

## Kindergarten – 4

Jackie Thompson



### Happenings this Month:

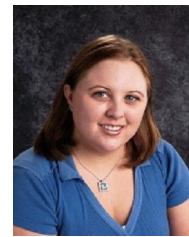
I can't believe how fast April has gone because of our Easter break. The students and I had fun with Easter crafts and talking about Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. The students have been busy learning to read and are counting higher than ever! Their reading groups are advancing to books that include only words and sentences. In numbers the students have been working on their teen family and counting up to 80. We have also been talking a lot about sequencing and larger/smaller numbers. Handwriting is also coming right along as the students are getting better at writing their own names and are connecting their letters in different ways to write words. Please continue to take time to look at your child's papers every night, as you will see how he/she is improving. Also, your child gets excited about learning when it is encouraged and reinforced at home. This time of year is so exciting for me to see how far the students have come in their learning. Thank you for all you do!

### Looking Ahead:

We are looking forward to the junior/senior high one-act play in May, as they have been working hard on this production. Also, May 25<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day and therefore we do not have school.

## Kindergarten

Kristin Willers



### Happenings This Month:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break and spent lots of time with friends and family. As the school year comes to a close, we are going to be finishing strong. We are working hard to make sure that we are ready for First Grade. Our reading skills are improving and we are starting to read longer books. We will also be starting to have reading groups every day until the end of the school year. In Numbers, we are still working on memorizing the addition facts in the one – nine families and starting to work on subtracting one from a number. We are also learning how to tell time and how to count different coins together.

### Looking Ahead:

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** The Kindergarten Graduation is on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Feel free to invite family and friends to this very special time in your child's life. Also, the last day of the school year is on June 4<sup>th</sup>. On this day, the students will be dismissed at 11:30 am and there will be a family picnic following the dismissal. More details will be coming out soon.

## First Grade

Emily Holst



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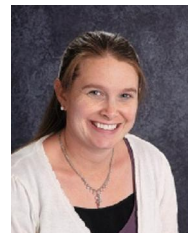
The month of April has quickly passed by and with it comes the last full month of the school year! We have finished Social Studies with dioramas and reports on countries around our world. I let the students pick one of the countries highlighted in our book, to report on. We also have studied Mercer Mayer as our Author of the Month for April. He and his wife have co-written many of the "Critter" books. His books relate to many feelings children have, which is probably why my students enjoy them so much!

### Looking Ahead:

We are beginning our 6 Science units to end the school year with. These units will cover a variety of subjects from plants, to insects and animals. Also, we will be having our Pen Pal "Meet and Greet" field trip on May 21<sup>st</sup>! It has been fun for me to see the eagerness my students have to write letters and draw pictures for their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Pen Pals. This process not only gives the students an opportunity to develop in their writing skills, it also allows them the chance to build lasting friendships with other children that will hopefully last longer than this school year. Some of my previous first graders continue to write to their Pen Pals! Last year was the first time we got to meet our pen pals face to face and it was a huge success! We're all looking forward to this meaningful event!

## Second Grade

Substitute Mrs. Estrada  
For Ivy Rahn



### Happenings This Month:

In Bible Class we have successfully learned Philippians 4:8, I Corinthians 13: 4-8, Psalm 100 and Christian character traits love and showing kindness and respect toward our fellow believers in Christ toward the world.

In language class we have learned contractions. We have also learned to write complete sentences. Our handwriting skills are outstanding!!! J And reading circles are truly going strong. Every student reads with accuracy and excitement. I'm so proud of them! They are all reading like champions! J It is my personal goal to instill in each student the love of reading! I have also introduced Flat Stanley in my personal reading time to them.

In math class we are mastering the multiplication tables. Keep up the good work!

In health class, we are discussing the importance of proper nutrition. Also, I have taught the children the importance of courtesy in our classroom. It is important to be a good role model to each other.

### Looking Ahead:

As we look forward to our summer break, I want to encourage all my students to keep reading, visit a library or a local book store near you. Lastly, I personally want to thank you parents for all your love and support that you have shown me this last part of the school year. It was a pleasure to be your child's teacher. Blessings to you all!