



GES Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Mr. John Fast, Principal



BLUEBIRD GO! Each year we like to try to select a fun learning theme for the year. Last year we used the Minions as a theme, sharing with students there are minions of reasons to read good books, minions of books to read, minions of friends to make in school etc.... This year we are using a theme called Bluebird Go! since many children are into Pokemon and Pokemon Go! We are modifying that topic into a fun learning theme to help make learning fun. We have had an assembly to share with the students that Bluebirds Go!— after their learning in many ways! Bluebirds Go!-- after learning their spelling words, Bluebirds Go!— after learning their math facts, Bluebirds Go!

— after good citizenship and being good friends with



their classmates. Every so often, a grade level is rewarded by the principal for achieving their goals and a variety of awards are available to them, including chasing down some 'teacher creatures' in the gym by tagging them with a ball! Help your Bluebird go after their learning this year by reading stories to them, making sure they have a time and place for homework, visiting with them about school!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Sheri Janzen, Teacher Kindergarten



The Goessel Kindergarten has 22 children this year. We have spent the first few weeks getting to know each other,

learning how to be a good friend, and learning the routine of being in school. We have spent time reading each other's 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.

Sophia A. has an older brother and a younger brother. She likes to collect pretty rocks and loves hugging her mom. Her favorite thing to do is go camping in the yard!

Andy likes to listen to the tape player and go swimming. He has a cat named Scarlet. His favorite food is goldfish crackers. This summer he flew on an airplane to Virginia Beach and played in the ocean.

Sofia F. likes to color and likes animals. Her favorite animal is a kitty. She has an older brother and a younger brother and a little sister so she is the oldest sister. She likes to play on the trampoline and swing at home.

Aubrielle says her cuteness makes her special. She has 1 older brother and there are 4 people that live in her house. Her favorite thing to do at school is draw and her favorite color is pink. She likes to play with Shopkins.

Nivea likes to jump on the trampoline with her dad and riding horses with her mom. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite food is pepperoni pizza. She likes to read books during center time. She has an older sister and a younger brother.

Rosie likes to swim at the Hillsboro pool with her cousins. Rosie likes chocolate ice cream and coloring. She has a special baby doll she likes to play with. She has an older sister and 2 older brothers. She has a cat named Jezebel.

Kloe likes to listen to stories and ride horses. Her favorite movie is Frozen and her favorite food is carrots. She has a younger sister.

Jathen likes playing with the pattern blocks during center time and he likes going to PE. He has 1 younger brother and they like to swing outside. His favorite restaurant is Chick-Fil-A. He has 2 dogs and 2 turtles.

Hoxie likes to ride her bike to the barn and going swimming in her swimming pool. She likes to take vacations to places she has never been before. She has 2 tame kitties and lots of wild ones. She has 1 older brother who goes to Bethel College.

Jessica likes playing on the swing set and teeter-totter with her friends. She likes eating pancakes for breakfast and going to McDonald's for Happy Meals. Her favorite movie is Frozen. She has 1 older sister.

Caden's favorite toy is a Transformer. At school he likes to play on the slide. He has 1 younger brother and there will be a new baby in the family this winter. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is orange. He likes to watch robot movies.

Noah has 3 dogs and a cat named Punky. He also has 2 sisters and 3 brothers. He is the youngest in his family. He likes going fishing with his family and climbing trees with his brothers. He likes to roast hot dogs and make s'mores. His favorite toy is Mickey Mouse.

Lilly likes to swing high outside. Her favorite toy is dump truck. She can be a great helper and likes to help her family. She has 1 older sister.

Bella likes to play outside on the equipment. Her favorite movie is The Fox and The Hound. She likes going to McDonald's to eat hamburgers with her brothers but her favorite food is tacos.

Maddie likes to watch movies like The Little Mermaid. She likes to go to Art and her favorite color is pink. She has a dog named Sam who is her favorite animal. She is the youngest in her family of 6.

Mackenzie R. likes to play with dolls and her special doll house. She likes going swimming and playing on the trampoline and monkey bars. Her favorite foods are ramen noodles and spaghetti. Her favorite animal is a baby kitten.

