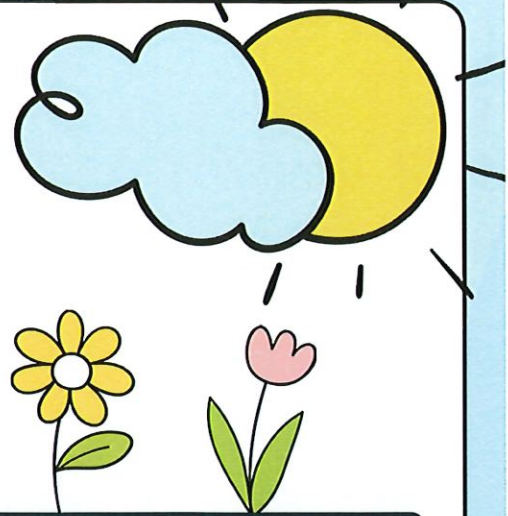


News from the 3K Classroom

September 2026



Look What We Learned

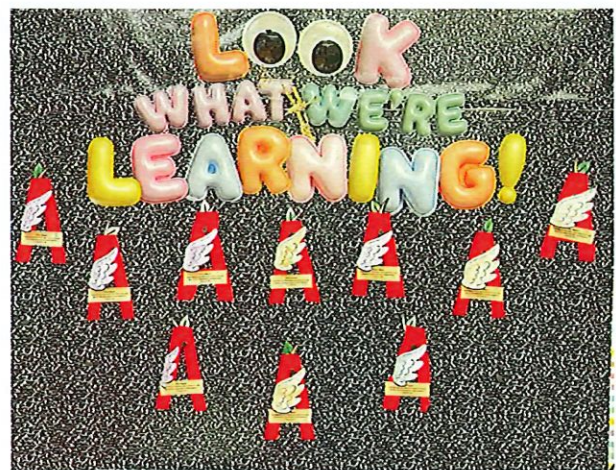
What a wonderful start to our school year! After spending our first few weeks adjusting to new routines, getting comfortable with our daily rhythms, and making new friends, our 3K classroom is officially diving into our phonics adventures.

We kicked things off with the very first letter of the alphabet: Letter A! Our little learners had a great time discovering what uppercase and lowercase A look like and practicing the short "ah" sound through interactive songs, hands-on crafts, and playful games.

Try it at home: Ask your child to make the "A" sound for you, or see if they can spot any Letter As on cereal boxes, street signs, or favorite storybooks this week!



Look What We Did



A for Apple

"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings".

PSLAM 17:8

Reminders

If you haven't already had a chance to contribute a classroom community snack yet, just a few reminders for when you do. We ask that you avoid sending fruit snacks and any items containing peanuts or peanut butter due to allergies.

Thank you for your support!



Classroom Newsletter

SEPT. 2026

4-YEAR-OLD- KINDERGARTEN
MRS. FARBER

What We Learned

4K:

In September, 4K students spent time learning about our classroom rules and the expectations we have at school. Our new curriculum (The Creative Curriculum) involved mini-units on getting to know each other, figuring out how to write our names, and deciding which grown-ups we see at school.

I was sick for a couple of days during the beginning of the month, and then gone again at the end of the month for a few days. This 4K class handled the changing routine this month like champions, and I am so proud of them! I am so lucky to be their teacher!



Reminders

Thank you for your contributions to our community snack bin! Please remember to send 25 individually wrapped snacks at the beginning of each month to keep our bin full!

As our days get chillier, please remember to send appropriate outside attire for recess as we will be going outside everyday with exceptions of below zero temperatures and rain 😊

Upcoming Events

- NO SCHOOL
 - 10/9
 - 10/16
 - 10/23
- Hearing & Vision Screening 10/13
- Conferences 10/15

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Please be patient with us as we move through our new communication platform. If anything should come before initial bugs are fixed, please don't hesitate to reach out via email with any questions, comments or concerns!

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Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Newsletter

Ms. Schraufnagel



September 2026

Wow! I can not beleive the first month of school is almost done already! Kindergarten and 1st Grade has been having so much fun wokring together and spliting into their age groups!

