



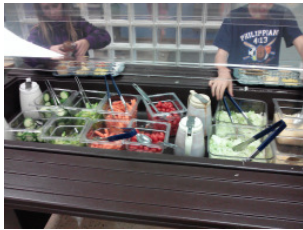
GES Newsletter

Principal's Corner

Mr. John Fast, Principal



No doubt you have heard about changes in the school lunch programs and efforts to offer a healthier diet for our students. Our cooks have been doing a great job of introducing more whole wheat products as well as fruits and vegetables. The students have been introduced to a greater variety of offerings and in general have been enjoying trying some new items on the menu and new recipes. Attached you will find a picture of the great offering of vegetables that our cooks are making available on the cart. Some of these items come from our garden and students always enjoy trying foods they have raised themselves.



Logan likes to play with her three kittens. She likes chocolate ice cream and she likes to read books. She has an older brother in second grade. She likes to swing with her mom and going to watch WSU volleyball.

Jacob's favorite color is pink and he likes to play with trains. He likes to eat at Coldstone Creamery and mixes marshmallows into his ice cream. He is the oldest in his family.

Royser likes to play tennis, to play Lego Batman on the Wii and watch Pokemon. He is a very good artist and his favorite color is brown. He has two dogs.

Jace likes to ride his bike outside and he likes to watch Angry Birds on TV. His favorite colors are green and red and he likes to draw airplanes in his notebook. He has a spiderman costume that he might wear for Halloween.

Aimee is good at playing hide-and-go-seek with her brother, Kale. She has a doll with pink hair. She likes to eat pepperoni pizza.

Abbigail likes to go to her Grandpa's to help clean. She likes to play with puzzles and her favorite color is purple. Abbigail and Aimee are twins.

Rebecca is good at playing checkers and likes to play with her brother Nathan. She sleeps with her dad. She likes to go to Pizza Hut and eat pepperoni pizza. She has a dog, one turtle and two fish.

Jack likes to play Super Mario on the Wii at home. He likes to play tag with his brother Justin. Soccer is his favorite sport and pizza is his favorite food. He is the youngest in his family.



Adriana goes to dance class and likes to play basketball. She has five people in her family and her sister is from Germany. Blue is her favorite color and she likes to play in the kitchen here at school.

Braxton likes to eat chicken nuggets with his family and work in their pumpkin patch. He is the only boy with 4 sisters and he likes to play zoo with them. He likes playing turtle tag in PE.

Aiden collects Legos and likes to build with them. His favorite food is oranges and his favorite color is orange. He is learning the letters of the alphabet. He has 6 people in his family.

Skyler likes going to Library and checking out books. She likes to eat chocolate chip cookies. She likes to go to Pizza Hut with her family. For Halloween she wants to be a princess.

Colby is double jointed and his favorite colors are blue and black. He likes to ride ponies and play on his dirt pile. He helps his dad and sister with her 4-H goats and has a billy goat named chocolate milk.

Levi can almost do a flip and he is good at building cool Lego sets. His favorite food is macaroni and cheese. He likes to collect shiny rocks.

Viola likes to play with her dolls in her bedroom and her favorite doll is her Strawberry Shortcake doll. She likes to wear her new goggles when she goes swimming with her family. She likes going to the computer lab to play games.

Tristan likes to play with his drawer things and his favorite color is green. He likes to go to his cousin Kaitlin's house and play with her. His favorite movie is Star Wars and he wants to be Darth Vader for Halloween.

Sam likes to drive his pedal tractor and pull his sister in his trailer. He likes to eat cheese and hamburger pizza at Pizza Hut. He has guinea hens at home but they are not pets because they are not very friendly.



Kindergarten

Mrs. Sheri Janzen, Teacher
Kindergarten



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 colors and how to be a good friend. We have spent a lot of time reading each others' names, counting the number of letters, learning about our favorite things and describing each other. We have also talked about our families and who is the oldest or youngest or how many people are in our families. Below is a little introduction to each new student.

Brooklyn likes to play football and baseball with her older brother and sister. She has two kittens and a new baby brother. Her favorite ice cream is Oreo ice cream.

Koy likes to play football with his brother Kacen. He likes to play games on his DS and going to rodeos and eating cotton candy. He likes checking books out from the Library every week.

