

October 2019

It is hard to believe it is already October. We have spent the month of September reconnecting with all of our students and getting to know our new kinder friends. One of the pillars of our new strategic plan revolves around student social and emotional wellness. Our work in this area includes many components. One of the first areas we work on with students involves teaching the expectations of Downsville School. In each area of the school we have developed expectations teaching children how to Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. This work is through PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). For the first 6 weeks of the school year we model and practice what these expectations look like and sound like. When we observe students who struggle with following the expectations we have that student "show it again" to demonstrate the appropriate behavior. We believe that devoting a significant amount of time working on expectations is beneficial to all of our students.

Now that we have practiced these skills to fluency we will begin documenting "reteaching" opportunities that your child may have had. We use this documentation for informing us of additional supports students may need to assist them with demonstrating expectations. Occasionally students may need even more assistance and will require an office discipline referral. Our goal at Downsville is to provide the support students need to significantly decrease the amount of reteaches as well as office discipline referrals. Please take time to review the expectations with your child(ren). We appreciate all the support families have shown in working collaboratively toward student behavioral success. A paper copy of our expectations will be coming home on Monday in your child's folder.



Hello Downsville Elementary families!

As outside temperatures lower, we start thinking about turning on the heat inside. This can pose a financial burden to families during the long, cold months of fall and winter. If you find yourself in a tight spot and could use assistance, the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program may be an option for you. To learn more, go to www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov, call Dunn County Human Services at (715) 232-1116, or call me at (715) 232-3798, Ext. 50103.

Happy October!

**Shanda Henning
School Social Worker**



Important Dates

Each month we will let you know some of the important upcoming dates at Downsville

October 10 - Parent Teacher Conferences

4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

October 15 - Hearing and Vision Screening K, 1,3 and 5th grade.

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October 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

October 18 - NO SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Conference Credit Day!

October 21 - PTC Meeting - Library - 5:30 p.m.

October 31 - Halloween

November 1 - All School Field Trip to Environmental Site

November 8 - Fall Festival

November 14 - Picture Retake Day!

November 26 - Author Visit!!

November 27 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

November 28-29 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation.

November 29 - End of 1st Trimester.

December 4 - Report cards go home.

December 16 - 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Music Concert

River Heights Gymnasium @ 6:00 p.m.

December 23 - January 1st - NO SCHOOL

WINTER BREAK!

Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten



We have been busy in the Kindergarten room learning about Bus and Pedestrian Safety. We learned how to be safe on the bus with Mr. Miller from the bus company. We also got to practice what we learned on a real bus! We learned how to be safe when walking and crossing the street too. At the end of the week we made edible traffic lights. Learning is lots of fun!



First Grade

In first grade we are enjoying our time this year so far! We are meeting new friends and visiting with old friends. We are staying busy with our learning, playing and



team-building activities. We love learning from our classroom mascot Rasheed and discussing good/bad habits in reading and writing with

Mrs. Gully. We all have our own focused WIN goal this year, some examples are: Letters/Sounds, 1st grade Snapwords, 2 grade snap words, and handwriting. We look forward to all of our learning this year!

Mrs. Gully



Second Grade

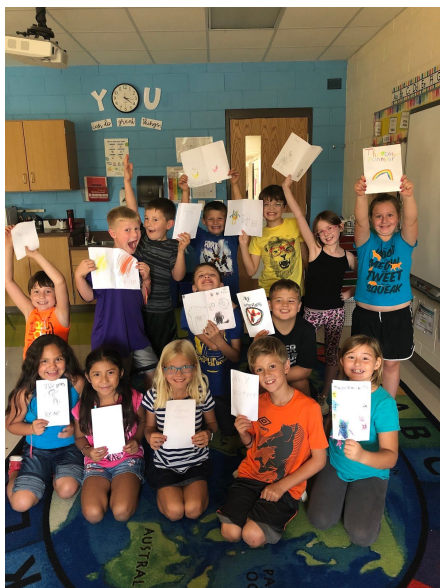
Our second grade classroom is hard at work coming into October and we have many exciting things planned for the month. In Science we are finishing up our first investigation of three of our Rocks, Minerals, and Sand unit. In math we are continuing to learn about measurement and have even begun to create our own rulers! In writing we are developing narrative stories about small moments that have happened to us in real life and in reading we are beginning our unit on character studies.

