



Westdale News

November 2016

From the Principal

We have had a very busy October. It was great seeing all of you at Parent Teacher Conferences in October. On Friday November 11th, the first Tri-semester ended. Report cards will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 21st. If you have questions regarding your child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

This year one of our building school improvement goals is to focus on writing. Part of this goal is to give students opportunities to share their writing and publish their writing. So this year, in each of our newsletters, you will see samples of students' writing. Instead of their teachers writing articles about what students are learning, our students will be writing articles about what they are learning. Some may be drawings and some spelling may be phonetic spelling (writing the sounds they hear), which are all developmentally appropriate in a Young Fives-2nd grade building. I hope you enjoy their hard work!

Last but not least I wanted to thank all of you for the candy donations that made our Halloween Walk Through a huge success!

Sincerely,

Karen M Volk

Westdale Elementary Principal

11/16 Fundraiser Pick Up 2-6 p.m.
11/16 PTO 6 p.m.
11/17 Picture Retakes
11/18 Popcorn Sale
11/21 Report Cards go home
11/23-25th Thanksgiving Break
12/2 Popcorn Sale
12/14 Second Grade Music Program 6 p.m.
12/16 Popcorn Sale
12/21 Pajama and Game Day
12/22-1/3 Winter Break

Morning Traffic Reminders

- Please follow the flow of traffic.
- Please stay in the drop off lane and do not cut in line or cut others off.
- Please have your child exit on the passenger side of the vehicle. When children exit in the traffic lane it is dangerous. When you stop and get out of your car to let your child out on the driver's side, it slows down the flow of traffic.
- Please have patience and be courteous to each other. Our students' safety is worth a few extra seconds. We need everyone's cooperation.
- Handicap spaces are reserved for drivers with a handicap permit.

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Mrs. Torres on the birth of her daughter. Layla Mae was born on November 11th. She weighed 7 lbs 2 oz. and was 19 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great!

We are focusing on the Life Principle of

Service

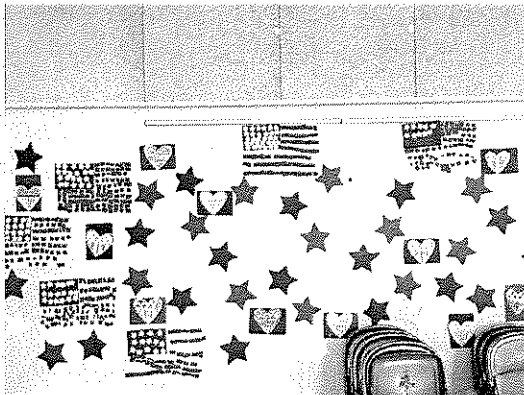
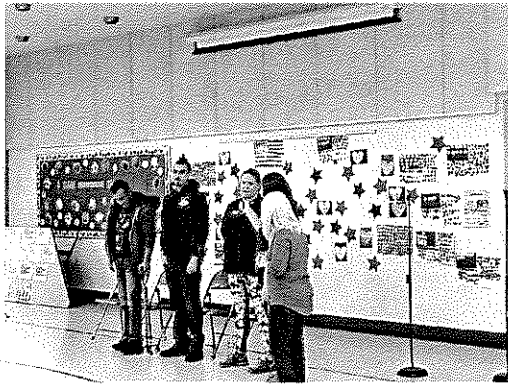
this month.

Service is giving of one's time and energies to help others.



Veterans Day Assembly

On November 11th, we celebrated Veterans Day with an assembly. We were able to meet some Veterans and learn about their service to our country. We thanked them for their service with some songs and artwork! Thank you Mrs. Watz, Ms. Watt, and Ms. Drago for organizing it.



Send Santa to Troops Collection



Thank you very much for your help and support donating items to our service project this fall. We were able to collect over 500 items for the Send Santa to the Troops Project! Congratulations to Second Grade for collecting the most items. Thank you to staff, students, families, and friends for your generosity.

Our Young Fives students have been very busy working on writing in class. They have been telling stories through oral language, drawing a picture with details, and beginning to label things in the illustrations. In the writing sample, Sean shared with the class that he went to a farm and saw a pig. Then he labeled himself and the barn in his story.

