all the learning opportunities that Schueth's Hardware provides our students!

Mrs. Hovey and Fareway

No activities were planned.

Fourth Grade News

Mr. Pagel with Southgate/Super 8

Mr. Pagel's class is Partners in Education with Super 8 for the 2012-2013 school year. The following activities were planned with our Partners in Education during the first semester. Amy Neitzke visited the class, and she shared information about their hotel business. Amy also gave the students some pens/pencils. These are something the students can always use throughout the year. We make decorations for our Partners to display for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also toured Super 8 during the month of December. Our partners treated the students to cookies and juice. They also gave the students a treat for Christmas. This partnership looks to be very rewarding for all involved. The students will continue to learn more about the partnership as they progress throughout the year with various activities relating to the workplace. We wrote thank you letters to our partners. This is a great opportunity to work on our letter writing skills. The students are looking forward to their job shadowing experience that will take place during the months of March/April. The year looks to be exciting for our class in many ways. We are looking to learning more about the hotel/motel business. We certainly hope to make this a rewarding educational experience for all involved. I/We certainly want to thank our partners for their kindness and generosity they have shown to my/our students thus far this year.

Mrs. Quirk and Dungey's Furniture

No activities were planned.

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Mrs. Hoy and Trends and Traditions

We have yet to get officially introduced to one another, but we have at least waved as the class sat outside the doors of Trends and Traditions during our Homecoming parade. Even though we only saw each other for a moment, we've created a bond. Linda has once again sent balloons to each of the students so far this year that have had birthdays and 1/2 birthdays to help celebrate such an important day. The kids definitely enjoy picking up the extra something from the office! More excitement has been created as we have started our Character Counts poster contest. Fourth graders are creating posters for each character trait, and the top three from 4A are then taken to Trends and Traditions for customers to vote on their favorites. This has not only created a buzz of energy, but it has also



made the kids really try their best on their assignments to hopefully get in as a finalist! Thanks, Trends and Traditions, for helping these 4th graders enjoy their PIE experience!

Title One and the New Hampton Library

No activities were planned for first semester.