Some announcements for the month in our classroom include a field trip at the end of the month to the environmental site and the start of a new reading log for the Pizza Hut coupon upon completion. A reminder that all scholastic book orders are due Oct 30th and can be done online or sent into Mr. Voss directly. I look forward to seeing you all at conferences this month and am excited to share how your children have been adjusting to second grade. As always please contact me with any concerns or questions and have a wonderful month!

Mr. Voss

Third Grade

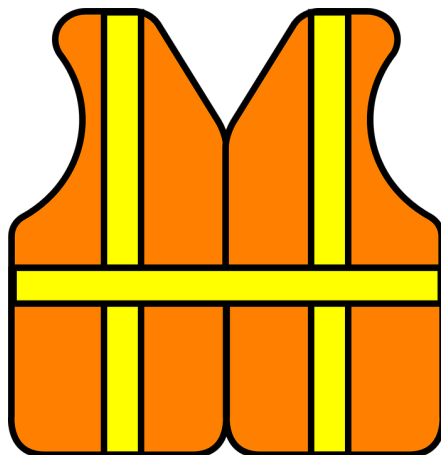
We completed one month already! The third graders have been working hard! In math we are completing our first module about multiplication and division. They have been writing true stories and reading so many books! I am proud of their accomplishments as we continue to discuss the Zones of Regulation and Second Steps lessons. The lessons highlight the importance of skills for learning by practicing strategies and role-playing activities. I am enjoying getting to know your students and look forward to the rest of the year! :) Ms. Repinski



Fourth Grade

We are off to an awesome start in fourth grade! We are currently working on our narrative writing skills in writing and are doing a character study in reading. We have been working hard on place value and rounding numbers in math. As a fourth grade class, we have the responsibility of being the school's crossing guards each week. We have done a great job helping kids cross the street at the end of each day. We are looking forward to a great year of learning together!

Mrs. Minnich



Fifth Grade

Reading in 5th Grade!

Today I'm going to tell you what 5th Grade reading is like. The whole class is reading a book called the Home of the Brave. We just started book clubs. We are reading long chapter books. We are also learning how to write about reading. When we read Home of the brave as a class, we have to write notes about the story. *By: Ethan Fick*

Writing in 5th grade

We are working on narrative stories. Narrative stories are about real-life events that happen to you. We are learning to explain what happens by showing instead of telling. We are writing so that the reader can see the story happen.

By: Hazel Pogorelski

Math in 5th grade

In math we were learning about coordinate planes. They're super super fun! Now we're ready to learn about decimals! We are going to start by adding and subtracting them!

By: Makenzie Kitchner

Science

Hello, Downsville School! Do you like science? Well, we are going to tell you about what 5th grade is doing for science. In science, we are learning about how the sun's orientation affects shadows. We are also learning how the Sun relates to Earth.

by: Kasidy Lawson



Writing is a terrific way for children to express their thoughts, creativity, and uniqueness. It is also our school goal at Downsville this year. Learning to write well helps children to also be better readers. Children are observing the way writing is used in our everyday lives. Please encourage your child to write at home whenever possible.

Stop by Our School "Learning Hut", during parent/teacher conferences, for some learning resources to help support your child.

The *Learning Adventures Continue...*

With Your Child In Mind,

Mrs. Sara Holcomb





October District Elementary Library Newsletter

Box Tops Went Digital

Box tops are available on a variety of products you already buy. They can be redeemed by clipping the coupons and sending them to your child's school.

If you don't want to cut them out anymore, you can now scan them and the funds will still go to your child's school. Directions on how to do this are on the next page.

You can also watch a short video at www.tinyurl.com/nomoreclipping.

Thank you for your support!

Donors Choose

Each elementary school is currently transitioning the non-fiction section of the library into categorized bins.

If you want to help, please go to www.donorschoose.org/jessicagraham and then click on the school you would like to support. THANKS!

Homecoming Parade

The elementary school librarians passed out bookmarks during the parade. It was great to see you all there!

What's Flying Off the Shelves

Wakanda: graphic novels (especially Dog Man) and playaways

Oaklawn: Dog Man, Amulet, Babysitter's Club, cars, sports, and gaming books

Knapp: scary books, Dog Man, Bailey's Story, and Cat Books

River Heights: Mo Willems books, scary/mysterious books, and playaways

Downsville: scary books, Piggy and Gerald books, and Dog Man books

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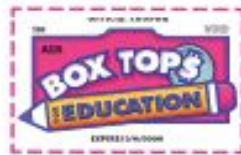
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November
6
4PM-7PM**

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AND
Menomonie Public Library
600 Wolske Bay Rd

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