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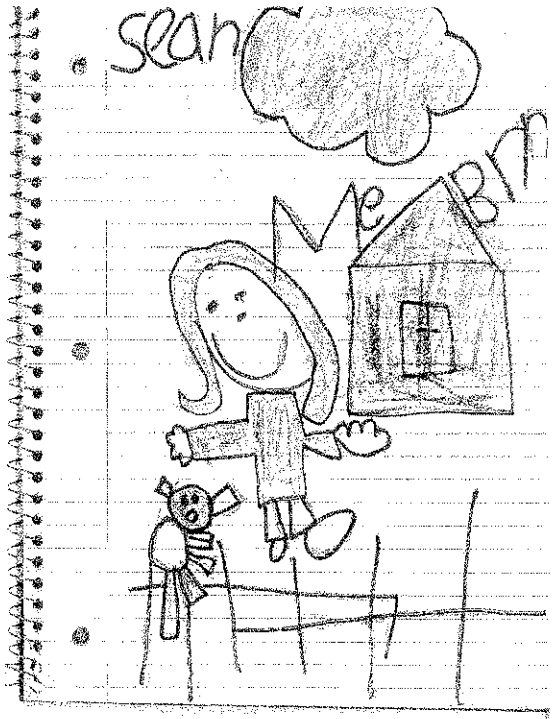
I can get a story idea from something I know or can do!

I can go!

fish



Sophia, Mrs. Wolpert's Kindergarten

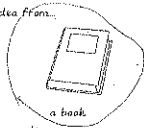


Lilly, Mrs. Romain's Kindergarten

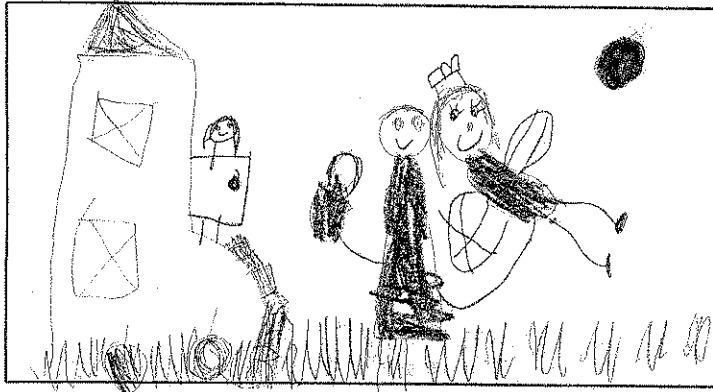
I LIK TO PLAY
SOKR. LILY BLOED

Name: AERIS H.

I got my story idea from:

