"All About Spring"

It is hot and sunny.
Things turn green.
Flowers bloom.
Lots of baby animals are born.
You can wear cooler clothes.
Worms start coming out.
There is lots of traffic in the grass.
The sun comes out brighter.
Snakes come out.

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Dr. Kirkland-Holmes' Nursery/Kindergarten

The children have been studying about families and they have drawn a picture of something their family likes to do. During our families unit, we had brother-sister day, mom's day, dad's day or special male or female friend, and grandparent day. The children enjoyed swimming and sharing a variety of activities with family members.

Chris Vanderwall
Mom, Dad, Tom, Chris, Peter

Ramon Turner
They like to play frisbee.

Ben Iversen
Play Basketball.

Allen Guthart
Mom likes to go to Show Biz.

Jeremy Boots
Billy Bob

Trevor Angove
Sleeping

John Kane
I like to pick flowers.

Mrs. Luhring's First Grade

There is always a lot happening in first grade, but the spring of the year seems to almost explode with excitement and activity. Each of us is sharing a favorite experience with you.

We are working on levers. We could pick up Miss Opheim. We picked up Miss Opheim with the fulcrum and board for a lever. Megan picked her up.

Amber East

In Writers' Workshop we have been writing true stories. We also wrote about ourselves as authors. It's a lot of fun! You don't have to "think" of what to write; it's just a
matter of putting something that's true on paper!

Lindsey Kuper

In social studies we are studying the planets. In order from the sun they are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

Steven Seufferlein

I did research on space before we started a unit on space. Later I did research on Uranus.

Hyung Shim

We are having a good time at Industrial Tech. We are working on trains. But we are taking a break.

Christy Egger

We have a participant from the U.S.S.R. coming to our room on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her name is Nadia. She told us about the U.S.S.R. She said that the people who live by the river are sometimes flooded.

Megan Mahan

All the reading groups are doing plays. The Moonbeams did "The Little Red Hen." The Triangles did "The Magic Adventures of Alicia and Kim," and the Hawkeyes are going to do "The Cow That Got Its Wish." We like to do it because it is fun.

Cari Simpson

We've been trying out liquid volume by changing water and changing bottles. Sometimes a taller bottle can hold less.

Keri Leymaster

I won a UNI t-shirt. I sold 296 raffle tickets. Four of the people I sold to won. A seventh-grader sold a little more than I did. I was happy.

Tom Flaherty

We have a little yellow sheet and if we all bring our sheets back to school we can get a new book for our room. We picked out a book that is our favorite.

Lindsey Johnson

We are having plays in Drama. We are wearing costumes and hats.

Jeremy McAdams

We go to Drama every Wednesday with Gretta. We take a bus to get there. When we get there we see a lot of people.

Tiffany Schoebert

We made a castle and we made a Fairy Tale Fair. We wrote a fairy tale and we made it into a video.

Steve Wilson

Our Coach Waack was in the state basketball game and they won second place. He is the best coach for us.

Justin Hahn

During Foreign Language Week we made the flag and flower of each country. We had five countries, one each day.

Hyung Shim

We are singing "Puff the Magic Dragon" and "Custard" in music class. With singing we play instruments.

Gary Pashby.
Dear Family,

I hope you enjoy the sampling of first-grader's compositions. Heather and Justin submitted personal narratives or true stories. Brian wrote about the sun for his science book on the Solar System. Frank described the wonderful learning experience of creative dramatics that our students benefited from this past year.

Throughout the year children have written either personal narratives or content stories for Science, Social Studies, and Health. I'm proud of their continuing growth as readers and writers. Our final parent/teacher party, May 17, is a time to celebrate and recognize their growth in written expression.

Thank you for your tremendous support of our program. Thank you too for the opportunity to teach your child.

Lynn Moore

THE SPAGHETTI
by
Justin Mickschl

When I eat spaghetti and my mom throws away the spaghetti can and my cat gets out the spaghetti can and my cat gets it all over.
We have to give my cat a bath.

One day my cat jumped out of the bath and ran under the couch and my mom and dad found her.

About the author -

Justin Michschl really does have a cat named Crystal. He likes to skateboard and watch T.V. He likes to read, especially The Hungry Thing, stories in Sun and Shadow, and Just Like Daddy. Justin also likes to draw.

I like Gretta. Gretta is the teacher up at Creative Dramatics. We play with our voices shut. We act like we are talking but no noise comes out. We sing music. We play with our
tongue, our nose, and our mouths. We use all of our senses. Gretta put an apple in my mouth after she put a blindfold on me and plugged my nose. I knew what it was anyway because I peeked. Gretta is funny. It's a real good time up at Creative Dramatics.

