



GES Newsletter

October 2008 Nws

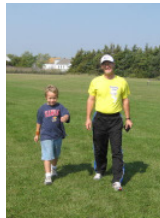
Volume 11, No. 1

Principal's Corner



Our Grade School students are making great progress as we "Walk Across Kansas". On Sept. 22, the students reached their second destination, Monument Rocks having walked 105 miles since Sept. 8. The students have been walking twice a week with Mr. Fast, averaging 50-60 miles a week. Students in grades K-2 walk a quarter mile and students in grades 3-6 walk a half-mile on the days we walk. The program is voluntary, but over 80% of our students are participating. Each student who participates receives a charm bracelet and each day they walk, they receive a charm for their bracelet.

As we walk, we plot our progress on the bulletin board outside Mr. Fast's office. Our first destination was the El Quartejejo Pueblo Indian Ruins. Students had an opportunity to read about some of the oldest Pueblo Indian ruins in Kansas. Mr. Fast posts information about each of our destinations on the bulletin board for students to read about. The second destination was Monument Rocks. Students got to see pictures of Monument Rocks and some visited the site on computer as well. The next destination we are walking to will be on highway 96, the George Washington Carver Homestead near Beeler. Once there, students will learn more about George Washington Carver on the bulletin board. Our fourth destination will be Ness City.



colors and how to be a good friend. We will be working with letter sounds through a phonetic program called Pathways to Reading and we just started with the letter Mm. Activities included meeting characters like Mr. M and Mimi Mermaid, talking about good things to munch, playing with a marble roller, observing what magnets can do, using magnifying glasses, and reading lots of M books. In Math we have worked with writing numbers, recognizing numbers and counting items to five. Below is a little introduction to each new student.

Raechel Boese is good at swimming and is helping her daddy make a ladder for her tree house.

Cassandra Rust can speak German and likes to play dress-up and ride her toy horse and she likes to go to the zoo with her family.

Luke Wiens can ride a big bike without training wheels and likes to eat with his daddy at Beck's Burger Garage in Newton.

Dawson Duerksen likes to play Monster Truck Racing on his Wii and play with Transformers and he knows a lot about sharks.

Elizabeth Schmucker likes riding her horse Elvis and she is very good at writing her name and her dad makes *yummy donuts*.

Kale Funk earns money by doing chores at home like cleaning his room and helping his dad pick up sticks.

Christian Moon likes to play football and go swimming and is good at helping his mom.

Berlin Lewis's favorite food is macaroni and cheese and she likes to play tag with her big brother and she has 2 dogs, 1 cat and a pet ferret.

(cont.on page 8)



© Roy & Dawson have milk break.



Kindergarten

Mrs. Sheri Janzen, Teacher



The Goessel Kindergarten has 19 children this year. We spent the first few weeks getting to know each other and learning the routine of being in school. We have talked about shapes and

1st Grade

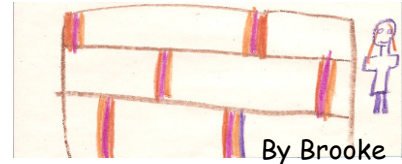
*Mrs. Barb Goering,
Teacher*



The first graders are off to a great start! We're looking forward to an enriching year together. We are excited about learning to read, about watching our caterpillars grow and change into butterflies, and about learning to write. Below you'll find some of the activities the first graders like about first grade so far.

We go to p.e. *Isaiah*
We're learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. *Porlein*
We go to music. *Zack*
We go to p.e. *Anton*
We play BINGO. *Vincent*
We go to library. *Brooke*
We go to p.e. *Jerah*
We learn how to read. *Jakob*
We're learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. *Lexi*
We have helpers. *Alexandria*

We go to p.e. *Brody*
We're learning Math. *Alyssa*
We go to p.e. *Dylan*
We're sitting quietly. *Bailey*
We play BINGO. *Cody*
We go to p.e. *Thelma*
I like when it's lunchtime. *Richard*
We learn about Vowel Town. *Elizabeth*
We go to p.e. *Luke*



By Brooke



By Dylan



By Eliabezth



By Lexi

2nd Grade

*Mrs. Ann Hiebert,
Teacher*



Fall
Red, purple
The trees are pretty.
Yellow, orange
Pretty trees and
pretty leaves,
Pink, brown
Fall is in the air.
Edel Miller

Fall
Leaves, fall
I like the leaves.
Rakes, piles of leaves
Fall
Nathan Impson

Fall
Red, yellow, pink and blue,
I wear long sleeves and long pants.
I play in the leaves!
I can't wait until Halloween! Boo!
Fall
Audessi Unruh

Fall
Thanksgiving, Halloween
It's my birthday on Oct. 27.
Jack-o-lanterns, candy
Fall
Drew Lindeman

Fall is such a beautiful time of year!
We welcomed the first day of Fall
by sponge painting trees with colorful
leaves and writing Fall poems. We
hope you are taking time to enjoy the
wonderful weather and the changing
colors of the season!