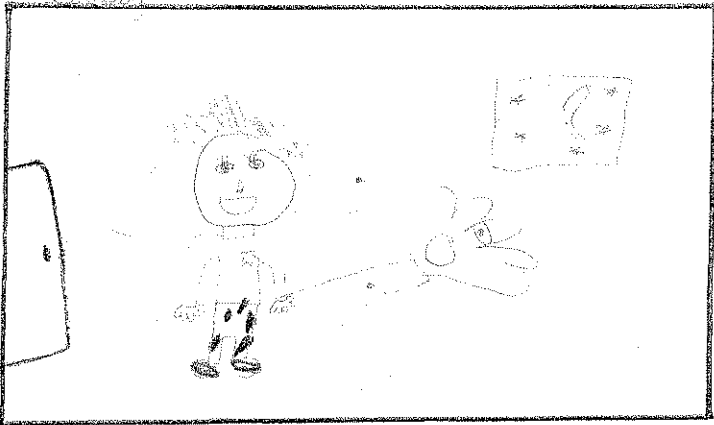


Aeris, Ms. Watt Kindergarten

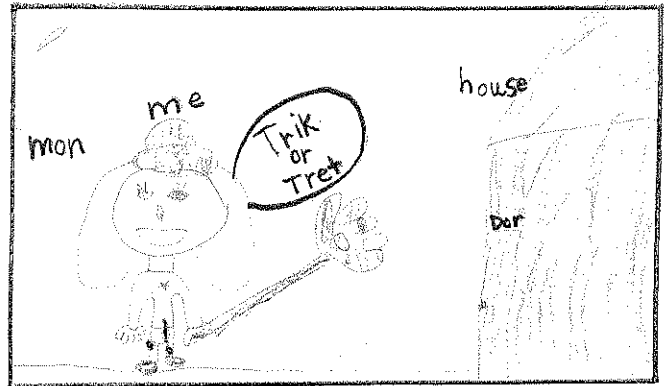


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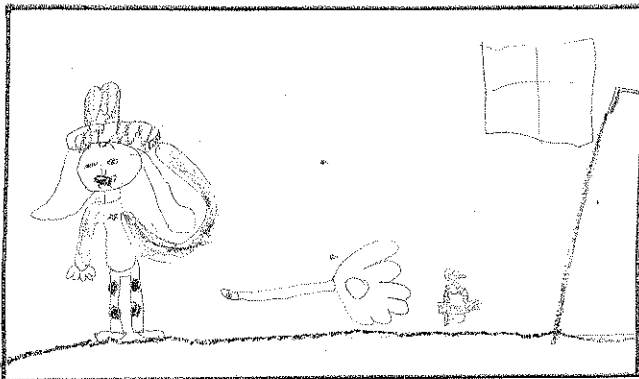
Example



I got on my
Kostowm.



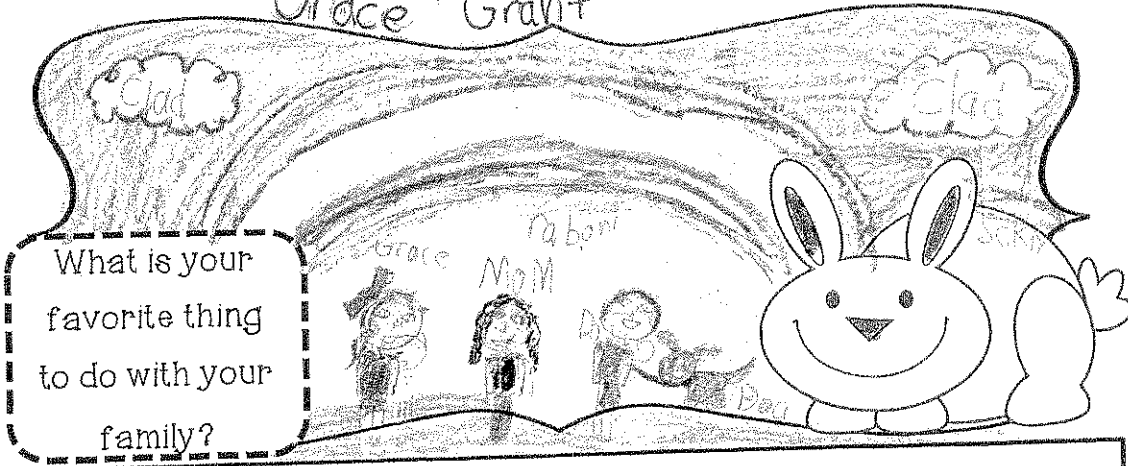
I went to a
house.



Gabby, Mrs. Torres Kindergarten

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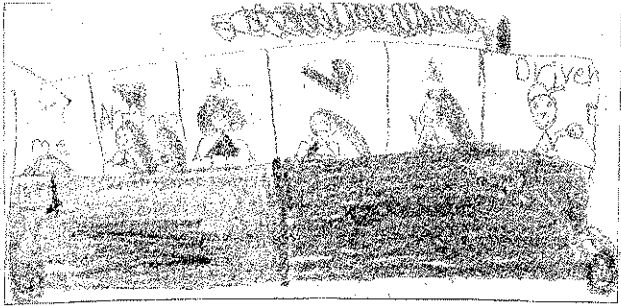
Grace Grant



What is your favorite thing to do with your family?

My favorite thing to do with my family is playing with my dog Honey! We have to work with her. Or she will bite my covers. We let her in my bedroom!

Grace, Mrs. Depcinski's First Grade

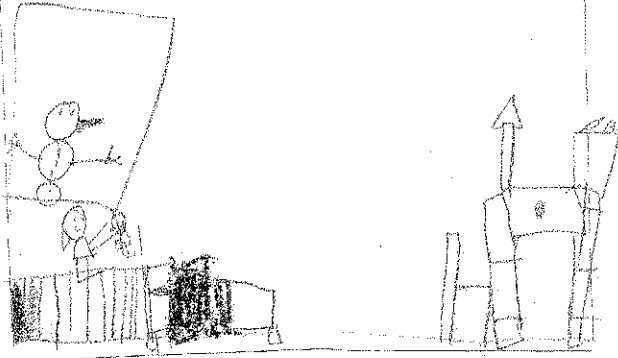


I saw Brady at Olivia's garden. I saw Mrs. Mize and her daughter at Huckberry's village. I went on the train with my two aunts and my mom and my five cousins. It was fun. That was

very fun. That is the best fit ever. Then we got lots of candy. That was the best thing ever in my life.