Kindergarten: In September, 5K was introduced to Superkids & UFLI. In Superkids we met Cass and focused on the letter C which makes the sound /k/. in UFLI we are reviewing all of our letters and sounds as well! In math we are reviewing how to count and work with different mathematical objects! I am happy to say students are doing wonderful jumping back into school!

1st Grade: In September, 1st grade jumped right back into Superkids and started UFLI. Students are currently working on reviewing what they knew from last year and everyone is doing great! In math we are also reviewing adding and subtracting and the students are picking up right where they left off! 1st Grade families, keep a look out for UFLI/reading worksheets that make their way home for extra practice!

Reminders

- Snack everyday 2:30-2:45
- Water bottles
- Jackets for cool morning recess

Important Dates

October 8: Kindergarten Edgar Fire Station
October 9: NO SCHOOL
October 15: Parent Teacher Conferences
October 16: NO SCHOOL
October 20: Family STEAM Night
October 23: NO SCHOOL

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This school year, I have decided to use email as our main source of communication! If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out!



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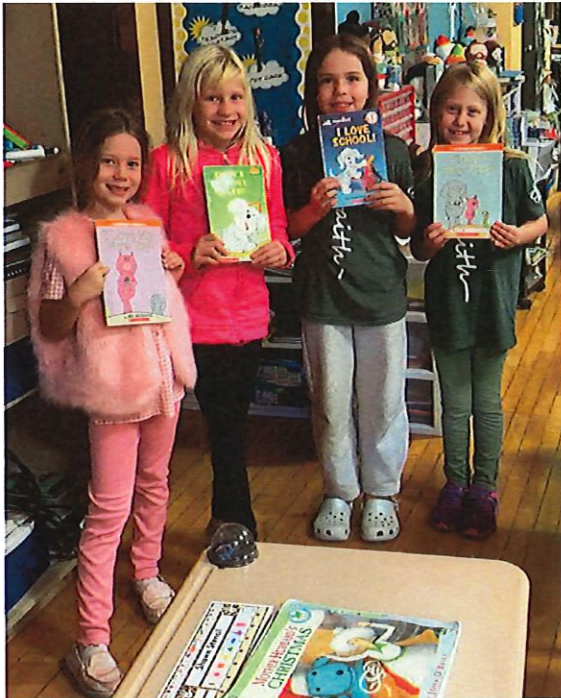


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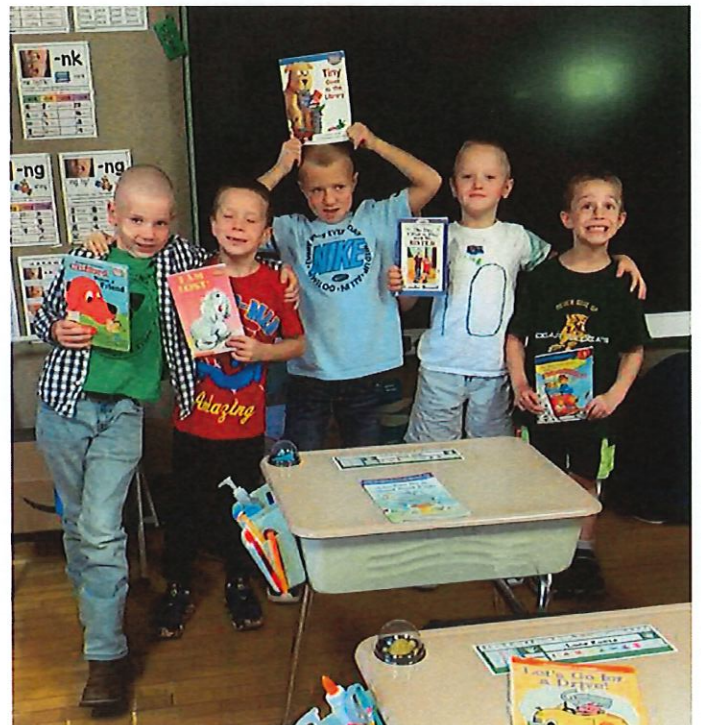
from Grade Two



The year is off to a start with lots of reading, writing, and arithmetic. We showed up with bright, smiling faces ready to learn and are going strong. For our first newsletter of the year, we will share some photos of the highlights.



