

# JANUARY 2020

Reminder: Early dismissal on Dec. 20, no classes from Dec 21-Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Holidays!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-8:00pm.

Local Science Fair will be Feb 13th from 12:30-3:00pm, open to the public 3:00-4:30 pm.

**The tradition continues...** the 6<sup>th</sup> graders once again made "clothes hanger-tinsel Christmas trees". The kids had a fun time and no two were alike...they now have an individual keepsake from 6<sup>th</sup> grade!!



# Title I Tidbits

Happy  
New  
Year!



The new year and new decade has us setting goals and thinking about what we will change to improve in the upcoming year. I encourage you to make this year a **year of literacy!** You are your child's **first and most important** teacher. Give them the gift of a lifetime.....teach them to read! Below you will find a checklist of literacy ideas for toddlers and preschoolers.

## Toddlers

- I read with my child every day, even if it is just a few minutes.
- I encourage my child to bring his favorite books to me so that we can read together.
- I point to pictures and name them out loud, and encourage my child to point to pictures while we read.
- I watch to see if my child sometimes makes eye contact with me when I read aloud. That tells me he/she is paying attention to me and the story.
- I talk with my child throughout the day about things we are doing and things that are happening around us.
- I try to be patient when my child wants to read the same book over and over again.
- I encourage my child to "play" with books-pick them up, flip them from front to back, and turn the pages.
- Sometimes I listen when my child "pretends" to read a book-he/she holds the book, goes from page to page, and says words, even though they're not the words on the page.
- I give my child paper and crayons so he/she can scribble, make pictures, and pretend to write

## Preschoolers

- I help my child hear and say the first sound in words (like "b" in boat).and notice when different words start with the same sound (like "boat" and "book")
- I help my child hear words that rhyme (like moose, goose, and caboose)
- I introduce new words to my child, like "bow" and "stern" which mean the front of a boat and the back of a boat.
- I talk with my child about the letters of the alphabet and notice them in books, like "c" for canoe.
- I point out signs and labels that have letters, like signs and foods in the grocery store.
- I encourage my child to find the joy and fun in reading. Usually, I let my child choose the books we read.
- I let my child pretend to read parts of the book when we read together.
- I talk with my child about stories and make connections to things that happen in our own lives.
- I ask "what," "where," and "how" questions when I read with my child to help him/ her follow along and understand the stories.
- I help my child write notes or make books (like an alphabet book), even if his writing only looks like scribbles or marks.
- I have my child use a scissors and practice cutting on a line and around shapes.



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT





# Christmas Concert



All-State Choir



# Sounds of the Season



Seniors in Band & Choir



## Tom Roberts, Author visits the Elementary School

Tom Roberts is originally a farm-boy from the Ipswich/Aberdeen area of South Dakota, but he and his wife, Tammy, have been long-time residents of Sioux Falls. His affiliation with the Children's Home Society began several years ago as a volunteer Santa Claus for the kid's Christmas Party. In 2002, he and Tammy produced one of his stories, *'Twas the Night Before Christ*, into a book as a fundraiser for Children's Home. The project was a great success and eventually led to Tammy joining their staff as a Development Officer. In the Spring of 2009, Tom too was invited to join their team as an Event coordinator and subsequently published his second and third books, *Santa's Prayer* and *The Little Lost Sock*, an audio collection of his stories on a CD entitled, *The Home Collection*, and his fourth and fifth books, *Return to the Farm - A Christmas Journey* and *The Greatest Gift-The Wise Ones' Journey*. Two years ago, he released his sixth story, *On That One Christmas Eve*. Working together as mission-minded advocates for Children's Home Society, Tom and Tammy continue to produce and promote these stories as a unique means of raising support and awareness for our mission and for the women, children, and families they serve.

This time he performed his latest book...*A New Norm*...which expresses the confusing and stormy feelings that can be overwhelming. The words follow a poetic cadence as illustrations use color and contrast to move the reader toward a spark of light and hope for a better reality. The book tells the story of a boy named Norm, whose "norm" was living with a cloud over his head, and nothing he tried could make it go away. Norm goes through a time of crisis and through that journey comes to realize there is hope. *A New Norm* expresses how routine thoughts of negativity can sometimes cloud our reality, making it difficult to enjoy life, to appreciate what is truly good, to have positive relationships, or to develop to one's full potential. If one is willing to look, willing to accept, and willing to try, there is a light both within and beyond to change our lives and our world for the better.

After he was finished, the audience was able to ask him questions and purchase his books if they so wished.