Cela, Mrs. Kowalski's First Grade

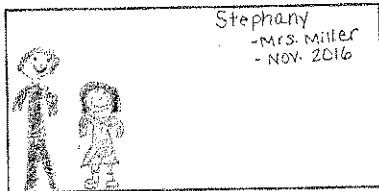
A'Nilah, Mrs. Hartwick
First Grade



My favorite toy is my
red barn it is a little
red barn the nose is black
it is the best red barn.

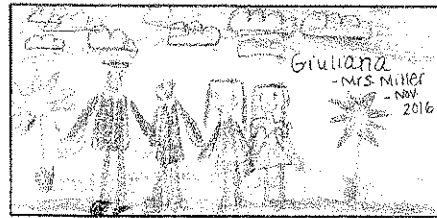
Mariah, Mrs. Rendon
First Grade

First me and
my sister and
my brother got
candy, I just
spooky I had
fun. I seen my
friend. she was wardenwood.



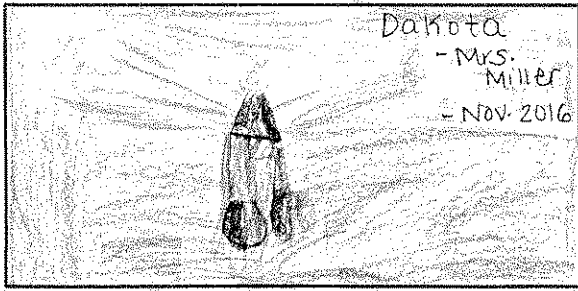
Stephany
- Mrs. Miller
- NOV. 2016

I am thankful for my
cousin because he plays
with me when I don't
have nobody to play with.
My cousin is special because
he helps me do my
home work when I don't
know what to do.
If I didn't have my
cousin I would be so
sad.



Giuliana
- Mrs. Miller
- NOV. 2016

I am thankful
for my family
because when I get
that my mom
helps me get a
bandaid. My sister
helps get something
down. My Dad helps
me with homework.



I am thankful for
My mom because
my mom is going
to sign matthew and
me up for Basket
ball. we are going to
get new Basket ball Shoes

When I get four teen
I am proble getting
Signed up for
foot ball. my Brother
Matthew is going to
Sign up foot ball
too.

Fall Texture Poems, Mrs. Garant's Class

I like the feel of fall
sugary sweet candy
orange bumpy pumpkins
happy black cats

-Jacob Plater

I like the feel of fall
huge red tractors
small black cats
giant yellow corn

-Kalynn LaClair

I like the feel of fall
soggy wet leaves
round scary pumpkins
warm cozy jackets

-Rohen Bright

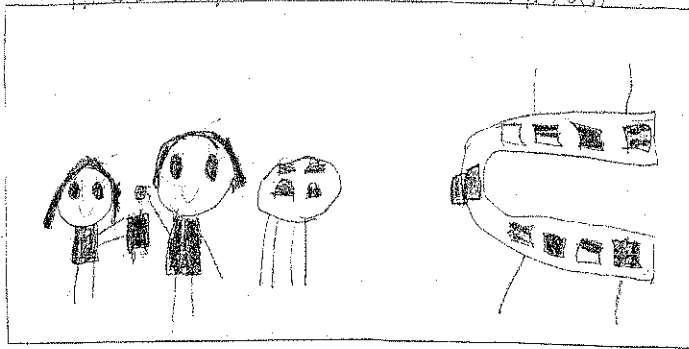
I like the feel of fall
scary white ghosts
colorful cupped leaves
chewy yummy candy

