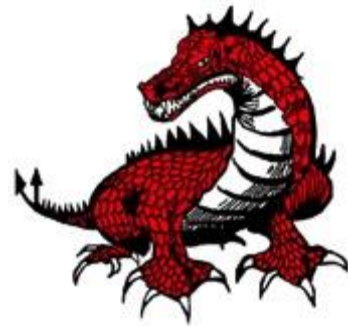


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# **Pender Elementary eNews**



**September 24,  
2021**

## Beginning Reader Information

### VOWEL TEAMS

ai – **nail, paid, bait, rain**  
ay – **clay, tray, play, birthday**  
au – **author, sauce, because, fault**  
ar – **arm, car, star, garden**  
aw – **awful, lawn, hawk, straw**  
ea – **easy, neat, clean, sea**  
ee – **eel, feet, sleep, three**  
er – **perfect, fern, germ, nerve**  
ir – **bird, circle, dirty, stir**

oa – **oak, soap, toast, coach**  
oi – **oil, join, noise, moisture**  
or – **orbit, short, before, for**  
ou – **out, house, round, mountain**  
ow – (o sound) **own, bowl, snowball, yellow**  
ow – (ow sound) **brown, plow, owl, allow**  
oy – **boy, joyful, enjoy, destroy**  
ur – **urn, purple, church, fur**

Help your student notice the vowel teams while reading familiar words and encourage them to look for vowel teams (and the consonant clusters from last weeks newsletter) when reading unfamiliar words to help figure out the new word.



If you have questions about helping your child with reading please give me a call.  
Thank-you for taking your time to read this information!

Mrs. Miller

# PreK Classroom News

Week of: September 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

## A Note From the Teacher

With the weather getting cooler, please send a light jacket with your student. Also, please make sure to send folders back to school every day.

## Upcoming Events

September 27-October 1: Homecoming Week  
September 29: 2:30pm Dismissal

## What We Learned This Week

- This week we learned all about the letter Tt and transportation. We talked about how vehicles travel through the air, on land, and in water. Next week we will be learning about the letter Ff and our 5 senses.

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# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of September 20-24

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## Upcoming Events

September 29	2:30 Dismissal
October 7	Picture Retakes
October 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-9pm
October 22	No School

## Our Learning

Sight Words: I, like, the

Language Arts: letters and letter sounds, beginning sounds, synonyms, story structure (beginning, middle, end) writing the letters correctly on the top/middle/bottom lines.

Math: Writing, identifying, and counting numbers 1-20, creating and analyzing graphs, acting out story problems, identifying shapes

## Reminders

Please remind your child to wear tennis shoes every day for safety at recess and PE

"Battle of the Books!"- continue reading with your child and marking the calendar for our goal of 10 nights of reading each month.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Newsletter

Week of September 20-24

## A Peek at the Week

Reading: Text and Graphic features, intonation, ABC order, informational text, glossary

Spelling: short e

Grammar: Adjectives

Writing: handwriting/sentences

Math: Pictographs, number id./counting/writing, problem solving, writing addition sentences, ordinal numbers

## Spelling Words

1. up
2. bug
3. mud
4. nut
5. hug
6. tub
7. rug
8. bus
9. cut
10. bun

## Upcoming Dates

September  
27-Hawaiian Day  
28-Color Day  
29- Dress Like Your Favorite Farmer Day  
29- 2:30 dismissal  
30-Peace, Love and Kindness Day  
October  
1- Red and White Day  
6, 13, 20, 27- 2:30 dismissal

## Reminders

- Check your child's folders and send them back each day

Second Grade - 9-23-2021

# Classroom News

Mrs. Sheila Dahlman & Mr. Mitchell Mailloux

## Notes

### Spelling 10-1

List A	List B
1. spin	spill
2. clap	afraid
3. swim	story
4. grade	grass
5. place	scare
6. last	clear
7. test	skill
8. skin	smoke
9. glide	please
10. drag	class
11. just	just
12. stage	stage
13. slip	clip
14. drive	drive
15. climb	climb
16. price	price

