

What's New in K-2 !

The latest Urbana Elementary news for our students in

Grades Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd

Go Little Climbers !

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A Message from your K-2 principal, Mrs. Anders

It's Parent-Teacher Conference time! Our K-2 conference nights are scheduled for **November 7th and 17th**.

Conferences present the perfect opportunity for parents and teachers to sit down together to discuss academic and social progress. It is a time to ask questions, share information, set short and long term goals, and build relationships. If you haven't yet done so, please schedule a time with any of your child's teachers. We are ALL in this together!

K-2 November, 2022 Events ...

Monday, November 7: TWO-HOUR Delay PD Day and K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:45-7:00 pm and Scholastic Book Fair OPENS-Preschool Wing, room 233

Friday, November 11: Picture Retake Day for PreK-5

Monday, November 14: K-2 Climber Club Meeting, 4:00 pm at Urbana Elementary School in dining commons

Thursday, November 17: K-2 Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 3:45-7:15 pm (contact your child's teacher)!

Friday, November 18: LAST DAY for Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25: NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK

Urbana Elementary K-2 Climber Club

This is a busy month for the K-2 Climber Club! We are busy getting things ready for our **Dinner with Santa** event coming up on **December 8th from 5:30-7:30 pm** in our dining commons area. If you would like to get involved with Climber Club and can donate or help out with any of our events this year, please let one of our staff Climber Club members know by email at: melanie.anders@urbanacityschools.org, chuck.pack@urbanacityschools.org, or marcia.marsh@urbanacityschools.org. Our next planning meeting is Monday, November 14th at 4:00 in the Elementary's dining commons.



Newsletter # 4

Counselor's Corner

With Mr. Dorsey

During the month of November we will be discussing what it means to be a good citizen at school, at home and in our community. We will be encouraging students to care about and participate in our community. There are many ways we can encourage our children to be good citizens, but one of the easiest and most effective is to model good citizenship for them. Children often imitate the behaviors of their parents or trusted adults. By modeling for your children what it means to be a good neighbor and a good friend, you are teaching them how to be good citizens. Join with your kids in participating in community events, fundraisers, and charities. Take a meal to a sick friend or help your neighbor find their lost dog. Simple, everyday acts of kindness add up to making big impacts on people's lives and build relationships that strengthen our community.

AND NEXT MONTH WE HAVE...

Save the Date for December 8!

K-2 PBL Exhibitions

Kindergarten: 2:00 pm - 3:25 pm

1st & 2nd grades: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

K-2 Dinner with Santa Night & Santa Shop from 5:30-7:30 pm

(Santa Shop open for purchases on starting 12/6/22)



PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

The PBIS Tier 1 Team met on October 19th.

K-2 students will create posters to exemplify the behavior expectations for our school. They will provide examples of what it looks like to *Be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready!* The team also added a new parent member to the team! Welcome to **Molly Meadows!!** The remaining members of the K-2 PBIS Tier 1 team include: Melanie Anders (K-2 Principal), Macy Calland (1st grade Intervention Specialist), Cris Dorsey (K-2 School Counselor), Toni Heim (Kindergarten), Marcia Marsh (Kindergarten), Chuck Pack (1st grade), and Sarah Nannarone (2nd grade IS).




SHOUT OUTS!

To 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Jaimie Anderson, for receiving the Myrtle Miller/Marijane Werner Outstanding Math teacher award at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Awards Banquet in Sharonville, Ohio last week. Pictured from L to R: Dr. Julie Willoughby, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Melanie Anders, K-2 Principal, Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. Charles Thiel, Superintendent.



And...to Christopher Dinnell for being our first speaker at our Little Climbers Club luncheon on October 25th and talking to our students about RESPONSIBILITY!



Technology Tidbits

From the desk of Mrs. Marsh

Parent Access

It is not too late to set up your Parent Access account! In order to set up a Parent Access account to monitor your child's grades, you will need a school provided registration key. To obtain this registration key, please email kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org

Remind

The staff at Urbana City Schools will be using Remind to share pertinent information with parents. Remind allows our staff to share information through messages that can be received by text, email or through the Remind app. Please make sure your mobile number is updated in FinalForms to ensure that the Remind system works properly. If you are not receiving information through Remind, please contact your child's teacher or contact Kelli Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

FinalForms

If you have not yet done so, please make sure to update all student information on FinalForms. Parents/Guardians need to sign forms online at urbana-oh.finalforms.com each year. If you have previously logged into your account, login to that same account and update your forms. If you have never logged in- choose "Login" under the Parent Icon and then choose "Never Logged In"- DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. Enter your email address. A confirmation link will be sent to you. If you do not receive a confirmation link, or have any issues, please contact kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org.

Here's What's Happening in Our K-2 Classrooms!

Kindergarten: Featuring Ms. Heim's Classroom

During Ms. Heim's shared reading time, the students are illustrating nursery rhymes. They need to make their pictures match the words. They find all the high-frequency words in the poem. Many have begun labeling their pictures with words that help readers understand the illustrations. They are on their way to being great readers and writers!!



Pictured above: Ms. Heim's students working hard on their writing!


First Grade: Featuring Mrs. Hiltibran's Classroom

Mrs. Hiltibran's first graders have been hard at work in Writer's Workshop. We've been practicing oral storytelling, as well as, writing personal narratives and opinion pieces. We've been talking about what writers do when they write. For example: Writers put a capital at the beginning and punctuation at the end of each sentence. Writers put spaces between words. Writers reread what they have written to make sure their writing makes sense. We are learning so much about what writers do and are excited to see how much we grow this year as writers!



Look at Mrs. Hiltibran's 1st grade students' writing! Good job!!