1st Grade

Mrs. Barb Goering, Teacher



The first graders have a great start to this school year. They've been working hard. The first reading curriculum theme for the year is called "School" and we've been doing some comparing and contrasting of schools as well as school experiences. One assignment was to write about what is different in first grade from kindergarten. Some of the responses follow.

We got to play in a play kitchen in kindergarten. We played with toy frogs in first grade. *Liberty*

We had a milk break in kindergarten. We have caterpillars in first grade.

Klay

In kindergarten we had naps. We have more math in first grade. *Rachel*

We had tables in kindergarten. We have desks in first grade. *Layne*

We had hooks with names on them in kindergarten. The desks open in first grade. *Jake*

We had snack in kindergarten. We have science in first grade. *Brandon*

In kindergarten we didn't run laps in p.e. In first grade the crayon containers are different. *Riley*

I played with blocks in kindergarten.

We have a caterpillar cage in first grade. *Nick*

Another assignment the students were to complete was to write about why we go to school. Some of their wonderful answers are below.

I go to school to read! *Eli*

I go to school to learn how to write. *Alece*

I go to school to learn how to count. *Alyson*

School helps me learn to read. *Jaicee*

I go to school to learn how to get strong. *Noah*

I go to school to read. *Summer*

I go to school to help me to sing. I go to school to help me do art. *Cambry*

School helps me to learn math. *Wade*

I go to school to learn to read. *Javin*

I go to school to learn about the alphabet.

Miranda

I go to school to be smart. *Chevy*

I go to school to learn to do everything! *Ricardo*



Reading with 4th Graders



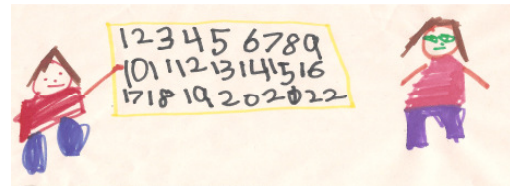
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1st Graders in Art

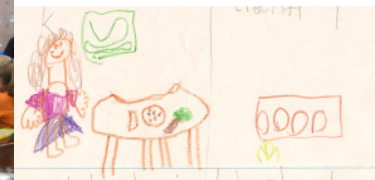


Alyson

Jaicee



Liberty



2nd Grade

Mrs. Ann Hiebert, Teacher

What a beautiful start to fall! The second graders have been busy getting back into the swing of school. The class consists of 10 boys and 6 girls. The class is very creative and energetic!

We started the year by learning about and discussing five concept words that will be part



of our classroom language for the whole year. Respect, cooperation, honesty, responsibility and self-discipline are the five words. We read books and did activities that helped reinforce these concepts.

Kindness is the theme of our first reading unit. The stories are helping us think about being thoughtful friends and how we can show kindness in many different situations. We are also increasing our vocabulary, improving our reading strategies, and working on our fluency. We are going to be fantastic readers by the end of the year!

English time finds us learning about the writing process. We have written some poems using poetry frames. We've learned about nouns and verbs and writing sentences. We will be putting sentences together to create fairy tales and action tales next.

Numbers and operations are keeping our brains busy in math. We have already worked with numbers to





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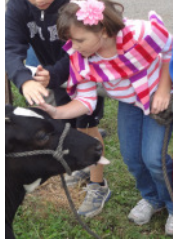
100, number patterns, and comparing and ordering numbers and tables and graphs. Addition and subtraction strategies will be our next unit to tackle.



Living things have piqued our interest in science. Reptiles, birds, fish, and amphibians are all unique and wonderful creatures. We were

excited to see the small prairie lizard that Sarah brought to school to share. We also enjoyed going out to the nature center to look for living and nonliving things.

We look forward to learning many new things together this year.



3rd Grade

Miss Allison Krehbiel, Teacher



It has been a busy start to the school year, and 3rd grade is in full swing! As a first year teacher, I am learning right alongside my students. Each day I feel more comfortable with the lessons I am teaching, and the students are already showing signs of academic growth. Although some lessons are more challenging than others, I have found that the kids have a desire to learn and do their best. It has been a joy getting to know each of my students, and I am excited for the remainder of the school year!