## What We Are Learning

### Language Arts

- + "Diary of a Spider" story
- + Long o, u words using vce
- + Cause/effect
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + Hard/soft g
- + writing complete sentences
- + personal narrative

### Social Studies

- + Map Skills-reading maps

### Math

- + Identifying polygons
- + Days of the week
- + Interpreting pictographs

### Science

- + Landforms
- + Bodies of Water

## Upcoming Events

### September 27- Homecoming Week

Monday – Hawaiian Day

Tuesday – Color Day – Purple

Wednesday – Dress like a Farmer

Thursday – Peace, Love, & Kindness Day

Friday – Spirit Day – Red & White

September 22, 29, Oct 6, 13 – 2:30 Dismissal

October 15 - quarter ends

October 20- 3-9 Parent Teachers Conferences

October 22- No School





WEEK  
OF:

September 20-24



Mrs. Gaer

## THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Hoffman



### Lesson 5 Spelling Words

slight, mild, sight, pie, mind,  
tie, pilot, might, lie, tight,  
blind, fight, die, midnight,  
find, night, silent, frightening



### Important Reminders

- Sign your child's planner nightly
- Please check for Math homework, look over, and sign on back
- Keep track of reading for Welsh's Battle of the Books!
- Picture retakes October 7<sup>th</sup>



### Reading

Students spent their week reviewing compare and contrast. They were asked to compare and contrast two characters in a fiction text.



### Math

Skills learned this week: Adding & Subtracting 2-Digit Numbers, Rounding to the Nearest Ten & Hundred, Adding 3-Digit Numbers  
Skills coming up: Comparing & Ordering Numbers, Addition Stories, Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers, Subtraction Stories



### Social Studies

Third graders spent their week learning about the 5 regions of the United States. Ask your child about the five regions, and the region in which we live. Also ask your child about natural resources, landmarks, climate, and vegetation of the Midwest region.



### Science

Third graders continue their first unit about Life Cycles and Traits. Concepts learned include: inheritance of traits in plants and variations for survival. In the next lesson, we will move into animal life cycles.



### Writing

- Mrs. Gaer's class began drafting their personal narratives
- Mrs. Hoffman's class continues to draft Personal Narratives.

September 23, 2021

# Weekly News Edition

## Life and Times of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Writing Class

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### Writing Class

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Nouns, Nouns, Nouns!!! Time to be specific with our nouns in Writing class. Students are review their knowledge of the different types of nouns and using precise nouns in our writing to be more detailed!

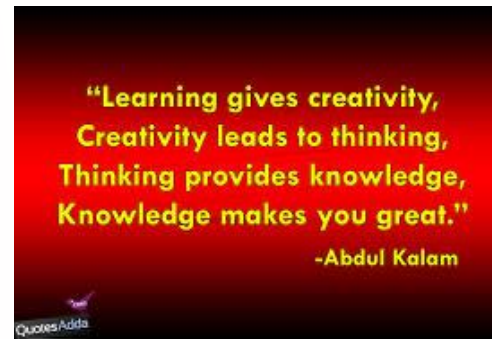
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Adventurous Magic planning is winding down and we will begin drafting our stories this week and next. I can't wait to see how they apply what we have been practicing in class to their own adventure stories.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sixth grade students are using descriptive language and sensory details to create the perfect description of a place. We have worked through an example together so they are ready to begin their own.

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### Quote of the Week



Dream Big  
**READ!**

**Battle of the Books-** For September, students need to read a book close to their level. They will be making a video sharing a short summary of the book by the end of the month. Keep on reading at home! I can't wait to see the cool videos students share about the books they read.





