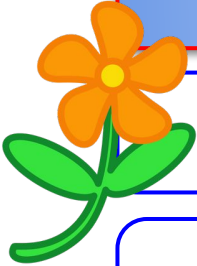




New Glarus Elementary School

News and Views

March/April 2021



Looking forward to Spring!

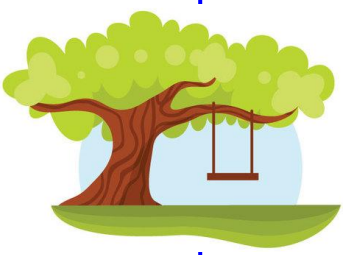
Due to Covid-19
A poem written by Zoe Nelson, 4th Grader at NGES

**The following poem was written by Zoe after the fourth grade Core Knowledge Language Arts curriculum unit on Poetry. Great job, Zoe!!*



Before the horrible Covid-19,
The sky was blue and the grass was green.
The kids at recess were playing four square,
And a friend and I were talking about our hair.

But then we didn't have any school,
"Okay" I said "That's very cool".
Then Covid-19 got into the air,
"Oh no," Mrs. Eicher said with despair.



And then my mom got a horrible email,
We missed school for months and even missed April.
I really thought, "I will finish third grade,"
But I didn't and instead I did it at home in the shade.

After those long months of being at home,
My mom got another email as sweet as a honeycomb,
I finally got to go back to the wonderful school,
And this year was pretty, like a jewel.



Social Thinking at NGES

What is Social Thinking? Simply put - - - Social Thinking = ME + YOU = US

NGES adopted the Social Thinking curriculum called *We Thinkers!* at the universal level starting in 4K, and we have been incorporating it into the fabric of our language at the elementary school.

- The Social Thinking teaching framework is designed to help kids who may struggle with social skills, but is beneficial for all students.
- Social Thinking teaches kids how to figure out what other people may be thinking and feeling.
- Building these skills can lead to better social interactions for students throughout their lifetime.



We Thinkers! (Volume 1) has five concepts:

1. Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings
2. The Group Plan
3. Thinking with Your Eyes
4. Body in the Group
5. Whole Body Listening



What is an ELO?



ELO stands for Essential Learning Outcome. ELOs are the benchmark skills you see on your child's report card.

How are ELOs determined or where did they come from?

In both ELA (English Language Arts) and math, we have reviewed the core standards at each grade level. The number of standards is quite extensive. Teacher teams have worked to determine the most important or non-negotiable learning standards at each grade level. While there are many skills to teach and learn, the ELOs are the most essential skills students must have in order to be successful.

How are ELOs used?

What is essential for students to know drives both the daily universal instruction for all students and provides clear direction for additional support during intervention time. We want all students to be proficient with the ELOs for their grade level. There are many more skills that are taught and practiced at each grade level, but ELOs are the most important building blocks for a solid foundation of learning.

Last month the Kindergarten/1st grade ELOs were shared. On the next page are the 2nd and 3rd grade ELOs for literacy and math.

Second Grade Essential Learning Outcomes

English Language Arts (ELA)

I can apply what I've learned to decode words.

I can read fluently, accurately, and with expression.

I can understand and answer questions about what I've read.

I can apply what I know about grammar when I write.

I can produce different types of writing.

Math



I can add and subtract numbers within 100.

I can understand place value

I can use place value to add and subtract.

I can measure lengths in standard units.

I can work with time.

I can reason with shapes and their attributes.

Third Grade Essential Learning Outcomes

English Language Arts (ELA)

I can use the text to answer questions about what I have read.

I can write a text using facts and details.

I can read aloud with accuracy and fluency.

I can comprehend while reading with accuracy and fluency.

I can use grammar correctly in my writing.

Math

I can use multiplication to figure out the total number of objects in an array or equal groups.

I can use division to divide a set of objects into equal groups.

I can use place value strategies to add and subtract within 1000.