-Grace Alford

Topic howl day

Name Ariaah

Ariah, Mrs. Mikoleizik's
Second Grade

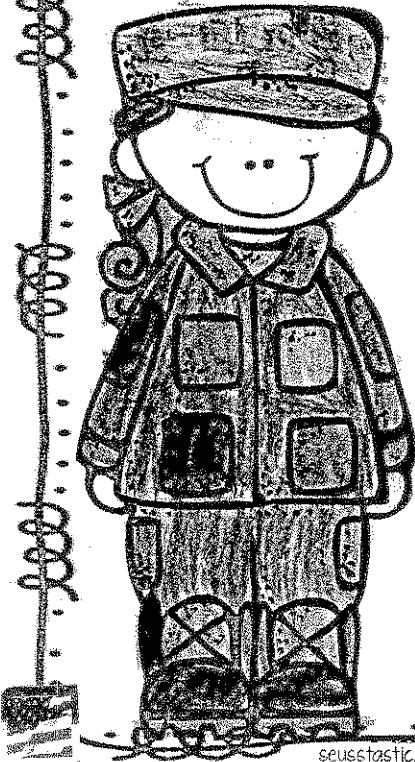


Last week, we had our
first howl day. We learned
that a homogenous mixture has
invisible ingredients. We
mixed Kool-Aid and water.

by
Ariah

Rodriguez

You are my hero!



Dear Soldier,

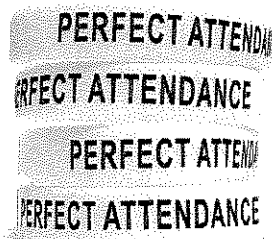
Thank you for
protecting our country.

I appreciate it.

Sincerely, Regan

Regan, Mrs. Goidosik's
Second Grade

First Tri-mester Perfect Attendance



These students had perfect attendance for the first trimester of the school year. They were not tardy, absent, or signed out early. Congratulations!

Young Fives: Sierra Carpenter, Sean Leroux, and Matthew Montgomery. **Kindergarten:** Liam Carter, Kalon Davis, Ella Duncan, Gabrielle Ruhlig, and Braxton Williams. **First Grade:** Braedyn Boell, Emelia Cramer, Baylee Fisher, Wyatt Gill, Jackson Holmes, Nou Chia Lo, Konner Prescott, Nolan Scott, Liam Tiret, Derreck Williams Jr, and Aaron

Zavala. **Second Grade:** Ella Adelberg, Grace Alford, Deandria Brazil, Jack Clemons, Anna Egerer, Ireland Egerer, Madilyn Garpiel, Sv'Veya Jackson, Regan McChesney, Grayson Miller, Drew Stephan, and Braylen Williams.

You Have Options After-School!

Did you know that Saginaw Township Community Schools has a program in place to help families with after-school pick-up? If you have a student in two elementary buildings or in elementary and high school an option is available to you at *NO COST!* Please see below for your options after school:

The "50-Minute" Program: Students must be registered by having a parent fill out the enrollment form. If you do not qualify for this program for FREE (see criteria above), the cost is \$19.00 per month. Any child enrolled in the "50-Minute" Program has supervised care after school that will not be considered late pick-up until after 3:25pm.

"Westdale House": This program provides supervised care after school until either 5:00pm or 6:00pm.

After school until 5:00pm= \$7.25 per day

After school until 6:00pm= \$9.25 per day

We strongly encourage families to take advantage of these options if daily pick-up is challenging. This will allow you to pick up your child stress-free!

VOLUNTEER! HAVE FUN! SUPPORT WESTDALE SCHOOL!

The following events are sponsored by Westdale PTO during the school year. We need many hands to make these events a success.

Please check all that you may be interested in helping with.

- MILEAGE CLUB** – During lunch hour, help students fill out mileage cards.
- FIELD DAY** – Help with events and games, set up and take down.
- POPCORN DAYS** (Fridays) Pop popcorn for school with 1-2 other volunteers.
- SCHOOL STORE** - Help once a month during morning beginning in October. Supervising school store sales.
- TEACHER APPRECIATION Week**
- REBATE Programs-** Help promoting/updating Shoparoo, Kroger, and other reward programs.
- Fundraisers-** Help promote/maintain sales and distribute products.
- Health and Wellness Day Luncheon-** Buy food trays and paper products.
- Runraiser-** Help on the course and other events.
- HOWL Days-** HOWL stands for Hands on Wonderful Learning. Each grade level does a monthly HOWL day and teachers can often use an extra set of hands to help with the activities.

YOUR NAME _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Teacher _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Best Method to Contact Me is _____

Thank you for your support. Please return this form with your student or to the school office.