# CLASSROOM NEWS

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Mrs. Schrunk



## Important Dates

- Sept 29 -2:30 dismissals
- Sept 27-Oct 1 – Homecoming week
- Oct 1 – First Battle of books



## Reminders

- Please check planners nightly for homework and initial/sign
- Chromebooks need to be charged at home nightly
- Check SeeSaw for important updates and information

## What We're Learning

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Regions in Nebraska
- Nebraska Symbols
  - \* Enjoyed Kool Aid, Nebraska's State Soft Drink
- Nebraska's past

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Native Americans of the Southwest, Northwest and Great Plains
- Presidents' song by Oct. 15

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Stone Age
- Archeologist and their important findings of Stone Age humans
- Presidents' Song by Oct. 15

## Try this at Home

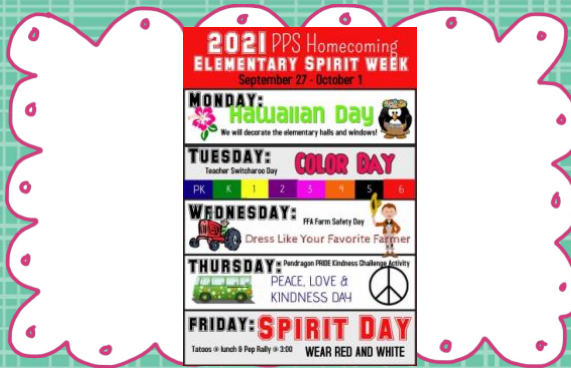
- Talk about regions in Nebraska
- Ask you students to name some Nebraska symbols!
- Presidents' Song



# Mrs. English

## 4-6 Science

September 20, 2021



### Upcoming Events

- 9/27-Homecoming Week
- 9/29-Farm Safety Day

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### Concepts in Science

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will plan and carry out investigations to develop and use models about how landscapes change over time. They will describe how rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will develop and use models to show how the hydrosphere interacts with Earth's other systems.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will explore how energy moves when objects are at different temperatures. They will develop and use models to enhance their understanding of this process.



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# Mr. Hoffman's 5th Grade 4th-6th Math

Next week is Homecoming Week! There will be dress up days for the elementary to take part in. We will also be attending Farm Safety Day down at the park on Wednesday. It should be a fun week! In math, test results have been posted on SeeSaw and will continue to be. If you would like your student to retake the test, they may do that at any time. Under each problem in Saxon is a number in parentheses. That number is the lesson in which the concept was taught. Students can go back and check out how to do the problem if they don't understand.

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Identify Place Value to the Trillions
- Field Trip
- Solve Multiple Step Problems
- Elapsed Time Problems
- Compare & Order Integers
- Word Problems Involving Equal Groups

Next Test: September 27th

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 4TH GRADE

- Subtract Numbers with Regrouping
- Test
- Expanded Form of Numbers
- Find Missing Numbers in Addition and Subtraction Equations
- Students will Add 3 Digits Numbers

Next Test: October 1st

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Multiplication Facts
- Commutative, Zero, & Identity Property of Multiplication
- Test
- Solve Word Problems by Writing an Equation
- Multiply Two & Three Digit Numbers by a One Digit Number
- Find a Missing Number in an Multiplication Equation

Next Test: September 30th

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# Mrs. Miller's News

September 24, 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders read a biography this week called, My Brother Martin. It was actually written by Martin Luther King, Jr's sister and focused more on MLK's childhood.

We reviewed historical events, author's purpose, and the use of idioms in a story.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders reviewed how to read a play this week with a play called, "A Royal Mystery."

We were able to review finding the theme of a story, infer character traits based on dialogue, and seeing the conflict and resolution of a story.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders reviewed autobiography with an excerpt from Jerry Spinelli's Knots in My Yo-Yo String.

Through this account of Spinelli's childhood we reviewed point of view, the use of figurative language, and author's purpose.