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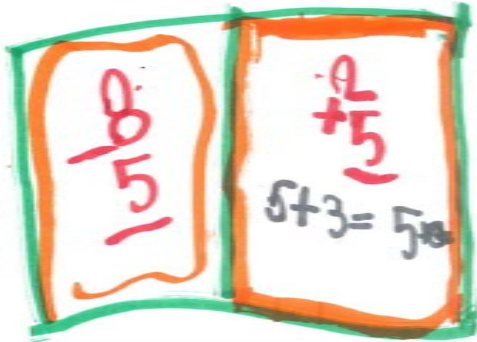
1st Grade

Mrs. Barb Goering,
Teacher

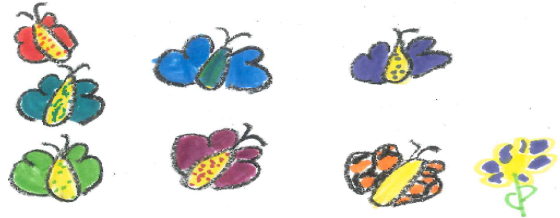


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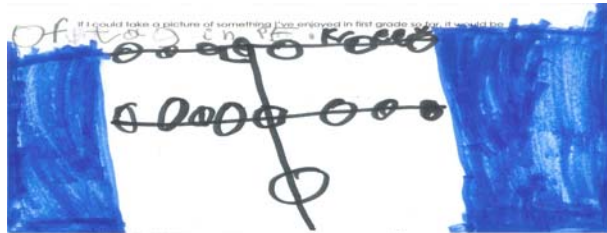
Levi
If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
math.



If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
Lydia Dick butterflies.



LYDIA RODENAN
If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
watching butterflies.



Clancy
If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
math.



If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
Daily Board.
Cael



If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
ABCs.



Quinn

If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
Music.



Eraine

If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
a butterfly.



Joshua
If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
adding in math.



Jo
If I could take a picture of something I've enjoyed in first grade so far, it would be
watching the
butterflies.





ART

Ms. McGee, Teacher



What's happening in the Art Room? Creative learning of course! Since it's still early in the year, we haven't moved to our more advanced lessons yet because we are forming a foundation to build on. Students are learning/reviewing skills like color schemes, elements of design, problem solving when we make a mistake, Self- Portraits, Artist research, art movement and more! Our hallways are already full of artwork and there's always more to hang up!

One day that was a real treat this year was our celebration of Dot Day, an International Holiday for celebrating creativity. Students and Staff were encouraged to wear dots, and students did "Dot" themed lessons, including 3D dots using the Quiver app! We now have 2 i-pads in the art room and we are very excited to start using them! We will be making clips and videos of our artwork that can be viewed online. More information will be sent out once that is set up.

I have really enjoyed working with your children and I hope that you are loving the artwork that is being posted at artsonia.com. We have some very talented little artists here at this school!



2nd Grade

Mrs. Ann Hiebert, Teacher

The second graders have been busy getting back into the swing of school. The class consists of 9 boys and 13 girls. We were happy to welcome 1 new boy this year. There are 5 girls with J names which almost makes for tongue twisters on some days. The class is very creative and energetic.

We started the year by learning about and discussing concept words that will be part of our classroom language for the whole year. Respect, cooperation, honesty, friendship, responsibility, perseverance, generosity, compassion, cooperation and self-discipline are the words. We read books, listened to songs, 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 work-

ing on our fluency. We are very excited that the high school football team is coming to our classroom on Fridays to listen to us read and to read to us. They are awesome reading buddies! 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're learning about nouns, verbs, adjectives and writing sentences. We will be putting sentences together to make paragraphs and stories very soon.



Number sense and place value are keeping our brains busy in math. We have new books called *GO MATH*. There are Math on the Spot Videos and interactive text instruction to help us learn.



Living things have piqued our interest in science. Reptiles, birds, fish, and amphibians are all unique and wonderful creatures. We are also learning about environments and habitats and are creating a poster for each one that we learn about. We have enjoyed going out to the school garden. We have helped harvest some

vegetables, learned about seeds and leaves, and looked at bugs in the garden. It is fun to eat things we helped harvest in the school cafeteria!