Author Tom Roberts visits the Elementary



Tom is pictured above with students and staff after his humorous tale about his INVISIBLE book... you can see many of the students are holding their free copy in one hand along with *A New Norm* book in the other hand....☺



Girls



Boys





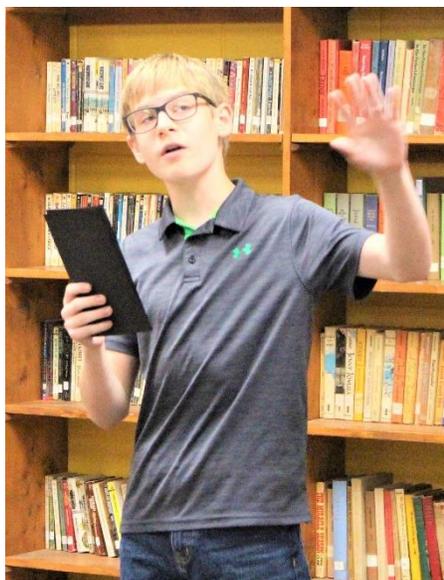
# One-Act Plays

## Play practice is underway for this year's One-Act Plays.

Mrs. Andera is busy with two plays again, one competitive and one non-competitive. Mark your calendars now for January 10<sup>th</sup> as the plays will be presented in the HS gym that night, preceded by some delicious desserts from 6-7pm. Performances will begin at 7pm.

**Play #1:** Dating can get a little wild, especially when your dates are well...let's just say eccentric. ***Check Please***, this year's non-competitive play, will take you through a series of dating mishaps.

**Play #2:** What's worse than finding a date? Breaking up! Good thing The Break Up Center is here to help you out. ***Breaking Badly***, the competitive play, will give you plenty of options to make that awkward conversation so much easier.



Jacob Woerner represented C/S High School at the State Oral Interp contest held in Yankton December 13-14. He received an Excellent rating on his Storytelling performance of *Emmanuel's Dream*. Heather Andera was his coach.



# Robotics

Interest was high in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom when 4 of Mr. Jorgensen's robotics class came to Stickney to show the students here what they have been working on in Corsica. Caleb Krogstad, Trever Bartelt, Slayton VanderWal and Corbin VanZee showed some very spellbound 6<sup>th</sup> graders the "Lego type" vehicles they had made and how they could control them via their cell phones. Corsica-Stickney has received a Lego Mindstorm Education EV3 Comprehensive solution kit through a Donor choose project through Horace Mann. The kits can be used for science experiments, construction and design, mathematics, robotics, coding, and much more. The high school is looking into starting a "robotic" club in the near future.





Clothing drive



CASA baskets



Volleyball camp

## Corsica-Stickney FCCLA Chapter

We began our year with our kick-off meeting and annual pizza fundraiser. Josie Bartelt, Morgan Clites and Megan Strid led our chapter in sponsoring a Dig Pink volleyball night. We were able to donate over \$1200 to the Aurora County Cancer Fund and Douglas County Pink Ladies. During Drive Safe Week and Red Ribbon Week, our chapter made informational posters and tied ribbons on cars in our parking lot to promote safety and inform our students about the dangers of drinking and drugs. Our chapter visits at our local assisted living facility to do nails and visit with the residents.

The Corsica-Stickney FCCLA sponsored activities during American Education Week. We made a display of pictures of our staff from their childhood and provided snacks during the week. Our Family Week committee sponsored a movie night with snacks provided by our FCCLA members. Camden Plooster, Taryn Rexwinkel, Paige Wright sponsored a volleyball camp for grades 3-6 as a Focus on the Children project. Ashlin DeBoer and Carly Lagge led our chapter in collecting cold weather clothing that was donated to a local charity.

We ended our semester with a joint meeting with our National Honor Society chapter. We all enjoyed caroling at our local nursing home and assisted living center and a few Christmas snacks. Our members are busy working on our projects to present at region and at the state FCCLA convention.

FCCLA Christmas party





## Corsica-Stickney National Honor Society

Members have been busy volunteering their time this semester. Our members volunteered to give blood and/or volunteer to help at the community blood drives in August and December. The chapter worked together on two evenings and made tie blankets. The students cut, assembled and tied the blankets over two different evenings. The students were able to make thirty-four blankets that were given to charity. Traditionally, NHS has made baskets to donate to the Mitchell CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) benefit auction. The students enjoy making the baskets for this worthwhile cause.

National Honor Society and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) worked together to honor our staff during American Education Week. NHS students helped provide treats for the staff in the elementary and high school buildings. We ended our semester with a joint meeting with FCCLA in December. Together, we went caroling at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Corsica Leisure Living. The students had fun working together this semester.



