Elementary School Board Report February 25, 2019 Mrs. Shepard Respect. Integrity. Excellence.

TROJAN PRIDE – BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE

Trojan Pride Table- Abram Zibrowski, Maycie Anderson, Jake Miller, Camdyn Rye, Rylee Boldt, Hunter Rislov

LaCrosse Community Theater- Grades K-5

March Reading Month-

March 1st – Dr. Suess Birthday ~ Read Across America Day ~ Popcorn Day March 22nd - WSU Play Mason's Books for Bikes – The Mason's will give 6 bikes

FFA Week- Thank you to the FFA for providing grades K-5 with an ice cream treat on February 21st and 25th.

Elementary Classroom Updates-

Kindergarten- celebrated Valentine's Day by having our classroom exchange. We are now getting ready for Dr. Seuss and our reading month. Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Drinkall are getting ready for kindergarten registration on March 15th.

1st **Grade-** we have been very busy in first grade the last couple of weeks. In math, we just finished two-digit addition and subtraction and are now working on measurement and time. In reading, we are learning about various changes in our world such as how places and animals grow and change. We are also reading and learning about dental health this month and why it is so important.

2nd Grade- are counting money and telling time in math class. They had fun celebrating Valentine's Day.

3rd **Grade-** students have been investigating the states of matter during their science rotation. They have been exploring and comparing fractions through the use of manipulative and games. They are looking forward to beginning their individual state research projects.

4th **Grade-** students have begun our unit on equivalent fractions. We've also been writing our pen pals in our community as part of the Pen Pals Program. Finally, we've been teaming up with our first grade reading buddies to help them read different types of books.

5th Grade- ELA, we recently finished a unit about inventors and artists and started a new unit with a theme of 'adapting'. We've reserved our Fridays for independent, self-selected novel reading--the students look forward to this time each week. During our Reading Enrichment time, we have been working hard on the MN state ELA standards through Study Island.

EL-students are getting ready for the annual ACCESS test of English Language Proficiency for listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This test will be administered to ELs the weeks of March 4th and 11th. A team of teachers has been learning strategies to improve their teaching of all students, but especially ELs. So far, they have learned about the topics of lesson planning, building background, interaction, and more.

PE-K-2 grade are finishing up the speed stacks unit and moving into dance. 3-5 are finished with their jump rope unit and moving into speed stacks. The 4th graders have the GR8 Kids Wellness Program.

Winona Health is partnering with Rushford-Peterson to bring us the GR8 Kids Wellness Program to our 4th grade students. By working together, we hope to equip your child with the information necessary for them to make healthy life choices. The GR8 Kids Wellness Program was created for children who are at the age when they can begin making choices for themselves. During this program the students will be learning about; how to read a nutrition label, the amount of sugar in popular foods and beverages, options for being more active, My Plate food groups, and how healthy choices affect your body.