To fill you in on what has been going on so far in 3rd grade, I asked for a little help from 15 of my favorite 8 and 9 year olds. As a quick overview, math included basic addition, subtraction, and estimation. In reading, we talked about friendship and are now beginning stories on animals and their habitats. Social Studies included a discussion of our local community and other cities which culminated with our city project. The project required pairs of students to work together to decide on different aspects that



are important to a community. In science, we learned about the many different kinds of animals and their needs. Finally, a big highlight for 3rd grade this quarter was our trip to the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina. Below, each student was asked to give their favorite part of the zoo or something they learned about an animal!

Jevin – My favorite part was the chip contest at lunch, and my favorite animal was the tiger.

Logan W. – My favorite part of the zoo was seeing the jaguars, and my favorite part of the museum was the talking and moving people.

Kaleigh – My favorite part of the zoo was the white tiger pacing, and I liked the whole museum.

Zach N. – I liked to see the lions roaring at the zoo, and having lunch with the teacher.

Emily – My favorite part was the museum, and when Mr. Wiens was being silly.

Timothy – My favorite part was when the chimpanzees went crazy, and when I saw the baby black bear sleeping in the hammock.

Riley Impson – I liked seeing the black and white tiger, and the monkey that got mad. I also liked seeing the giraffes.



Skyler – I learned that a flamingo is an invertebrate, and my favorite part was watching the snow leopards.

Ben – I liked the museum because there were bears that had been stuffed. I also liked seeing the wolves.

Chloe – I liked seeing the polar bears in the museum. I also learned that when flamingos sleep they stand on one leg.

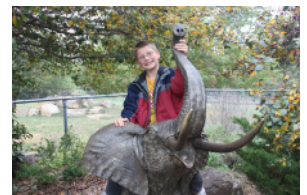
Annalise – My favorite part was hearing the lion roar, and seeing the animals in the museum.

Lyna – My favorite animals to see at the zoo were the monkeys and lions.

Manuel – My favorite animals were the spider monkeys and the ostriches.

Bane – My favorite animals to see were the monkeys, and I also liked the Kid's Zone in the museum.

Brianna – My favorite thing about the zoo was seeing the baby kangaroo in the mama's pouch.





3rd Grade

*Mr. Dale Wiens,
Teacher*



Our class has fifteen students this year. Several students have already shared their photos and special items from home during their "All About Me" week. Birthdays are always fun especially when the kids show off their birthday dance moves. We enjoyed the Rolling Hills Zoo near Salina on September 28. This matches up well with our study of animals in science.

We also studied the Goessel community to start the year. The students learned about our town by visiting Goessel's Internet web site. Students created 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.



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

Samantha: I like Goessel because of



its small size. We could use a hospital here in case people have accidents.

Elsie: Goessel is quiet and safe. I think we should have a wild animal exhibit and an arts and crafts festival.

David: Our town is peaceful. I hope we can get a swimming pool some day.

Jacob: I like our town's football field and baseball diamonds. I wish we had a bigger park and swimming pool.



JJ: Our fire department makes our town great. I wish we had a K-State football stadium and a Dillons.

Dylan: I like Goessel because of our city park. I would like for our town to have a shooting range.

Gunnar: I like our big play structure at the park. A pool and a game shop would make our town even better.



Dustyn: I like Goessel because of the three slides at our park. I would like to take out the football field and make it a military base.



Cassoday: Keith's makes great pizza. A big nature center with birds, bugs, and plants would be wonderful.

Zach D.: Goessel's small size means we know most everyone. I wish we had a forest and Lego police guys running around to stop crooks.

Caiden: The quietness of Goessel makes me feel relaxed. A water park would be a great addition to our town.

Logan S.: Goessel does not have too many people so we're not so crowded together. We need a



helicopter-ride company to move to our town.

Katie: I like living in our town because it has a history museum. I wish we had a book museum, book store, and an animal museum.

Alyssa: B.: Goessel is small and quiet which makes it great. We need a pool and water park to make it even better.





The fourth graders would like to share with you some of the things they enjoy or some wisdom that they have learned.

I'm glad that I have a good family.
I think we should show more respect for others.
I like helping my grandpa on the farm.
I love when kittens jump on my lap and purr.
I like riding my bike after school.
I love making cookies at Grandma's house.
You can lose a toy but don't lose a friend.