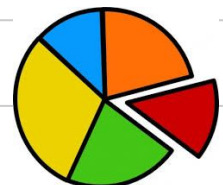
I can multiply and divide to solve word problems.

I can recognize fractions as part of a whole.

I can represent a fraction on a number line from 0 to 1.

I can compare fractions.

I can find the area of a rectangle.



Forward Testing

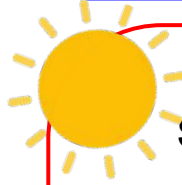
The Forward Test is the state of Wisconsin's yearly assessment for all students in grades 3-8 and 10. It is taken in the spring of each year.

This year our 3rd, 4th, and 5th in-person students will take the Forward Test **April 13th-16th**.

Virtual students in grades 3rd-5th will also take the Forward exam at school per state requirements. We are planning for virtual students to take the test when other students are NOT in the building - on Mondays in April. **More details and exact dates and times will be sent home the week of March 15th.**

All families will receive a letter with more information in the mail the week of March 15th.

Summer School 2021



Summer School Dates

Camp Invention - June 21-25
Session 1 - July 6 - 15
Session 2 - July 26 - August 5

The Summer School offerings book will be sent out by Spring Break.

Most classes will be in-person with a few hybrid/virtual options.

Class size will be limited to no more than 15 students in a cohort. All health and safety protocols will be in place.

Child Development Days/4K Registration

Like most things this year, Child Development Days will be different. This year, the event will be for incoming 4K students only. Students who are 4 years old, or will be 4 years old, on or before September 1, 2021 are eligible for 4K in the fall.

This spring's event will be for families who may be concerned about their child starting 4K and would like to have a conversation with our 4K staff. If families have attended previous Child Development Days and feel their child is ready to start 4K in the fall, there is no need to make an appointment with school staff.

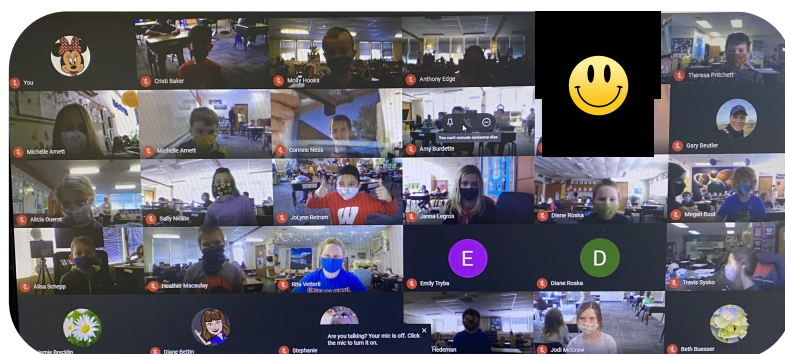
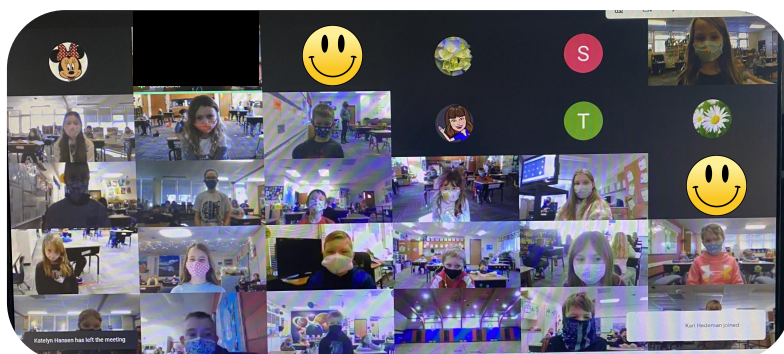
More specific details, dates, and information regarding 4K registration will be sent directly to families of our incoming 4K students later in March.

Knights of the Month

For the Knights of the Month award, students in each homeroom choose a peer they feel is a great example of a Knight: a student who is respectful, responsible, and safe; as well as someone who is kind, a good friend, helps others, and makes good choices.

Here are the Knights of the Months for January and February.

Congratulations Knights!!