Second Grade is off to an enthusiastic start. We've used up lots of pencils and erasers already! There are many things the 16 students are hoping to learn this year. Their list included: science, art, more about reading, sports, and computers, cursive, how to bounce soccer balls on your head, how to write better stories, more math, new p.e. games, trying new foods and social studies. Hopefully, we will be able to spend time in all of these areas and many more!





2nd grade pictures



2nd grade enjoy the fall BBQ, music and PE



Grade 3

Mr. Dale Wiens, Teacher



The third grade students studied the Goessel community to start the year. The students learned about our town by visiting Goessel's Internet web site and by taking a walking field trip of Goessel. Students shared their knowledge of the sites, and I added information regarding the history or use of each place.

Students finished the unit of

study by creating their own cities. Their task was to decide what businesses, city services, factories, and types of entertainment to have in their towns.

They arranged the shapes, gave each a name, and arranged them onto a poster-size city grid. Homes and parks were also mixed in.

Below are the student comments about Goessel and what they would change or add to our town if they could.

Jordan Griffin: I like Goessel because it is safe for kids who like to ride bike with friends. I hope we will build a new zoo with monkeys and snakes.

Kolton Lare: Goessel's skateboard park is a great place to do tricks. I want Goessel to get a Red Lobster restaurant.

Julia Nightengale: Our high school plays and musicals are fun to watch. I wish we had a theme park with trained animals in it.

Eden Hiebert: One of our things I like about Goessel is the Harvest Festival because it has games and music. I wish that Goessel could build a

huge Sea World for dolphins and killer whales.

Lauren Hiebert: I like our town because it's safe and fun and there are nice people here. I'd like Goessel to have an ice cream shop so I could eat strawberry ice cream every day.

Chloe McCauley: I like getting my hair and nails done at the Salon in town. I would like a Wal-Mart in town so I could buy Hannah Montana stuff.



Jayce Schmidt: Goessel is cool because we have a park where I like to ride bike. I like going to Keith's Foods for pop and pizza. I wish Goessel had a swimming pool.

Leah Booton: Goessel is a good place to live and ride bikes. I wish we had a water park and shopping mall with a Build-A-Bear business in it.

Carson Sterk: I like Goessel because of the play structure at the City Park. I would



like Goessel even more if we had a skating rink.

Brittney Hiebert: Goessel is a very safe town so I can play outside. I would like our town to have a zoo with wildcats in it.

Nathaniel Schmucker: I like Goessel because of the Goessel Recreation Commission sports, especially football. I would like to add a Daylight Donuts store.

Benny Meyer: I like Threshing Days because of all the crafts. I wish Goessel had a roller skating rink.

Kara Burkholder: Goessel has a good school and is a fine place to

live. I would like a bigger park with more swings and trampolines.
Rachel Miller: I like to go to the park to play on the big structure and ride bike. If we had a zoo, kids could enjoy giraffes and buy stuff at the gift shop.

Jenna Nightengale: I like the Harvest Festival with the food and games that we have every year. The Moon Bounce is fun. I would like Goessel to add a water park and movie theater.



4th Grade *Mr. Tom Krehbiel, Teacher*



Shelbi and Lydia have a good time

Here are a few of the fourth graders favorite things.

Being alive!
Dark smooth creamy luscious chocolate.
I like playing PlayStation because there are many exciting games like Star Wars.

My dog Brutus because when I'm standing up he sits on my foot and when I sit down he starts licking my face.
Dog Drool!!
Making my brother mad.

Christmas when you get cool presents under the tree.

Spending time with my mom.

I like the first day of school.

I like going to the zoo and looking at the best animals in the

world.
Going to sleep-overs and staying up late.
The very great joy of doing nothing.
Playing with my soft, fluffy hamster.
I love to go to school and learn about Math, Science, and Reading.

My birthday, because it is close to Christmas and I get twice as many presents.
Every year my family goes skiing in Colorado. Skiing is so great because I'm with my family and because the snow is soft.

I love to go on walks with my goats.

My mom, dad, and I went to a dinosaur museum and the T-Rex was the scariest. It seemed to stomp toward me and sang BOOM as it stomped.