We especially enjoyed celebrating International Dot Day on September 15. It was a day for acknowledging the creativeness that is inside each of us. We read 3 different stories and then created a different dot for each one. We used sticks to make a dot design with paint on one dot. We used different colored ink pens to draw a design on another dot. We used a red crayon and glitter glue on the last dot. We also did a little yoga and painted pictures while listening to quiet music. We really got our "creative juices" going that day!

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





3rd Grade

Mr. Wiens,
Teacher



Our class has twenty-two 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 a field trip to the Rolling Hills Zoo near Salina in October. 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 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.

Levi: I like Keith's because of the delicious pizza. Hopefully, a circus could come to town soon.

Claire: I like Goessel because it's small with little trouble. Adding a veterinarian to our town would be great.

Cody: I like our cool sunsets. I wish we could have a major league baseball team come to town.

Hunter: I like the nice store, library, and bank in our town. I wish we could add a lizard pet shop.

Betsy: I like the library because of the cool book. I wish we had a Justice store so I could buy emoji clothes.

Allison: We have very little traffic which is nice. I wish there was a Target store in our town.

Jadyn: I like the library because of the cool books. I want a theme park so I can ride the carousel.

Elly: I like our grade school library because Mr. Pauls gets us good books. I want a shooting range in our town.

Braxton: I like our small size. If an Out-back Steakhouse could come in I would be ecstatic!

Emilia: Our town is small so we don't get lost in it. I would like a Claire's store to come in so I can buy jewelry.

Justice: I would like a wall around our town to keep us safe. I like our sports at the junior and senior high schools.

Anthony: I like our town because we have very little crime. I would like a military base to be here.

Aiden D.: I would like Goessel to be bigger. Our fire department does a great helping our citizens.

Hailey: I like Goessel because it has a good library. I would like the KC Royals team to come for a visit.

Kendal: I like the Branding Iron Café in town because of the good fries. I wish the State Fair could be here sometime.



Aidan I.: I like Keith's because I can get bubble gum there. I hope an Egyptian Museum could build here soon.

Delaney: I like our town because of our wonderful school. I want a shopping mall here so I could buy clothes.

Derek: I like our wonderful schools here. I hope a mini golf course will be here soon.



Trey: I like the park's slide. I wish we had an air force base.

Trevor: I like the library's basketball books. I would like a Toys R Us here so I could buy a shredder.

Evan: Keith's has pixie sticks that I like. I wish we had a NASCAR track here.

Aida: I like that our small town does not have traffic jams. A zoo with a petting area and unusual animals would be nice to have in our town.





4th Grade

Mr. Tom Krehbiel, Teacher

Fourth graders had the task of either telling something interesting that happened to them this summer or stating the most fascinating thing that they know. Here are some of the things that they came up with:

I got to spend some time with my family.
I know how to tap dance!
My great grandma was born the year before Howard Carter discovered King Tut.
Seeing hundreds of turtles
I found out that I have cousins in Australia
I saw a bat at my grandmother's house.



My family and I went camping and I got to sleep in the hammock.
I know exactly how to make a pop powered engine, but I don't have the right material to build it.
Air planes are good at lifting things and they are fun.
A group of giraffes is called a tower.



This summer I went to the Denver Broncos training camp and I saw Von Miller.

I can write all the letters of the alphabet in cursive.

My cousins and I threw a surprise birthday party at a pond.

I got to go to Worlds of Fun, and I screamed super loud on the roller coaster called the Spinning Dragon!

I got my first baby goat

The tallest man ever known to walk the earth was 8 feet 11 inches tall.

I watched Star Wars every week and there are some inappropriate spots.

I found two Red Eared Slider turtles and one bit me!

I learned how to swim underwater myself.

I got a new dog that his name is Diesel and his birthday is April 30, 2016 and he is nice to me.

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Cole can write his first, middle, and last names. He has a yellow cat name Diego and a dog name Woodrow. He likes to play Peek-a-Boo with his little brother Austin. His favorite ice cream is chocolate chip and he likes to collect rocks. His family has 6 horses.