Lovin' Literacy

Mrs. Skelley, 2nd grade Reading Specialist, What are YOU *lovin'* about literacy?

The Importance of Handwriting in the Primary Grades

It is important for primary students to know how to write letters correctly and automatically. Handwriting in the early grades is linked to reading and spelling achievement. Fluency and automaticity in handwriting is a foundational skill that students should master by grade 2. Just like students need to know basic math facts automatically to later solve more complex math problems, students need to have automatized handwriting to improve their written expression. Knowing how to write the letters automatically frees up their working memory so they can focus on what they are writing about. Labored handwriting creates a drain on mental resources and prevents students from focusing on important aspects of writing such as content, details, and organization of ideas. It is also important for students to use the correct pencil grip. If students have a cumbersome, awkward grip, it can cause fatigue and discomfort. This can lead to them avoiding activities involving prolonged writing. Pencil grips can be changed but the older the child is, the harder it is to change. Proper pencil grip, proper paper position, and proper seated position are all important.

One important tip for students confusing the letters b and d is to teach the correct formation and starting point. Use this terminology for writing the letter b: "Start at the top, pull down, back up, and around." Use this terminology for writing the letter d: "Start in the middle, pull back, around, up and back down."

When students are writing their name and completing work at home, remind them to use the correct pencil grip and correct letter formations. Their handwriting should **always** be legible.

Thank you Mrs. Skelley for lovin' literacy!

Second Grade: *Featuring Ms. Roby's Classroom*



This week, Ms. Roby's class is finishing up a literacy STEM where they are building a setting of choice and writing a story to go along with it. The requirements were to choose two characters, one to two props, a setting, then plan and write their story. In addition to the story STEM, the class is beginning to explore nonfiction text features (especially in National Geographic Kids!), and continuing to expand their knowledge of place value.

Pictured above: 2nd grader Ava building her story setting!

COMING...VERY SOON TO
OUR SCHOOL!!

Look for the bin in the front corner of our parking lot and donate items from the list below. Our school will receive \$\$\$ and other rewards for items you no longer need and PLANET AID can recycle into items we DO need!

DONATING TO PLANET AID? HERE'S WHAT WE ACCEPT IN OUR BINS.

Clothes	Belts
Shoes	Backpacks
Bedding	Soft Toys
Curtains	Small Hard
Linens	Toys
Towels	Books (in small quantities),
Purses	DVDs, VHS
	tapes, etc

Our K-2 Good Citizens for October, 2022

Congratulations to our October Good Citizens! All students enjoyed a hot breakfast with our guest speakers from the Urbana Fire Department. The character trait this month was **RESPONSIBILITY**. The goal: I will take ownership of my thoughts, words, and actions.

- Lexi Pryor, Kindergarten (Andreassen)
- Matilda Petrov, Kindergarten (Bowdle)
- Aaliyah Dobie, Kindergarten (Miesse)
- Ezra Keyes, Kindergarten (Deitrick)
- Hazel Branch, Kindergarten (Marsh)
- Rhyder Krepfle Kindergarten (Trout)
- Tucker Sams, Kindergarten (Heim)
- Cora Hall, 1st Grade (Glessner)
- Lexi Kearns, 1st Grade (Hiltbran)
- Ryder Lantz, 1st Grade (Pack)
- Lincoln Karg, 1st Grade (Pemberton)
- Cortis Titus, 1st Grade (Childs)
- Rylan VanHoose, 1st Grade (Anderson)
- Marley Musser, 2nd Grade (Hower)
- Karly Wooten, 2nd Grade (Jacobs)
- Nevayah Batdorf, 2nd Grade (Robison)
- Jonah Weber, 2nd Grade (Roby)
- Molly Zachrich, 2nd Grade (Shelpman)
- Alice Partin, 2nd Grade (Walters)
- Camryn Agerter, 2nd Grade ESC (Moses)
- Zack Holbrook, ESC (Knight)



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K-2 Little Climbers Club News

MISSION: to mentor our youngest students by teaching them skills to be successful members of our community.

The Little Climbers program is aligned with our Character traits each month and Social Emotional Learning standards. On the last Tuesday of each month, the Club enjoys lunch together with a guest speaker from our community, who talks about the character trait and how to apply it to our life. Little Climbers invite a friend to join them for this lunch, as well as, other guests. Our Little Climbers are: **Kindergarten** - Kaylianna Barlow, Malachi Brown, Mekhi Clark, Dalton Cutlip, Lani Chapman, Mallory Conrad, Colt Filipovic, Violet Grooms, Nichole Harmon, Owen Hecker, Chavelle Krepfle, Atlas McCain, Jonathan Olinger, Hennessy Waller.

1st grade - Jackson Dapice, Jakob Evilsizor, Braxton Jackson, Nathan Jenks, Abbigail Johnson, Jayce King, Kaiden McNeely, Jace McNutt, Ollie Perks, Avery Peterson, Lance Ratcliff, Madden Speckman, Ryleigh Taylor, and Mia Tobias.

2nd grade - Ivan Baltierrez, Logan Bayless, Debin Blankenship, Ethan Carson, Autumn Dike, Liam Ellenberger, Anierra Greene, Colin Grooms, Ava Gunsaulies, Greyson Jones, Lincoln McCoy, Mya Menda, Kody Newkirk, Hunter Salyers, Bradley Sizemore, Carson Watts, and Kileena Watts.

Our K-2 staff ADULTS involved with the program are - Melanie Anders, Jaimie Anderson, Jenn Chapman, Ashton Childs, Diane Deitrick, Cris Dorsey, Kelly Glessner, Marcia Marsh, Sarah Nannarone, and Chuck Pack. Special thanks to our "Guest Adult", one of our Board members, Sarah Finch, for attending our luncheons regularly!!