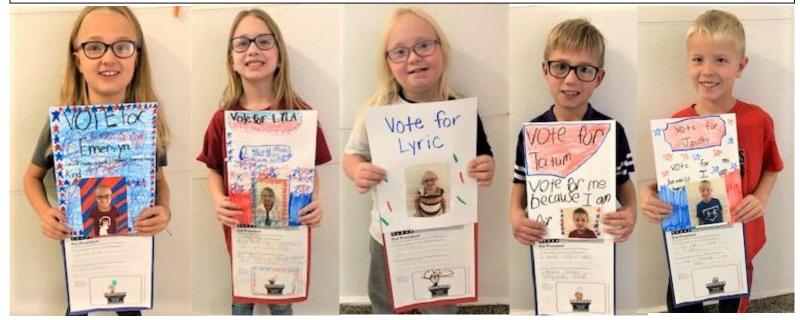


 $2^{\text{nd}} \ \text{Graders made posters as if they were running for President}... \text{and why we should vote for them}....$





We are now in the time of year that we find ourselves inside more spending quality time with our families. This is a great time to engage in some family friendly activities that promote literacy. There is plenty of research that says that children raised in homes that promote family literacy grow up to be better readers and do better in school than children raised in homes where literacy is not promoted. Why not give the gift of books instead of toys this holiday season!

We know that promoting family literacy is important to future reading and school success. While family literacy activities are often based in reading, there are lots of other ways families can implement literacy activities at home: through picture books, songs, poetry, storytelling, playing board or card games, visiting a library, and reading together.

Family literacy is defined as home literacy activities that provide literacy skill-building opportunities for young children while enhancing literacy skill development in all members of the family. These activities should be started as early as preschool and continue throughout High School. Modeling reading to children is also important for literacy development at all ages.

Here is a list of board games that promote literacy (Reading and Math) for all ages

Tall Tales	Scrabble	Old Maid	Phase 10
Sequence Letters	Monopoly	Go Fish	Rummikub
Sequence Junior Numbers	Boggle	Bingo	Sequence
Apples to Apples	Hedbanz	Yahtzee	Tenzi
Read My List	Dominoes	Memory	Quirkle

Reading literacy involves phonics, decoding, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. Math literacy involves, number sense, problem solving, computation, and explanation. These are the skills that we teach in school and we hope you will help us reinforce them at home by taking the time to implement some family literacy activities in to your daily schedules. Our joint efforts will result in our students being more successful in our schools.

All of us here at school wish you and your families a safe a happy Holiday Season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!