We could not wait to officially take AR tests. We read and take a test on a book almost EVERY day. That adds up to a lot of books!



With our first book of the year~everyone got 100%!!!



WELCOME Back to SCHOOL!

from Grade Two,
continued



Time to let off some steam...in our STEAM class that is. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. One of the projects we will be working on this year is learning to code with our Dash robots. We have already completed the first challenge with our virtual robot in the Blockly app. Check out the photos of us with our actual robots. Soon we will be transferring our programs to see them in action!



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3rd & 4th Grade News

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In **3rd Grade ELA** we have been exploring the sea alongside poets, artists, and authors. We are finishing the focus on how artists explore the sea by writing our first bigger writing assignment!

In **4th Grade ELA** we have been learning about what it means to have a great heart, figuratively and literally. We are working hard to understand all of the complicated science words in our current book about the circulatory system.

Our **Science** connects to our ELA, especially for 3rd grade as we learn about waves, energy and information by exploring how dolphins communicate.

In **3rd Grade Math** we have been working on reading and creating graphs. We are now introducing multiplication!

In **4th Grade Math** we have been working on factors and multiples. Now we are starting fractions.

In **Social Studies** we have been learning about maps and related skills.

In **Religion** we are taking a pilgrimage with Jesus. So far we have covered Creation through The Flood.

In **Art**, we used our creativity making American Flags to honor 9/11. We also made cards for our grandparents for Grandparent's Day. Now we are making art in the style of Piet Mondrian.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Mrs. Michlig

Grade 8

8th grade is kicking off to a great start. We are reading the novel "The Crossover" by Kwame Alexander. This is a novel written in verse as opposed to a novel written in prose. Students are examining themes of identity and are analyzing how form shapes a story's meaning. Students are enjoying the comedy provided by the book and we enjoy laughing as a class while reading.

Grade 7

Grade 7 has taken us back in time to the Middle Ages. We have compiled an anchor chart full of things we know about the Middle Ages and we continue to add to the chart every class period when we learn something new. So far, we have discussed the Bubonic Plague, social class systems, have finished reading the novel "Castle Diary" by Richard Platt, and have started reading the Canterbury Tales. We are digging deeper into how society influences identity and experience.

Grade 5

In grade 5, we are learning about Westward Expansion, American Indian cultures in the West, how cultural beliefs and values guide people, and we are learning about the Nez Perce Indians and their way of life. We will be reading the novel "Thunder Rolling on the Mountains" by Scott O'Dell.

Grade 6

Grade 6 has begun with some very important history lessons. We jump in to our year learning about the Great Depression and the hardships faced by those who lived through it. We have begun reading the novel "Bud, Not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis and are learning about Bud's firsthand experience during the Depression times. Students will also be reading the novel "Out of the Dust" by Karen Hesse that is a novel written in free verse about the Dust Bowl.

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MS. WOZNY'S NEWSLETTER



HELLO SEPTEMBER

A new school year is here, and the middle school homeroom is already filled with productivity! September is all about renewing friendships, re-learning routines, and getting back into the swing of things. Most importantly, we've created a faith-filled space where everyone can deepen their relationship with God.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Let's start at the beginning.. of American history. Both middle school classes are learning about the 'discovery' of North America by Christopher Columbus and the colonization of the world by European explorers.

SCIENCE



In 7th and 8th science, the students have been learning about renewable energy sources and how to convert kinetic energy into usable potential energy. The 5th and 6th graders are learning how important microorganisms are to the human gut. They have learned that fecal transplants can help those who are sick.

RELIGION

Let's take a deep dive into the 10 Commandments. The 5th and 6th graders have started the year with this focus. The 7th and 8th graders are learning about church history and church formation.