Frank Turner

Me and my mom and my sister went to Showbiz Pizza. We had pizza with sausage and pizza with Canadian Bacon. Every Monday and every Saturday I get to pick where I want to go to eat. I played Skeeball. I like buying things at Showbiz because all of their things are nice. At Showbiz I played in the balls and buried myself under the balls because I wanted to make my mom and dad wonder where I was. A little girl sat on me and made a funny noise.

We get name tags from Billy Bob. Billy Bob is goofy like Goofy in Walt Disney.

Heather Carlson

We learn about the sun. It is a good thing for us that the sun is so bright and hot. Every living thing needs the sun. It is hot. It is a star. It is made of oil and fiery rays. The Milky Way is a cloud of stars. The stars are far away. The sun gives us heat and light.

Brian Oleson

heat and light. The sun is our most important star.

Brian Oleson

Let's Go Westward! Unit III has been studying about pioneers. People came west because of rich farm land that was low cost. We have learned that Iowa was officially opened for settlement in 1833. Pioneers built log cabins, sod, and dug-out houses.

We visited the Rensselaer-Russell House Museum and the Marshall Center School. On homeroom night, we entertained our parents with songs and dances. We think it would have been hard work, but fun, to have been a pioneer.

Nick Flanscha
Jason Krueger
Kendra Kuhn
Ben Miller
Timmy Sexton
Matthew Moffit
Mrs. McClain's
Second Grade

"What I liked about second grade"
I enjoyed going on field trips.
    Jamie Boots
I enjoyed reading our reading books.
I liked going to Russell House.
    Kelly Moon
I enjoyed music - learning the songs.
    Nicole Corbin
I enjoyed math.
    SeHee Foss
I enjoyed all the stuff we did in science.
    Brent Knutson
We got to learn at different reading centers and it was fun.
    Spencer Wikert
I liked art because you got to make different stuff in it and it was fun.
    Amy Smith
I like school because of swimming and because I can make so many things at learning centers.
    Amy Bowlin
I like going on field trips because you can play games and make stuff there.
    Lucas Hinke
I like industrial technology because we make things out of wood.
    Eric Pruess
I liked learning about pioneers.
    Jamie Angove
I like school because we get P.E.
    Matt Booth
I like school because we learn about Black History.
    Tracy Brandt

I like school because we learn about changes, pioneers, and Black History.
    Brianna Richter
I enjoyed industrial technology because we got to make things with wood.
    Justin Wright
I like school because we get to play kick-ball.
    Demetrius Kimbrough
I liked industrial technology because we get to do things.
    Rhonda Bolhuis
I like school because we learn social studies.
    Ryan Grimes
I liked the whole school year because I learned more than I did last year and I had a lot of fun in second grade.
    Tom Vanderwall

Mrs. Gish
Third Grade

The third graders are doing math centers and Joe Ostby went to the orange center and the red center. At the red center you will work with Ms. Eckhardt on geometry with shapes. At the red center you do logic puzzles and work with Mrs. Gish. You probably will have fun at these centers.

The third graders have been doing a few centers on math. The purple center has to do with strategies to figure out problem cards. Mrs. Mashek is helping out with the purple center. The yellow center has to do with measurement - measuring from thing to thing,
foot to foot and stride to stride.

The blue center is for practicing multiplication facts. There are college students to help us try to get faster with our facts. The green center is fun. We work there alone. There are math games at this center. We have to keep track of the games we play. One of the games is Score Four.

Joe Ostby
Beth Koch

Mrs. Mashek's
Third Grade

Dinosaurs Move Into Third Grade
by
Ed Liao
Chris Zerwas
Sam Bass

The third grade studied dinosaurs from March 28 through April 6. As part of this unit they did many interesting activities. They went to the U.N.I. Museum and saw the biggest tusk in the world. They also saw some fossils of shells and an interesting fossil called a trilo-bite. They also went fossil hunting. The museum had put some cement in a cup and dropped some fossils and shells into it. The students hammered with a screwdriver under the hammer. The museum also had stuffed animals that used to be alive.

The same week the class went to Waterloo to see Rockin' Reptiles. First they watched a movie about a kid trying to do a report. Then he thought of dinosaurs. After the movie the third-graders went downstairs and felt the skin of the dinosaur models. Then they saw the exhibit of the dinosaurs. After that we went into two little rooms that had a puppet show, a place to draw pictures on the wall, clay, dinosaur trivia, and a dinosaur puzzle.