Spec. Wade Eilert

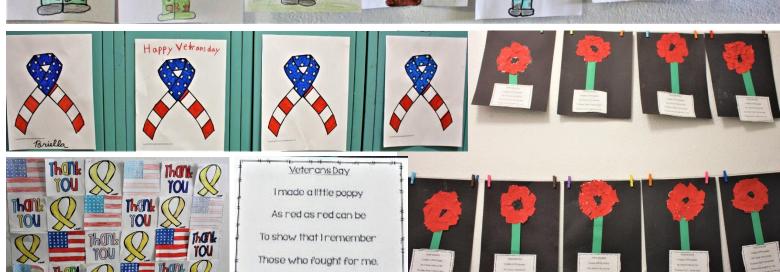
Sunset in Iraq Dust Storm

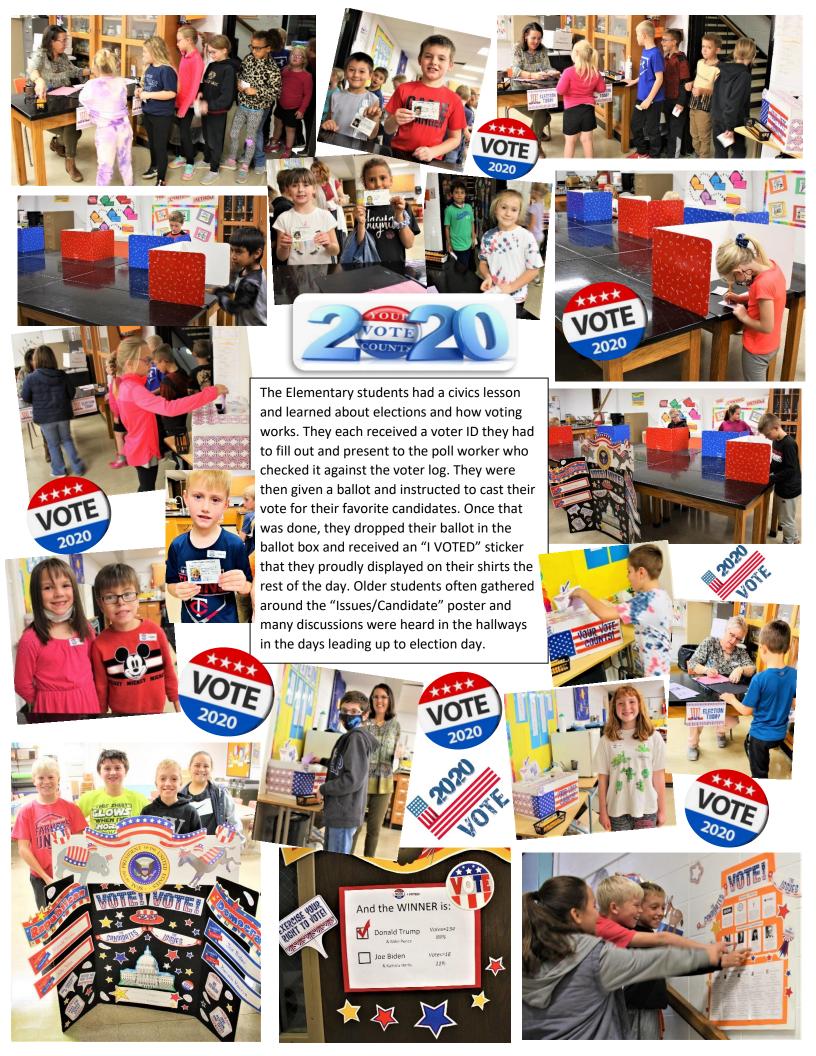




This year's Veteran's Day Program looked a bit different. Due to Covid concerns the program was broadcast on Jags.live instead of in person. Specialist Wade Eilert was the guest speaker and presented a slide show. Stickney Legion Commander, Tyler Gerlach, introduced Wade, while some of the C/S High School students helped with the readings along with singing the National Anthem and playing "Taps".









Music moves us....





These students represented CorsicaStickney at the Regional Junior High
Music Festival this month. They
worked hard to learn and perform five
pieces with other students from
fourteen other schools in our region. L
to R, back row: Ali Wieczorek, Peyton
Denning, Tyson Wentland, Cali
Howard, Brooklyn Bosma; front row:
Saylor Lefers, Ben Gerlach, Avery
Tebben. Instructors are Mrs. Miranda
Paulson-band & Miss Meredith
Jenkins-vocal.

Virtual Christmas Concerts

This year the traditional concerts will be recorded and broadcast on *Jags.live* instead of in-person do to Covid concerns. The JH/HS Concert will be available on Jags.live on December 1st at 7pm and the Elementary Concert will be available on December 4th at 7pm. Please let your friends and family know this in advance.

Thank you.

One-Act Plays

Auditions are underway for this year's one-act plays. Mrs. Andera is currently holding auditions for the competitive play and will be announcing tryout times for the non-competitive play soon.

2020 Turkey Challenge

We will once again be participating in the annual area schools Turkey Challenge to collect canned goods for the Aurora Country Food Pantry for the Christmas boxes. We will be collecting "canned sweet potatoes and boxed instant potatoes". Donations may be dropped off at the Elementary school or Ron's Market in Stickney. Thank you!











Mrs. Hosman's second graders

looked at different types of animals and the adaptations they have that help them survive. We learned that Arctic Terns have an adaptation that allows them to sleep while they are flying their very long migration patterns. They tested what effect of a layer of fat would have by placing their hands in ice water...one in a glove of shortening and one bare....brrr.

















The second graders had fun in the Science Lab while learning about different adaptations of living organisms and how they help them survive in their unique environments. In these pictures they are doing an investigation on how waxy stems help desert plants better survive in their hot dry environment. They rolled damp paper towels up...one plain and one in waxed paper...and put them in front of a fan to represent a hot, desert wind. Then they unrolled both and observed the difference that an extra coating made in comparison to not having one to see which dried more.







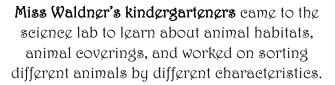








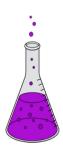












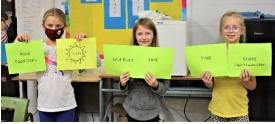












Mrs. Koch's third graders learned about food chains and how they differ according to the local landscape and environment. Students had to organize their lists in the correct order. They also sorted items according to characteristics and differences.













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