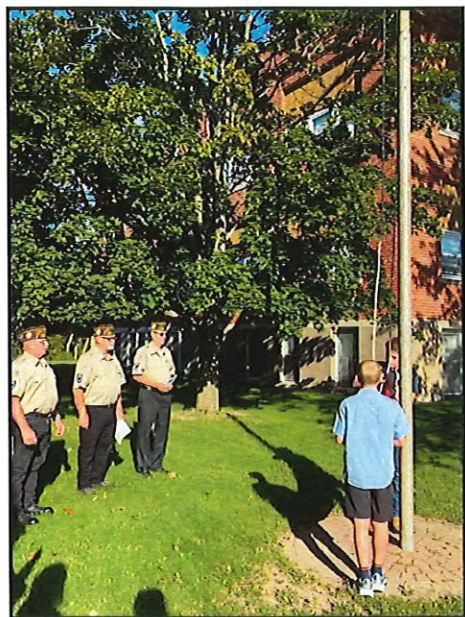
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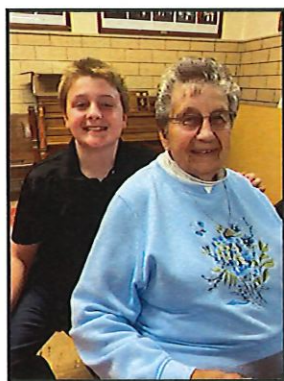




9/11 FLAGPOLE BLESSING



GRANDPARENT'S DAY



Ms MATH

Building Prisms



Grade Five's first unit involved building rectangular prisms, analyzing their structure, and finding their volume. We wrote numerical expressions to represent the volumes of those prisms. Wrapping up the unit, we found the volume of solid figures composed of two non-overlapping rectangular prisms and solved real-world problems.



Assembling
Polyhedra

Tangram
Puzzle Solved



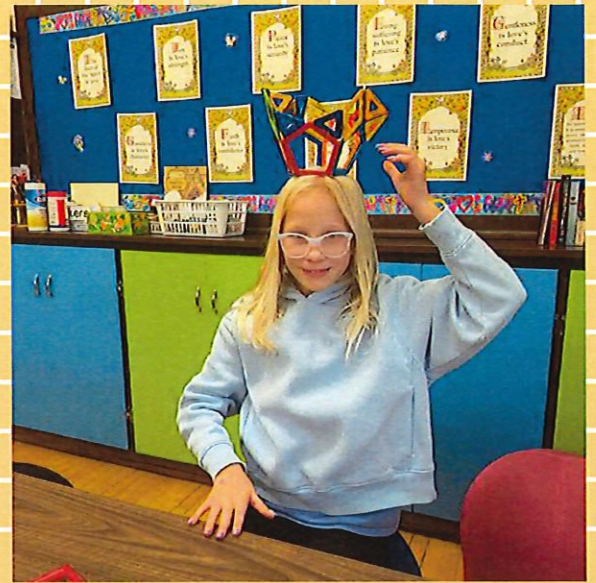
Grade Six started with finding the area of parallelograms, which lead to areas of triangles, and the decomposition of a variety of polygons. Then it was on to finding the surface area of 3D polyhedra such as pyramids and prisms with quite the variety of names.

MS MATH



Grade Seven completed the unit one in which scaled copies were studied. Then we were able to apply what was learned to scale drawings such as maps or floor plans. This will provide geometric preparation for work on proportional relationships.

Tower taller than a meter



Eighth Grade has been making use of patty paper to check out transformations and congruence. After practicing translations, reflections, and rotations, we expanded our math vocabulary. Alternate interior angles, transversal, and straight angle are just a portion of the new terminology that have been introduced to us with our first unit.



Our first Masses have been wonderful! The students have been doing a great job with all of their Mass ministries. In our music classes, we are working on keeping a steady beat and rhythm patterns with a mix of songs from Kindergarten through middle school with titles like "Snail, Snail," "Choo Choo Train," "The Caisson Song," and "William Tell's Overshirt."

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