## For Your Calendar

- Sept 29: 2:30 Early Dismissal
- Sept 27-Oct 1: Homecoming Week
- Sept 29: FFA Farm Safety Day

Please check the Thursday folders for the list of Homecoming activities for next week. Also, please return the permission slip for FFA Farm Safety Day by Wednesday.

Tara Miller

4-5-6 Reading

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# Mrs. T's Guided Reading

This week in Guided Reading, Mrs. Nixon's and Mr. Hoffman's classes finished up their novels! They are beginning to learn their small group rotation routine, naming their teams, and will start reading their next books on Monday! Mrs. Tofflemire's and Mrs. English's classes will finish up their books in the next few days and Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Schrunks's are not far behind! Each small group will be reading a different book with me. Then, they will have a station to complete their literature circle jobs (comprehension skills) and another to practice their spelling, where they will do their 5 Word Works that will be posted on SeeSaw. Of course, practicing spelling at home is always encouraged!

These are the novels each class is reading:

4N Tigers: Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle

4N Artic Foxes: Julian Rodriguez, Episode One

4N Artic Wolves: Fair Weather

4S: Ghost of Fossil Glen

5H White Strawberries: Champ

5H Rainbow Rolls: 4 Kids in 5E

5H Dino Nuggies: 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

5H KooKoo Puffs: Lightning Thief

5E: Wildfire Run

6T: A Wrinkle in Time

6M: Walk Two Moons

# Spelling Lists

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

skill  
crime  
grind  
tonight  
brick  
flight  
live  
chill  
delight  
build  
ditch  
decide  
witness  
wind  
district  
inch  
sigh  
fright  
remind  
split

## Challenge

ignorant  
recognize  
advice  
twilight  
rigid

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

sign  
groan  
reply  
thrown  
strike  
mighty  
stroll  
compose  
dough  
height  
excite  
apply  
slight  
define  
odor  
spider  
control  
silent  
brighten  
approach

## Challenge

Require  
reproach  
defy  
plight  
opponent

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

mound  
gloomy  
caution  
annoy  
dawdle  
counter  
haughty  
rejoice  
devour  
thoughtful  
flawless  
maroon  
droop  
doubt  
bamboo  
hoist  
oyster  
exhausted  
scoundrel  
boundary

## Challenge

bountiful  
aloof  
adjoin  
taut  
turquoise

# Special Education

Newsletter



## Special Education Team Members

Kelly Ballinger - Special Education Director

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Payton Blanke-4-6 Special Education Teacher

Andrea Hinrichs-7-12 Special Education Teacher

Kayla Welch- Autism Program Teacher

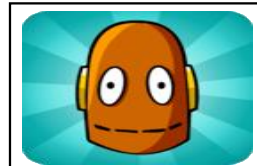
Brianna Hansen- Speech-Language Pathologist

Leah Clark- School Psychologist

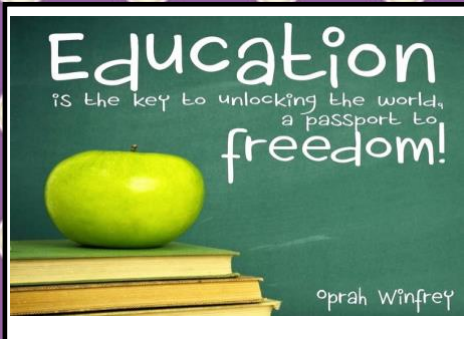
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# Weekly NEWS

## Mrs. Welch's Pendragon Academy

### Important Dates

- September 27:  
Troyer Farms
- September 29:  
2:30 Dismissal

### Reminders

- Remember to check your child's planner for homework they may need to finish.
- I will be using SeeSaw this year to communicate academic activities.

### What Are We Learning?

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Writing Skills- Creating Lists and Complete Sentences
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Reading- Sight Words on Seesaw
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math- Identifying Fractions
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Math- Cumulative Assessment 11,
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading- Comprehension and Persuasive Writing
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Job Skills- Ordering books based on Dewey Decimal System