The Mystery Dinosaur, that's what third-graders had to figure out. They went with their pencils and their "Find the Mystery Dinosaur" notebooks to centers in Mrs. Gish's room: "Egg-zactly," "Dino-diet," "Reconstruction Zone," "Adaptation Station," "Who Goes There?" and "Dinosaur Trivia." One of the groups discovered the identity of the Mystery Dinosaur from the clues they collected. It was the Miasaurus.

Some students made projects out of clay, boxes, and paper to go with their reports on dinosaurs.

In connection with the dinosaur unit, the book The Enormous Egg by Oliver Butterworth was read. It's about a boy whose hen lays an enormous egg. A dinosaur hatches out of the egg. In the winter they take the dinosaur, named Mr. Beazly, to Washington, D.C. But a senator wants the dinosaur killed, so the boy goes on T.V. to tell the people to save Mr. Beazly. For the rest, read it yourself!

Students waited patiently to watch a movie about dinosaurs. The movie talked about a man who found fossils in the 1800s and also about the tracks of dinosaurs. The
man figured out how a dinosaur may have sounded and showed pictures of many dinosaurs.

Miss Wolfe's
Fourth Grade

Our class has friends at the Lutheran Home. We go there every two or three weeks. We talk about what they did when they were little. We have nicknames for them. We have been seeing them for 8 weeks and we have 2 more weeks to go. Sometimes they give us things. Each week we talk about something different. We all like visiting our friends because it is fun.

Every Wednesday we have drama with Mike Wilhelm. Last time we did things with hats. Then we sat in a circle and said our names and you had to say what you like to do. Then you repeat what all the other people say about themselves. We also drew on a piece of paper and had to act out what it said. One of the groups drew one that said they were astronauts on Mars building a space station when suddenly two Mars men came. Then we had to end the story by ourselves. Then another group started out with 2 detectives and there were 2 ghosts that didn't have any friends and they started to cry. The detectives decided to be their friend and walked off holding hands.

Our class just started talking about Energy. One day we had a neat experiment with a bottle and a balloon and we wrapped the balloon on top of the bottle. Then we plugged in the heating pan and all the steam came out into the balloon and the balloon started to blow up. One day we had popcorn in a popcorn popper and we saw popcorn pop and we figured out that the air inside the corn gets so hot the popcorn had to pop. We found out that food is our energy and sugar gives you energy but it dissolves fast. After we ate the popcorn, we jumped up and down. We got tired. Our body used up the energy from the popcorn. One day we had centers and they were about chemicals, fuel, wind, and magnets.

In Spanish we are doing a play about vacations. A couple of weeks ago we made masks for Foreign Language Week. We had to wear certain colors on each day to represent each Spanish speaking country. When we made our Mexican masks we had to make them out of paper. Another day we decorated our lockers and one day we had a Porrón drinking contest. Joe Riehle got first place and Audra Johnson got second place. For amiguitos we have 3rd graders. We do fun things with them like play Spanish games. Our Spanish teacher is Señora Hawley. We have participants from other countries and they teach us things about their country. In a couple of weeks we are having an El Rastro (a sale).

It was a great year in 4th grade. We hope 5th grade is as much fun.

Joanna Hankins
Alicia Janssen
Audra Johnson
Stacey Wertz
Mrs. Teig's
Fourth Grade

Soviet Union Students
Students from the Soviet Union came to our room. They came Tuesdays and Thursdays during our Author's Day, writing time. We read our stories to them. One day they brought things from the Soviet Union and we split up in groups and they showed them to us. Sometimes it's hard to understand them, but sometimes they don't understand us. There are three girls, if you didn't know they were from the Soviet Union, you'd think they were just like us.

Concert Sneak Preview
Many of the boys and girls from our fourth grade are in chorus, band and orchestra. We have concerts coming up in May. Some of the pieces being presented by the chorus are, "Music Find the Joy," and "When I'm A Comedian." The Dynamites are singing, "Hirem Brown." Pieces being played by the orchestra and band include, "Merrily We Roll Along," "Rueben and Rachel," "Kangaroo March" and "The Parade." Chorus Night is May 9.

Miss Goldsmith is our student teacher this nine weeks. She has been teaching us about plants. We have planted seeds, parts of other plants and studying the effects of sunlight, water and air on seeds. She is also teaching us about long division!

Mrs. Betteron's - Mr. Christensen's
Fifth Grade

Studying the 50 States
We studied the fifty states in this order: Northeast Region, Southeast Region, North Central Region, South Central Region, Northwest Region, Southwest Region, and Alaska and Hawaii. All of these states have interesting facts such as:

The Army, Navy, and Air Force Academies are in West Point, New York; Annapolis, Maryland; and Colorado Springs. Oklahoma was one of the first states to discover oil and is home of Will Rogers. Michigan is where the first cars were manufactured. Alaska is the biggest state but has the fewest people.