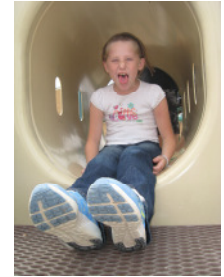
4th Grade

Mr. Tom Krehbiel, Teacher



Pepperoni is better than cheese.
I like my dog because it will play fetch with me.
I like going to a friend's house to play PS3.
I like God's words, its fun.
I like getting a recess so I can refresh my mind.
I'd love having a birthday every day.
I like playing with my friends.
The best place on earth is in your heart.
I like to discover new things in fossils.
I like to look at stars in space.
I love when guests come over because

they sometimes play with me.
I like school.
I found wisdom when I listen to the wind holler from the past.
I love riding horses and feel the breeze in my face.
I love listening and reading books.





Title I

Mrs. Mary Schmidt,
Teacher



Happy Fall to everyone! It seems like a lot of families are getting busier with activities for their children. Are you a busy parent? Here are some quick tips for busy parents who want to help their children succeed in school. These ideas come from The Parent Institute.

- √ Use time in the car with your child. Two examples are to review spelling words, or have a conversation about their school day.
- √ Set priorities and stick with them. Make sure your decisions reflect what really matters to you. If it's between your favorite TV show and reading with your child, please choose reading!
- √ Spend one-on-one time with your child every week. It's even suggested to write down the time in your calendar, and keep the appointment! It will make your child feel special.
- √ Try to find the time when your child is truly ready to study, or is ready for a good read-aloud book with you. Some children are ready first thing in the morning, and others like to study later at night. This could lead to lots of productive time in your home.
- √ Try to promote reading in your home. Even if you're not a good reader, you can make regular visits to the library with your child, or subscribe to a magazine for children.
- √ One of the most important things you can do as parents is to encourage your child's love of reading. It will put him/her on the road to success!



5th Grade

Mrs. Abrahams, Teacher
5th Grade

Twenty fifth graders arrived on August 23 eager to start the new school year. Since then they have been busy doing a variety of activities. Below are some of the activities they have enjoyed so far.

This year we are learning more about computer and some of us have been introduced to Robotics. We are divided into two groups. After Christmas we will switch groups. In Robotics we are building a Roverbot. We are using the computer to program the robot to do different things. In computer we have made a PowerPoint on Microsoft. When we are done we will present our PowerPoint to the rest of the group. *(Tristin, Richard, Elyse, Dylan)*

We have been doing a lot of different activities for math. One activity we did was a potato chip survey. We were given three different flavors of chips to taste. They were cheddar, barbeque, and sour cream and onion. Barbeque was the most popular flavor. Then we had to make bar graphs and circle graphs to show our results. It was a fun and tasty way to do math. *(Luke, Anton, Jakelin, Alexandria)*.

Every Wednesday Tabor College students come to the fifth grade classroom to assist us with reading. Every fifth grader is matched with a Tabor College student. They will be here for six weeks.



We have been working on reading and writing poetry. It is fun to read and write with our Tabor College buddies.

(Vincent, Alyssa, Porcelin, Zach).



During the first week of school we did a chocolate unit. In reading

we read, *Chocolate Fever*. In math we did activities with 5 different kinds of chocolate chip cookies. We did a survey on our favorite kind of cookie. In our groups we measured and weighed the cookies and found the mean, median, and mode of those results. Also, we dissected the cookies so we could count the chocolate chips. We had to decide which cookie was the best buy. After figuring all of the

results we made graphs to show what we had found out. Finally, to wrap up the unit, we got to EAT cookies. They were delicious. *(Brooke, Devin, Jerah, Katelyn)*.

We have done many science experiments this year. Some of them are; Can Crush, Balloon In A Jar, Tissue In A Cup, and the Disappearing Peanut. For Balloon In A Jar, Mrs. Abrahams filled a balloon with water. She placed a smoldering tissue in a large pickle jar and then placed the water balloon on the mouth. We were all amazed when the water balloon slowly began to slip in to the jar. We are looking forward to doing an experiment called, Pop the Top. *(Elizabeth, Jakob, Renee, Brody)*.



So far, we are enjoying 5th grade and are looking forward to many more new experiences.

Staff Interview by

Mrs. Jody Schmidt, Teacher



This quarter, our featured staff member is Miss Allison Krehbiel. This is Miss Krehbiel's first year teaching 3rd Grade at Goessel Elementary. Miss Krehbiel grew up in Hutchinson, KS where she attended Central Christian High School. She earned her B.A. in Elementary Education from Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. Miss Krehbiel's parents, Kirby and Mary, are originally from Pretty Prairie, Kansas, but currently live in Hutchinson. She has one younger sister who is a sophomore at Tabor College. Miss Krehbiel enjoys living close enough to watch her sister play volleyball at Tabor. In what little free time Miss Krehbiel has, she enjoys staying active and running.

