



THE TIGER TIMES



The Akron Elementary newspaper about kids written by kids!

The Tiger Times is our NEW Akron Elementary newspaper published by our own 5th grade reporters!

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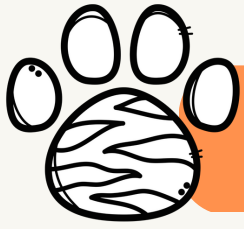
The teacher is Mrs. Logan and the teacher aide is Mrs. Ludwig. They have AM and PM classes.

The students really like a program called Sound-Town where they learn letter sounds.

Students are learning how to play with classmates and clean up after themselves.

They are also learning how to write their names and numbers. Each day the students eat lunch in their classroom and learn about proper manners. The students are 4 and 5 years old. On the way out, they get a sticker and a lollipop. They are off to a great start!





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KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten has had lots of celebrations!

- All the Kindergarteners celebrated Grinch Day on December 7th. They celebrated kindness because it can make other people feel good, not just yourself. They did a directed drawing, watched the Grinch movie, and did crafts.
- They celebrated the 50th day of school to show that they can count to 50. The teachers and the kids dressed like they were from the 1950s, did different activities for 50 seconds, and had root beer floats.
- Kindergarten will also celebrate holidays around the world where they learn about how other countries celebrate during the holiday season. The countries they will learn about are Italy, Germany, Mexico, Sweden, and Native Culture.
- All the Kindergarten students went on a field trip to Akron Acres in October. They went to the farm and learned about taking care of animals. They got to ride ponies, feed the animals, ride on a hayride, pick a pumpkin, and ride a bus.



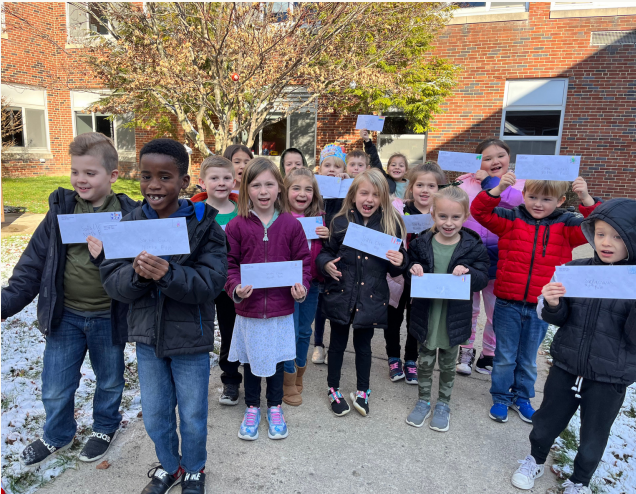
FIRST GRADE

The first grade participated in writing Letters to Santa and has participated in disability awareness stations.

For CKLA, First Grade is learning about early World Civilizations. In Math, they are working up to a value of 120.

Mrs. Stachowiak and Mrs. Stanley's classes are "adopting" gingerbread babies.

Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Heiderman, and Mrs. Edwards' class participated in the mac-n-cheese challenge by cooking Mac and Cheese and then putting the Mac and Cheese on plain pizza crust then snacking on it.



SECOND GRADE

The second grade teachers are Mrs. Coppola, Mrs. Samolis, Mrs. Bellis, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Zbrzezny. Mrs. Zbrzezny's substitute teacher is named Miss McGlinn and we love having her in our school.

2nd grade students celebrated the holidays by watching the Polar Express movie and reading the book together. Mr. Esposito and Mrs. Kos even punched their tickets as they arrived for the movie!

They also wrote letters to Santa Clause and to his elves. Also, they are donating to Santa Paws which is an organization that collects things that pets need for the Genesee Animal shelter in Batavia and the Open Arms Rescue of WNY.



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THIRD GRADE

The students in third grade read *The Chocolate Touch*. They focused on three areas: hunting for evidence in the story, building vocabulary, and learning how to ask and answer questions. The goal is for everyone to be a stronger reader. In math students worked on finishing up learning about addition and subtraction with rounding. They are also working on multiplication facts of higher numbers. All students have the opportunity to participate in the monthly Reading and Math challenges. Finally, all students worked on writing letters to Santa and sent them to the North Pole.



FOURTH GRADE

In Math, students have been working on long-division and learning how to multiply 2-digit by 2-digit numbers. In Reading, classes have started working on a unit learning about the Middle Ages. Students also participated in a word work and vocabulary competition. In Social Studies classes are exploring what colonial life was like in New York. Recently, fourth grade students created turkeys at Thanksgiving. Students voted on their favorites and awards were given. Finally, each student created a Growth Mindset Goal. Many of the goals are about being a better student in Reading and Math. Fourth grade students are having a great year so far!

FIFTH GRADE

The 5th grade teachers are Mrs. Guevara, Mrs. Srour, Ms. Bargnesi, Mrs. DuPont, Mrs. Tagliarino, and Mrs. Fix. They have planned a field trip to the Planetarium at Buffalo State College in December because in science class we have been learning about space patterns. In the Fall, we had a “walk-a-thon” to raise money for up-coming field trips. In Social Studies, we worked in groups to create floating gardens, suspension bridges, and pyramids and had a walking museum. Classes can earn tallies to earn a class party of our choice. In fifth grade you can also earn class cash. You can earn it, lose it, or go into debt. We are also going to celebrate some acts of kindness, and do some holiday reading activities. We also might have a good holiday party for Christmas or New Years.



**Fun Fact: In every issue, there is a hidden black paw print!
Can you find it?**



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SPECIALS

In Physical Education, Mrs. Schukraft and Mr. Westmiller are excited students raised \$6,655.12 for the American Heart Association. To raise awareness for heart health, students learn hands only CPR and heart healthy habits. They held it on October 20th, and it ended December 2.



The Native Studies teacher Mrs. Jonathan is teaching Third Grade how to weave baskets, teaching Second Graders about harens, First Grade about the tree sisters, and Kindergarten made harens. She is doing this to help us learn about the Haudenosaunee culture.

The 4th and 5th grade choir sang in Russell Park at the tree lighting ceremony on December 10th at 4:05 before the parade. Choir is taught by Mrs. Stachowski. Mrs. Komosinski teaches 4th, 5th, and 6th grade bands. The Elementary students attended the Prism concerts for Middle and High School students.

The Library teacher is named Mrs. Kershenski. She is running our school food drive. There will be a graph in the hall to track our progress. Students are working on coding in class. Students love going to the Library, to see what exciting task they will do that day. In technology, students are doing Go Noodles, for physical and emotional awareness. Students love going to art class. They can express themselves with their art and they love all the art projects Mrs. Wazny comes up with.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ESPOSITO AND MRS. KOS

We are so excited for our very first issue of "The Tiger Times" and we are so proud of our hardworking 5th grade reporters! We hope this student-run newspaper will give you an idea of the many amazing things happening in our school!

In November, we held our school-wide Native American Dance Assembly where many of our Indigenous students showcased their talent and culture. Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Sundown did an excellent job organizing the show!

The holidays are filled with exciting events in classrooms and grade levels. We are proud of our students for collecting donations for Santa Paws, Food Drive to benefit Akron Newstead Food Pantry, Operation Toothbrush, and Jump Rope for Heart which raised over \$6,000 for the American Heart Association. Wishing you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Can't wait to see you in 2023! **GO BILLS!**