Mrs. Leach, Jason's mom, talked about Alaska because they lived there for awhile. We had another guest speaker, Diane Souki, who goes to UNI now and is from Maui. She talked about Hawaii. We also got to dress Hawaiian!

Andy Liao

Structures: Paper Buildings
Both classes of the fifth grade have been building with little pieces of paper. We have been building with the paper for about two weeks. Mr. Christensen taught us how to build structures out of paper. It was a fun experience!

Robert Mallinger

Our tadpoles are finally becoming frogs. It has been interesting to watch the change in them over the last several months.

Shana Cooper, Bryce Weber, Leah Kamienski, Chris Nietupski
Selling tickets was fun, but hard. I sold forty-five tickets. It got boring selling them sometimes, but it was a good way to make money for our school.

Luke Stater

The Spelling Bee
On February 28, I went to the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. I wasn't nervous at all. I practiced a few words before the competition began. When it began my first word was "pierce". My head was blank! I couldn't think of anything, not even my spelling word! But I did spell it right. My second word was "engrave". Now I was getting nervous. On this word, I couldn't think at all. Knowing it I said "i" instead of "e", and that's the word I missed. I went home in grief! When I got home I was thinking how stupid I was to miss a word so easy. Now I have gotten over it, but sometimes I still think how I could have missed a word so easy.

Debarshi Das

The Chickenpox Return!
I was watching T.V. when all of a sudden I felt two little bumps. I showed my mom and she said, "We'll wait until morning and see if you get any more." And that's exactly what happened. Overnight I got approximately 28 more chickenpox.

At first I thought it would be fun because I would get to stay out of school for a week, but then I realized that it would be torture. The itching itself drove me half-mad. But then the itching stopped and all of the dreaded chickenpox all scabbed over.

Adam Wittmayer

Writing Workshop: Biographies
In February, the fifth graders did biographies. Each student picked someone from the past or present, (usually a famous person) and wrote their life story and what they did to make them well known. The people that the fifth graders picked were mostly athletes, explorers, authors, and other famous people.

I chose Michael Jordan, one of the best athletes in the world. In case you don't know who he is, the guy is amazing! He plays for the NBA team, the Chicago Bulls. He can jump from the free throw line and just soar in the air and slam-dunk the basketball. He is very good at other jams too, such as the 360. I found Michael Jordan was an interesting person to do a biography on. I thought this writing activity was interesting by getting to hear about all the different people when we celebrated our writing.

Brandon Baker

We Won!
As you know the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders were selling raffle tickets to raise money for our school funds. This was part of the PTP Carnival. The class to sell the most tickets would be given a pizza party hosted by Rocky Rococo, Dominoes, and The Other Place.

Mr. Christensen's and Mrs. Betterton's fifth grade students sold the most tickets out of all the grades selling. We are proud that we won, but are sorry for those who didn't.

Ryan McCray
**Big Books!**

Our fifth grade class is writing Big Books for kindergarteners. We got the ideas from these other books. The Wright Group published these other books and we made up our own titles and books.

Shawneequa Kimbrough

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**Mrs. Hornby's Sixth Grade**

**T.V. Productions**

Shortly after Spring Break both classes (Mrs. Hornby's and Dr. Yoder's) all met in Dr. Yoder's classroom.

He explained to us that we couldn't goof off during T.V. Production because T.V. Production is very important and we would be using special equipment in the end, such as cameras and scenery.

The next time we met we got into pairs and small groups. That's when it all began. People were thinking, correcting walking, and socializing.

We had to split up again, half of us in Mrs. Hornby's room and the other half in Dr. Yoder's. (The writers for the T.V. shows were in Mrs. Hornby's room and the commercial writers were in Dr. Yoder's room.)

On April 11th, 1989 the writers went to KWWL and on April 12th the commercial writers went. There we learned how the taping was done and we saw how a computer's work can make things easy for us to read and understand. That's why we are typing the scripts.

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**Dr. Yoder's Sixth Grade**

**Our Visit to KWWL**

We visited KWWL to get information for our Television Productions Unit that we're doing in Language Arts. Craig Johnson took time to show us some of the methods of giving the weather report. We were interested to learn that when Craig Johnson points to the maps on television he is actually pointing to nothing but a green screen. The main control room has many buttons just as kids imagine. We would recommend you to go there sometime.

Jay Meier
Natalie Kettner
Matt Maloy
Nathan Fitzgerald
Cara Hankins
Elena Curris