She also likes to bake whenever she gets the chance. Although Miss Krehbiel loves pasta dishes, her favorite food is still her mom's home-made cinnamon rolls. Miss Krehbiel has enjoyed being able to begin her first year as a teacher in Goessel. It has been both fun and challenging. Miss Krehbiel shared the staff and community have been extremely supportive as she has embarked on this new adventure! Miss Krehbiel's advice to Goessel Elementary students is: Work hard and be kind to others! If you give your best effort and remember that everything is not always about you, it will get you far in life!



P.E. /Health Computer

Mr. Joe Biggs, Teacher



Running miles, throwing footballs, passing volleyballs, and many other fun activities are just a few things that have been going on to start the year in PE. Dylan Lindeman placed his name on top of the leader board this year with a Punt, Pass, and Kick total of 92 yards, replacing previous record holder Zach Wiens from 4 years ago. Over the next few weeks students will hopefully be outside as we start our soccer unit followed by many different outdoor games. If you're interested in what's going on in the Elementary PE program check out the Goessel webpage under Elementary PE. Here you should find information, pictures, and some videos of the kids at work! Looking forward to another great year!



Vocal Music

*Mrs. Marcia Brubaker,
Teacher*



Listen to the Sounds of Music!

Each grade has been busy learning new songs and learning new concepts of music. Older students are building on the knowledge from previous years. Kindergarteners are studying high and low sounds and learning to sing them. They have also learned about four different voices that each child has and we've practiced using all of them (speaking, playground, whisper, and singing). First graders are practicing solo sections of a variety of songs. Second graders have been matching words and rhythms and learned a dance to *Country Gardens*. Third graders have practiced more complex patterns of melodies (up, down, stay the same) and learned to sing *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Fourth and fifth graders learn music theory at their own pace through Music Ace in the computer lab. They've also worked at developing a strong singing sound. Fifth graders are learning a basic swing dance to *Sing, Sing, Sing!*

All students are learning to sight-sing using Kodaly hand signs. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are all practicing sight-singing *do, re, mi*.

Goessel students are the greatest when it comes to music!



Patsy Schmidt

Congratulations, Patsy, on completing 23 years of outstanding service as USD 411 Clerk of the Board. You'll be missed!

happy retirement!



Library

Mr. Russell Pauls
Librarian



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the elementary school library at the end of October. The fair is an opportunity for students to purchase books for themselves and to support the library. The percentage of the profits that goes to the school is used for purchasing more new materials for the library. Notes and pamphlets promoting the fair will be sent home with each student in the coming days. Below is the schedule for the book fair. We hope that each of you will have a chance to visit the book fair. See you there!

- Friday, October 19 3:30 – 5:00
- Monday, October 22 12:30 – 8:00
- Tuesday, October 23 3:30 – 5:00
- Wednesday, October 24 3:30 – 4:00
- Thursday, October 25 3:30 – 4:00



Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Janna Duerksen



Another school year is well on its way and we have been kicking it off with "building" our school. September guidance lessons focused on the core values of Gessel Elementary School. Each class gave input and we came up with the following: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be a Kind Friend. These values will be used to guide us in a great school year. October 1-8 has been Bullying Awareness Week. Students have been reviewing what bullying is and isn't, who does it and why, and what they can do. Resources from the

national bullying prevention center can be found at www.pacer.org/bullying Also, check out the music video on YouTube called "The Same," performed by Michael & Marisa (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbxszWevx_4)

Please take time to talk to your child about bullying. If you have any questions or concerns that I could help you with please don't hesitate to call, e-mail, or visit me at school.



Goessel Elementary

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 18, 7:30 PM—HS BAND CONCERT AT BETHEL COLLEGE

OCTOBER 18-24—SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 22, 12:30—DISMISS FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 23, 8 A.M.—LIFETOUCH PICTURE RETAKES

OCTOBER 26—NO SCHOOL, TEACHER COMP DAY

OCTOBER 31—HALLOWEEN PARTIES

NOVEMBER 16-17—HS MUSICAL WIZARD OF OZ

NOVEMBER 21-25—NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING VACATION