



ELROY ELEMENTARY NEWS

MAY-JUNE



Dear Elroy Families,

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, teachers and support staff for working so hard this year. It has been a year of changes, and everyone has embraced these changes to continue to provide the best education for our students. I have been reminded many times of the virtues that were taught this year; perseverance has taken on new meaning during these "COVID times."

Our school would not be the great place that it is without all of you! June 8th is a half day with an 11:10 a.m. dismissal. Lunch will not be served on this day. Our last day of school is June 9th. This is an asynchronous day.



COUNSELORS CORNER

Summer is almost here! Wow, what a year! Together we have learned so much! I am so proud of our students for all of their hard work and resilience.

So let's talk summer Bucket List! What do you and your family want to do this summer to relax and unwind. Be sure to get outside and explore our beautiful city as well as the parks, pools and countryside. Some of my favorite places are Pymatuning Lake, Ohiopyle State Park and if you are up for the drive, Hocking Hills Ohio will transport you out west with beautiful hiking trails and plenty of rocks for climbing.

Summer is a great time to reinforce everything we have learned this year in our Counseling classes. Encourage your kids to use their coping skills when things don't go their way, have your kids set goals for something new they would like to learn this summer or some adventure they would like to have. Allow your kids to talk about their feelings when they need to, encourage them to identify how they are feeling, why and what they can do to feel better.

I am looking forward to a great, fun filled and relaxing summer. I hope to see some of our students at Summer School and mini camps! Have a Great Summer!

Mrs. Kauric

Farewells

Of course, it is the time in the year when we sadly say goodbye to a wonderful teacher – Mrs. Matthews. We will miss her and want to thank her for all the hard work and dedication to the school for so many years. She has touched many students and families. Now she will have the time to rest and be a grandma.

Finally, I would like to wish the Grade 5 students all the best as they move on to middle school.

I hope your summer is safe and restful. Children need a variety of experiences and conversations from the adults in their lives to grow and flourish. Go to the park, the library, a fishing hole, or just a walk around the neighborhood. Talk and read together. All these things will help your child be ready for the next year of school.

We will see you back here at Elroy Elementary on Tuesday, September 7th, for the first day of school 2021-22.

Dr. Pagan

PATHS LESSONS

This month, PATHS lessons will focus on using "I" statements and end of the year transitions for 5th and 4th grade. Creating change in our world and end of the year transitions for 3rd grade. Overcoming obstacles and Growth Mindset for 2nd grade. Making new friends for 1st grade and Complimenting and end of year transitions for Kindergarten.

Small Group Counseling

Small Group Counseling is happening virtually and in person for the month of May. If your student is interested in joining a small group online or in school, to learn new coping skills, work through grief, or learn to make friends, please email me at any time.

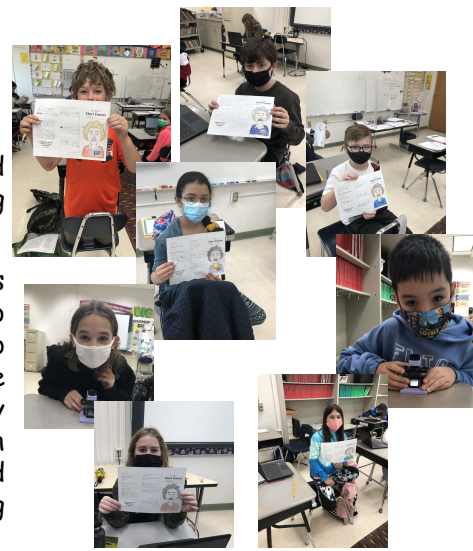
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SPOTLIGHT ON FIFTH GRADE



Wow! It's hard to believe we are down to the final days of school. We are so proud of our students! They have persevered through the most challenging times during their fifth grade year. This will be a year no one will ever forget!

This year in science, we explored the physics of motion and applied these concepts to technological design. Using K'Nex pieces, students designed and built vehicles to meet certain requirements. Students recorded their designs using technical two and three-view drawings. Cost analysis, friction, kinetic and potential energy were just some of the concepts applied. Currently, the students are examining everyday objects with a variety of magnifying devices. They began looking at objects with the unaided eye, progressed to hand lenses, and now finally making detailed observations using a microscope. Students learned proper focusing and lighting techniques, as well as how to prepare slides.

In social studies, the students enjoyed learning about the Native Americans, early explorers, and the 13 colonies. Students did a fabulous job researching and learning about notable figures of the Revolutionary War. Students demonstrated their knowledge by creating Bio Posters on figures such as Thomas Jefferson, Phillis Wheatley, Benjamin Franklin, Abigail Adams, and Alexander Hamilton. The students are ending the year by learning about the Constitution of the United States.

Over the past school year, students have learned or improved 16 new math topics. They have learned to add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers, decimals, and fractions. Students applied these skills to calculate volume, coordinates, and convert measurements. We will wrap the year up with using graphs to summarize data.

In ELA, the students are enjoying the novel: *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper. Some important themes are present as we read: acceptance, rejection, family, disability, and ability are just to name a few. Our main character, Melody, is the smartest kid in her school, but no one knows it, including her teachers and doctors. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. At last Melody has a voice, but not everyone is ready to hear it.

Sara says the novel is amazing! Terry says we all love the novel!

Leah says just because someone has a disability, you treat them the same.

We wish our students the best as they transition to Middle School. It has been a real pleasure teaching them this year. As challenging as this year has been, the students persevered. We are proud of their efforts and know they will be successful in the future.

Mrs. Duing & Mrs. Matthews

It is SO hard to believe that we have less than a month left of school! The students have been working so hard! This has been such a trying year however, we are finishing strong!

This month Kindergarten has been focused on continuing to review all their letters and sounds. They have also enjoyed building simple CVC word puzzles. First grade has been busy working on reading short stories for comprehension. In addition, they enjoyed "working together" to build blend/digraph puzzles.!

The Second graders have continued to work very hard on mastering their phonics skills in spelling and the weekly grammar lessons. They have also enjoyed reading through plays every Friday. Of course, everyone has looked forward to playing vocabulary BINGO for prizes!

So, how do we keep all of this success going?? KEEP READING!! Just because we aren't in school doesn't have to mean that we stop learning! Summer is a time to choose what we want to study or learn about. What interests us? What confuses us? What excites us? Or maybe even...What scares us? Make a pledge to yourself that you are going to find a way to plan 15 minutes of "reading time" into everyday this summer! Read jokes or riddles during family meals. Take turns reading a bedtime story. Read about your favorite animal, comic book hero, video game lure, or place that you would want to visit. Read a recipe that you cook together for weekend dinners, road signs as you travel in the car, or maybe the food boxes as you shop for groceries at the store. The more you read...the more you'll know!!