34 blankets were made and given to flood victims in Lake Andes

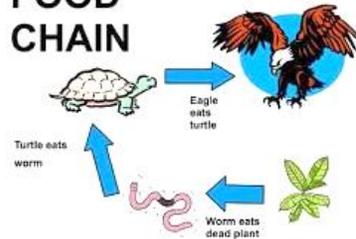




The **second graders** came to the science lab to reinforce all of the things Mrs. Hosman taught them about food chains and adaptation. Groups of second graders lined up in order to show how a food chain always begins with the sun and a producer and energy moves from there. They also looked at different birds and each of the different adaptations they have that help them survive. Types of beaks, feet, are different depending on where they live and what they eat. Each second grader came up with his/her own unique bird based on diet, and environment. The students drew and named their new bird.



### FOOD CHAIN





# Kindergarten Lab



The **Kindergarten** class learned about what makes things living or non-living, and what the needs of living things are. They participated in several different activities while in the lab.



They sorted living animals depending on the physical characteristics they had, put animals in the environment they belonged to, and did an activity on different animal coverings.



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# 2nd Grade Lab



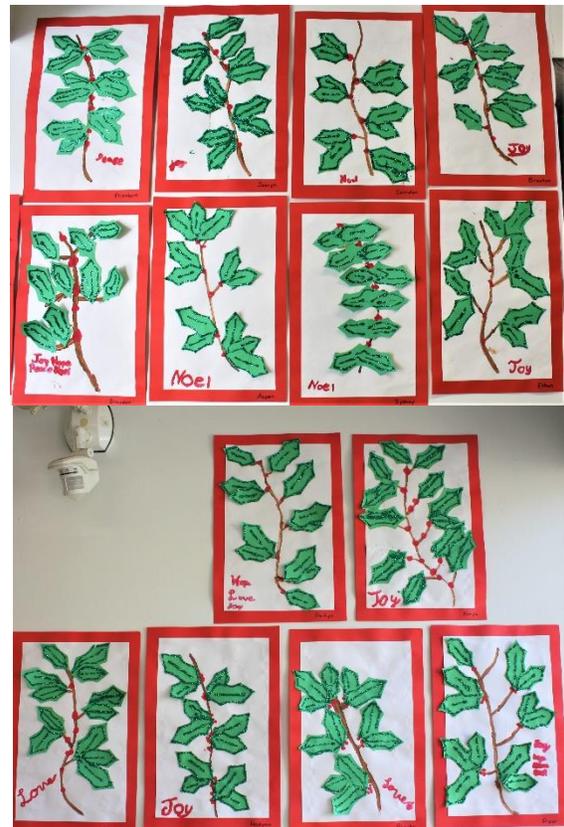
The **second graders** learned about fossils. Fossils are formed in different ways, and there are different types archeologists find. In these pictures the second graders were doing a mock fossil dig like a real archeologist would. They were challenged with getting the chocolate chips out of a cooking by poling and brushing the crumbs, so not to damage the chip. It wasn't as easy as it looked!





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# January

## 2020

Every job is a self – portrait  
of the person who did it ...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL * New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL *	3 NO SCHOOL *	4 JH BBB Tourney in DC
5	6 GBB – Gayville-Volin @ Gayville JV at 5pm	7 JH-BBB vs. AC/DC in DC at 4pm	8	9 BBB – Platte-Geddes @ Platte JH at 4pm	10 Local One-Act Plays 7pm (Desserts before)	11 GBB/BBB-Wagner @ Corsica G-JV at 4pm B-JV at 5:15pm
12	13 GBB – Platte-Geddes @ Corsica C at 5:15pm	14 GBB/BBB – Mit Christian @ Mitchell Christian G-JV at 4pm	15 School Board Meeting in S at 7:30pm	16 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair in Wagner GBB – Marty @ Corsica JV at 6:30pm	17 BBB – Kimball-White Lake @ Corsica JH at 5:15pm	18 GBB – Hanson Classic @ Mitchell
19	20 NO SCHOOL * ML King Jr. Day	21 GBB/BBB-Andes/DC @ Corsica G-JV at 4pm	22 Region FCCUA @ Mitchell Hearing Screenings – 5-9:30am: grades K,1,3,5 C-10:45am: grades 7,11	23 Region One-Act Play @ Mitchell GBB/BBB – Ethan @ Corsica JH in Elem gym at 4pm G-JV in HS gym at 4pm	24 BB vs. SC/W in C (Elem gym) C-Girls at 4:30pm JH-Boys at 5:30pm	25 GBB – GPC Classic @ Mount Marty Yankton BBB – Hanson Classic @ Mitchell
26	27 GBB – Freeman @ Freeman JV at 6:15pm	28 Jr Class Field Trip To Pierre	29	30 Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:30 – 8:00 pm	31 GBB/BBB – Menno @ Menno JV's at 4:30pm	