Nachos hot and cheesy.
I like to go to the ocean

aquarium in Chicago. It is cool you can see beluga whales and more.
I love to go to the library and read the whole series of Arthur books.
Learning how to drive a four-wheeler in second gear.
When my mom came to school and I got her sherbert and cookies.
Riding our dazzling horse Silver because it feels good.
Going to the toy part of Wal-Mart.
I like to go to school because I get to see all my friends and sometimes my teacher.
Playing with my best friends, sweet, sweet friends.



Students spend time learning in the nature center





4th grade poses in their classroom



4th grade pictures



5th Grade

Mrs. Abrahams,
Teacher

In reading we read a book called, *Chocolate Fever*, during our Chocolate Unit. We learned chocolate facts, made no-bake cookies, and ate chocolate kisses. On our own computers we watched a video that showed how the cocoa bean is processed. Our class loved the Chocolate Unit. *Jade Sterk, Page Hiebert, Luke Unruh*

Every Wednesday for 45 minutes the Tabor College students come to visit us. Everyone is paired with a college student. As they learn how to be teachers we learn how to read better. As we experience this we also get to know each other better. It's fun working with a college student. *Alyssa Booton, Alicen Meysing, Rebekah Herrel.*

At the back of the fifth grade class-

room there is a map of the USA. For every 200 pages we read we get to move our cars to the next 500 mile mark. Before we get to move we have to write a report on a state and present it to the class. There are six different routes that go from the East coast to the West coast. *Alyssa* is already across and others are very close. *Anna Wiens, Sierah Pennington*

This year the fifth grade students are learning how to play instruments in band. After most people had an instrument, we started to have lessons. Each lesson is approximately 10 minutes long. The most awesome band teacher isdrum roll please.....Mr. Connell. *Zach Wiens, Ashley Hiebert, Kylee Unruh*

In science we have done a lot of fun experiments. Our favorite experiment was called Balloon in a Jar. We had to predict whether a balloon filled with water would drop through the mouth of a small jar. Most of us thought it wouldn't work. But to our

amazement it worked. Ask a fifth grader for more details. *Chase Flaming, Jordan Schmucker, Mikayla Lare*

The fifth grade class is divided into two groups for robotics and computer. We will switch classes after Christmas. The kids in robotics are split into groups and have started to build and program a robot. In computer we are working on our typing skills while writing a good story. Also each Monday we do a T.V. broadcast for the whole school. We talk about the weather, lunch menu, and the sports events that have happened. *Aleena Cook, Dylan Smith, Ethan Partain*





Teacher Interview by

Jayden Landis
Mrs. Jody Schmidt, Teacher



This quarter, our feature staff member is Mr. Joe Biggs. Mr. Biggs teaches P.E., Health, and Computer at the elementary school. This is his first year at Goessel Elementary and Mr. Biggs shared he is really enjoying it. Mr. Biggs has three

older brothers, all of whom are married and have children. Playing all sports, and watching college football are Mr. Biggs' hobbies. His favorite food is steak and potatoes. His advice to Goessel Elementary students is to always use your manners and respect adults.

P.E. /Health Computer

Mr. Joe Biggs
Teacher



While many things are different this year in PE a lot of the things remain the same. This is my first year as Goessel Elementary. I have brought many new ideas but since I did my student teaching under Mr. Holloway many things remain the same. All grades have started units on Volleyball and Football with the lower grades covering the very basics of each and the upper classes actually getting into some flag football and volleyball games. The lower level classes have also been

covering locomotor movements such as skipping, galloping, hopping, walking, running, crawling, bear crawl, and crab walk. I have really enjoyed all the students as each one of them brings something different to class every day. Some of the upcoming units include soccer, cup stacking, scooters, and jump rope. Hopefully in the next month or so, units, pictures, and a variety of PE tips will be available on the school website. Please check it out. Let's have a great second nine weeks.



Students try the crab walk.

K-3 Music

Mrs. Marcia Brubaker
Teacher



Lots of singing, rhythm instruments, moving, and clapping make for lots of smiles in music class!

Our year has begun with learning new songs and studying concepts of loud and quiet (*forte and piano*), high and low, and practicing a lot of rhythms. On Fridays, we review songs we know or play a game that helps us review a music concept that we are studying. Some of our favorites have included acting out the song "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" in kindergarten; learning several sets of actions to "A Sailor Went to Sea"; a dance to "Country Gardens" in 2nd grade; and singing "I's the B'y", a song from Newfoundland, in 3rd grade. Second graders learned the "Star Spangled Banner" to celebrate the day it was written and to talk about the events of September 11, 2001.

This semester, Miss Ann Labes from Bethany College is student teaching in K-12 music classes and has begun planning and teaching several of the classes. Miss Labes has a lot of enthusiasm for music and for young children.