January

Emilia Miller - KD
Ella McMannes - KH
Gigi Lague - KR
Charlotte Hefty - KW
Rowan Garrity-Brooks - 1B
Spencer Welsh - 1H
Liam Bainbridge - 1R
Fletcher Wersal - 2A
Brantley Goecks - 2B
Elli Shepherd - 2M
Braden Pope - 2N
Levi McMannes - 3A
Elijah Staff - 3P
Heidi Kranz - 3S
Isaac Christiansen - 4L
Ethan Hefty - 4S
Lucy Sidwell - 4V
Eden Matkovich - 5B
Emily McGuire - 5E
Tess Hedeman - 5M
Kennedy Martinelli - 5N



February

Shay Hutchinson - KD
Cody Stelter - KH
David Navarro - KR
Gwendolen Clay - KW
Hawken Gruenenfelder - 1B
Daniel Brown - 1H
Gavin Pomplun - 1R
Sean McGuire - 2A
Ezra Belknap - 2B
Harper Sysko - 2M
Tobias Clay - 2N
Hayden Segebrecht - 3A
Wyatt Rindy - 3P
Anneliese Ramirez - 3S
Maci Boley - 4L
Tyler Fink - 4S
Ashley Frontzak - 4V
Harry Hubbard - 5B
Grace Kraemer - 5E
James Blum - 5M
Kamryn Mellenberger - 5N

Fowler Dental

Great News!!

FOWLER DENTAL

Is **NOW** seeing patients of **ALL AGES** that have Forward Health and live in Green or Lafayette County.

Call us at 608-328-9404 to talk with us about the services available and schedule an appointment.

Wacky Wednesdays in March

Here are our dress up days for Wacky Wednesdays in March:



March 3rd - Celebrate Dr. Seuss, PJ Day

March 10 - Inside Out Day

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day, Wear Green

March 24 - Oh the Places I Have Been (Or Want to Go), wear a shirt/sweatshirt with the name of a place

Food Drive



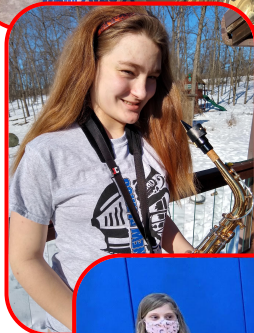
The Caring for Kids Holiday Food Bag drive ran from November 16th, 2020 - January 1st, 2021. Ron Anderson at Roy's market and Josie Wieser, Caring for Kids Food Backpack Coordinator, organized the donation drive. Bags filled with various non-perishable food items could be purchased for \$10 or \$20 each at Roy's. In total, our generous community donated 107 bags. All proceeds went directly to the Caring For Kids Food Backpack program. Students received these donated bags from mid November through mid February. Two local high school students, Luke Brecklin and Mason Martinson, delivered the food from Roy's Market to the school. They did this as their service learning project.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the food drive successful in the middle of a pandemic year!

Highlights in January/February



5th
Grade
Band



Wacky
WedNesDays



Entire
The school is
long over with
music.com

Important Dates



March 2 - PTO Mtg. @ 6:30

March 3 - Dr. Seuss Celebration - Wear PJs and Guest Reader

March 5 - No School for Students,
End of Second Trimester

March 10 - Bridging Brighter Smiles,
Inside Out Day

INSIDE OUT DAY!!!!



March 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15



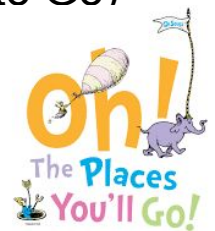
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green

March 18 - Referendum Community Mtg. @ 6:30

March 24 - Oh, The Places I Have Been (Or Would Like to Go)
(wear a shirt/sweatshirt with the name of place)



March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK



April 6 - PTO Mtg. @ 6:30, Spring Election Day

April 9 - PBIS Reward Day - Play Day/Bring a Toy to School

April 12 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15

April 13-16 - Forward Test for In-Person Students

April 26 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15