Ruby has a new baby brother who was born this summer. She likes to play on the monkey bars at school and she enjoys reading the pigeon books. Her favorite food is cheese pizza and her favorite game is Hi Ho Cherrio.

Weston likes to make s'mores outside. He also likes to come to school every day and is learning to read. His favorite food is sloppy joes. He has an older brother and a dog.

Shelby likes to play in the kitchen and color with her friends. She is left handed and likes pancakes and pandas. She likes to go to the park and slide. Her favorite food is nuggets and French fries from McDonalds.

Eli likes to play Barbies and cuddle her stuffed animals. Her favorite place to eat is McDonalds and she likes to cuddle with her daddy. At school she likes to draw and look at books.

Mackenzie V. like to color at school. She also likes to play with Barbies and watch movies like Dinosaur Train. Her favorite restaurant is McDonald's and she likes hamburgers and nuggets. She has a younger brother that she likes to play tractors with.



5th Grade

Mrs. Abrahams and
5th Grade

Twenty fifth graders arrived on August 18 eager to start the new school year. Since then they have been busy doing a variety of activities. Here are some of the activities that have kept them busy.

Throughout the first week of school we did a Chocolate Unit. They looked at the prices of different brands of cookies and discussed which one would be the best buy. Learning how chocolate is made and where it comes from has been interesting. They also enjoyed being able to make no-bake cookies and then eat them!

In Math they studied graphs. To help them understand how to do a survey and make a number of different graphs they got to taste three different types of potato chips. The majority of people liked ranch flavored chips the best.

Tabor College students have started coming to our classroom. Students are learning to know them and also doing some great learning activities that focus on reading.

All 5th graders have started band. Right now everyone is taking lessons but they will begin participating in full band in a couple of weeks. 5th graders always enjoy learning how to play an instrument. They will have their first performance at the Christmas program.

This year will continue to bring many learning experiences. Besides meeting with Tabor College students we will also begin working with residents at Bethesda Home. The 5th graders are excited to meet their residents.

If you see a 5th grader, encourage them to have fun while learning and working hard!



*Pictures—
...Chocolate Unit
...Silliness Class Picture*



P.E./Health Computer

Mr. Patrick
Loganbill, Teacher



I am excited for my third year at Goessel! In my third year we will continue to try new things that will help your children learn about how to be active healthy kids! So far this year we have done football, pedometers, and throwing and catching. I hope to add gymnastics to our curriculum this year. Begin-



ning October 17 I will start publishing a weekly report from our classroom. They will be on the website and have information about the current unit as well as what is coming up! We will also be doing our 2nd annual Goessel Olympics at the end of the year! We had a great time last year and are excited to do it all over again this year! The dates are not yet set but when they are I encourage you to come if you are able! To wrap up I will just say I am overjoyed to have another year with your children and hope to have a lot of fun over the next year!



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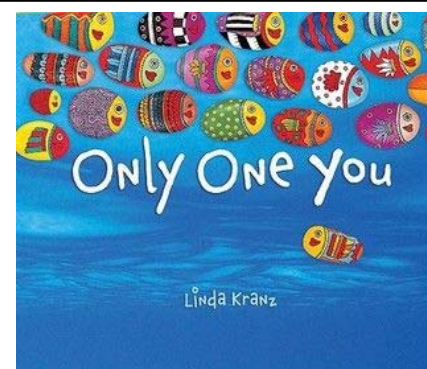
Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Janna Duerksen



Bluebirds Go!

To help kick off this theme of setting goals, I read the book "Only One You" to the students and challenged them to think about how they could make the world a better place. Each student decorated a fish and thought about a personal goal.



Coming up in October will be lessons for anti-bullying awareness as well as Red Ribbon Week (drug/alcohol prevention). Other topics throughout the year will include respect, kindness/giving, perseverance, courage, responsibility, and career-exploration.

I am excited to be able to implement the Career Cruising program this year in the elementary school. This is a self-exploration and planning program that helps students of all ages achieve their potential in school, career and life. Career Cruising's elementary program covers learning styles, skills, and interests and helps students better understand themselves and the importance of building a plan.

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.



Library

*Mr. Russell Pauls
Librarian*



Another school year is off to an exciting start in the elementary library!