Kindergarten made clay monsters after reading the book, "Leonardo the Terrible Monster"



Library

Mr. Russell Pauls, Librarian



This is my ninth year as the elementary librarian at Goesel Elementary School, and I am really looking forward to this year. We are off to a great start. Here are a couple of things that you need to know about the library program:

1. Books and magazines can be checked out for two weeks. At that point, they can be rechecked if needed.
2. Overdue notices will be sent home periodically. Replacement costs for lost books will not be addressed until the end of the school year.

Each class comes to the library for a library class once a week. Except for kindergarten, all classes have oppor-

tunities each day to come to the library and check out more books. Kindergarten uses a different system in their classroom.

We have a lot of exciting things planned this year in the library. I want to mention the annual book fair that will be held October 24 through October 29.

We will also have a school wide reading promotion in February 2009 to go along with Family Reading Night on March 3.

Accelerated Reader is now online! A link has been added to the elementary school website that will take you to accelerated reader so that students can take tests anywhere where an Internet connection is available. We are testing this out, so if you try it and have any problems, please contact the elementary school library. Enjoy taking AR tests at home!

Time for Reading

It's finally Fall, so I know we are all into the routine of school. What does that mean in your household? Are you finding time to read with your children every day? Does it make any difference? The answer is yes!

Research has proven time and again that reading aloud with children helps them to read at a higher level and to understand stories more easily. This first semester I'm working with some second graders with RAP, a Reading Acceleration Program. They need to read at least 5 times a week at home with an adult as part of the program. These students always show success as they climb to higher and higher reading levels.

Parents, could you all make an effort to take some time with your children? It only has to be 10-15 minutes a time, and it could make a huge difference in their education. You might even learn something new while you're reading!



Title I

*Teacher,
Mrs. Mary Schmidt*



O.W.L.S.

Submitted by
Ms. Barb Goering

4th graders spend time in
the nature area



Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site (O.W.L.S.) Update

In the spring of 2008 we applied for and received a \$1000 grant from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to be used in our O.W.L.S. area, which is in the northwest corner of the schoolyard. With that grant and other donations we got additional flowers to plant, as well as some supplies for classes to use in the site. Last school year the students and teachers put together a list of desired native plants, with which we got additional plants from Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. With help from Brad Guhr of Dyck Arboretum, the students planting

those flowers Oct. 1.

In addition to the plants, we put another gate at the southwest corner of the O.W.L.S. area, and Londell Duerksen and Lisa Howard worked hard at clearing out unwanted trees, branches, poison ivy, and bushes from the site this past summer. The upcoming addition of a limestone O.W.L.S. sign post will also spruce up the appearance of our living outdoor classroom. It's an exciting place to visit. Stop by sometime, and take a look.



Mr. Guhr from Dyck Arboretum helps us learn about plants before planting new plants in the Nature Center.



Kindergarten, cont.

(cont. from p. 1)

Garrett Schmidt has driven a boat and likes to sweep and mop for his mom and he has 2 big brothers.

Neviah Impson has nine people in her family and she likes to play hide-and-seek with them. She also likes vanilla ice cream and can do somersaults.

Jessica Saunders likes to play with Barbies and ride her bike and she is good at coloring.

Bethany Herrel likes to do puzzles at her grandma's and play outside with her dogs and cats.

MaKayla Hudson likes watching

movies like *The Little Mermaid*, her favorite color is purple and she likes to do art projects.

Jake Hiebert's favorite food is his mom's pancakes and he likes to play games like Chutes and Ladders with his dad.

Roy Blosser knows all his coins and how much they are worth and he likes playing his toy piano.

Jordan Bachman likes playing football, soccer, and basketball and helps his dad break horses.

Katherine Dudte likes to play volleyball and eating broccoli and she is waiting for a new baby.

Olivia Cardona-Patterson likes reading Clifford books, is good at hopping on one foot and lives by her teacher.

Aaliyah Johnson likes to tickle her little sister and make her laugh, build with blocks, help with the dishes, and eat popsicles.

We are again offering all day Kindergarten to some students. We eat lunch, have a recess and rest time, have a free choice time, and work with teachers on reading and math readiness skills. This is additional time for us to review letters skills, numbers skills, and social skills. We are enjoying ourselves and becoming more prepared for 1st grade!

Goessel Elementary

**We're on the
web usd411.org**



We have SPIRIT!

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 6—Goessel Town kids “Walk Your Child to School Day”

OCTOBER 7-22—PTO QSP KICK OFF (TUES., 9 A.M.) AND FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 10, 12:30—END OF 3RD 9 WEEKS, EARLY DISMISSAL

OCTOBER 27, 12:30—EARLY DISMISSAL FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 30—HALLOWEEN PARTIES

OCTOBER 31—TEACHER COMP DAY—NO SCHOOL

more pictures...