Kindergarten recently memorized and presented nursery rhymes to the 5th graders. First graders studied alliteration and made up their own tongue twisters. Second graders have been studying some popular illustrators. Third graders have interviewed each other for biographies and are starting to work toward being able to locate books on their own using the computer. Fourth graders are starting a writing project based on the book “13 Words” by Lemony Snicket. Fifth grade is working on graphic novels. Busy times in the library!



The annual elementary school book fair is coming in October! Look for more information in the weekly newsletter and in notes that will be coming home soon.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the book fair!



*Kindergarten pictures of the
Gingerbread Hunt!*



Staff Interview by

Mrs. Jody Schmidt, Teacher



Featured Teacher:

Mrs. Chrystiana Miller



Our featured staff member is Mrs. Chrystiana Miller. Mrs. Miller is the Title I teacher at Goessel Elementary. This is her first year teaching at Goessel, though she attended school here as a child.

Mrs. Miller married Bryant Miller in 2011. They both attended Kansas State University where Mrs. Miller earned a degree in Elementary Education with an English as a Second Language concentration. They continued to live in Manhattan after graduation while Bryant got his Master’s in Marriage and Family Therapy. Mrs. Miller spent three years teaching 5th grade in Junction City. This summer they moved “back home.” Both growing up in Goessel, they’ve enjoyed being back in the same area as their families.

Mrs. Miller enjoys scrapbooking, reading, watching movies, and spending time with her husband in her free time. Her favorite foods include vereni-ka, pizza, buffalo chicken salads, and sour candy.

Mrs. Miller’s advice to students at Goessel Elementary is to always preserve and give your best with a positive mindset. “When you think you’re done, you’ve just begun!” Welcome, Mrs. Miller!





Vocal Music

Marcia Brubaker, Teacher



BLUEBIRD GO! GOTTA SING 'EM ALL!



Each grade has been busy learning new songs and learning new concepts of music. Older students are also building on the knowledge from previous years.

Kindergarteners are studying fast and slow music. 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 and finding which notes go in which direction in their 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). **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. Fourth graders are singing, speaking, and clapping rounds. Fifth graders are learning to sing in two parts and practicing a song by Mozart, *Alleluia*.

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*.

Enjoy the pictures of our younger grades playing instruments in [Instruments Around the Room](#).

Goessel students are the greatest when it comes to music!



Title I

Mrs. Christiana Miller, Teacher



In a sport or new skill, practice makes *better*- and reading is no different! It is imperative that your child reads each night at home; including yourself in the process will encourage your child and build their confidence as readers. Having a parent show interest and ask questions about what they're reading can be just the hook and motivation a child needs. Good readers are thinking while they read, and your questions will help them do just that! Contact me if you'd like more ideas about how to engage with your child while reading at home!

Informational Text

- Is this book full of facts? What are two facts that you learned?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the book?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- Did you like the book? Why or why not?



Fiction Story

- Could this story really happen? Why or why not?
- Where is the setting of the story? (Where does the story take place?)
- Who are the characters in the story?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Is there a problem in the story? If so, what is the problem?
- What is the solution to the problem in the story? Can you think of another solution?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- What happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?
- Did you like the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different ending for the story?

COMING EVENTS

Goessel Elementary

We're on the
web usd411.org



We have SPIRIT!

- OCTOBER 13—HEARING/VISION RESCREENS
- OCTOBER 13—LAST DAY STUDENTS WEAR SHORTS
- OCTOBER 14—NO SCHOOL, TEACHER INSERVICE
- OCTOBER 20—LIFETOUCH RETAKES
- OCTOBER 20—DISMISS 12:30, PARENT/TEACH CONF.
- OCTOBER 21—NO SCHOOL, TEACHER COMP DAY
- OCTOBER 31—HALLOWEEN PARTIES
- NOVEMBER 23-25—NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK
- DECEMBER 19—K-5 MUSIC PROGRAM
- DECEMBER 20—CHRISTMAS PARTIES
- DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 2—CHRISTMAS BREAK
- JANURY 3, 2017, 8 AM—RESUME SCHOOL



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