



Avoca Elementary News

January 2024

Important Dates

February

6&7 Vision Screening - 1st, 3rd & 5th

8 Hearing Screening - K, 2nd & 4th

14 HALF DAY - Noon Dismissal

16 NO SCHOOL - Mid Winter Break

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27 2nd & 3rd Music Concert

What's on the Menu?

January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Want to make a little extra money and be on your child's schedule? Looking for Lunch Lady Subs	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!	2	3	4
8 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuit Smiles Orange Juice Rosie Applesauce Bell Pepper Strips	9 Cheese Quesadilla Sour Cream & Salsa Seasoned Refried Beans Salad & Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges	10 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Roll Seasoned Corn Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	11 Corn Dog Oven Baked Fries Slushy Side Kick Assorted Fresh Fruits Celery Stick w/Ranch	12 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Fresh Sliced Cucumber and Cauliflower Grapes Fresh Fruit
15 	16 Walking Taco Creamy Cheese, Meat Seasoned Corn Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	17 Spaghetti with Italian Meat Sauce Green Beans Cinnamon Bananas Fresh Pepper strips Garden Salad	18 Hot Dog Lunch Bubbly Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Fresh Fruit Peaches	19 ½ Day No Second Choice Cheesy Pizza Green Beans Sherbet Fresh Fruit Cherry Tomatoes
22 Warm Soft Pretzel w/cheese dip cup Seasoned Corn Sliced Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Garden Salad	23 Beef Soft Taco Cinnamon Churro Refried Beans Peaches Sliced Cucumbers Fresh Fruit	24 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice & Fortune Cookie Apple Slices Baby Carrots Global Eats	25 Cheesy Stuffed Breadsticks Green Beans Frozen Fruit Cup Grapes Fresh Salad	26 Chicken Drumstick French Fries Dinner Roll Warm Cinnamon Apple Sliced Cucumbers Fresh Fruit
29 Cheesy Pizza Baked Beans Baby Carrots Juicy Pears & Fresh Fruit	30 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Cinnamon Applesauce Baby Carrots & Cherry Tomatoes	31 Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Seasoned Broccoli Fresh Fruit Grape Tomatoes		

A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein, milk, grain, and vegetable and fruit side dishes.
Milk Choices include: 1% White and Chocolate Milk. A cold vegetable and fruit bar is available daily.

Weekly 2nd Choice

MONDAY
Chicken Sandwich

TUESDAY
PBJ Uncrustable

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Nuggets and a roll

THURSDAY
Classic
Cheese burger

FRIDAY
Pizza

Lunches are free for All Students
Adult Meal \$5.25
Al A Carte Snack and Milk .60

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Dress for Winter Success

Winter has finally arrived at Avoca Elementary School. Please be sure to have students wear (or bring) winter coats, hats, gloves and boots to school every day. We will be having outdoor recess daily unless it is raining or extremely cold. Students love to play outside for recess and the playground is sometimes a little wet. It is also a great idea to have a change of clothing at school just in case clothes get wet from outside. Don't forget to send your student inside shoes if they are wearing their snow boots to school. Together we can keep our students safe and warm during the winter months!

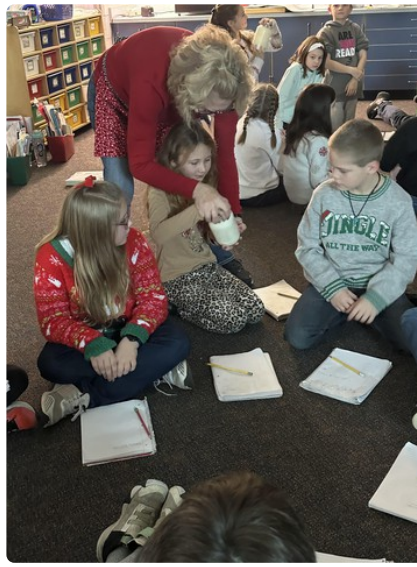
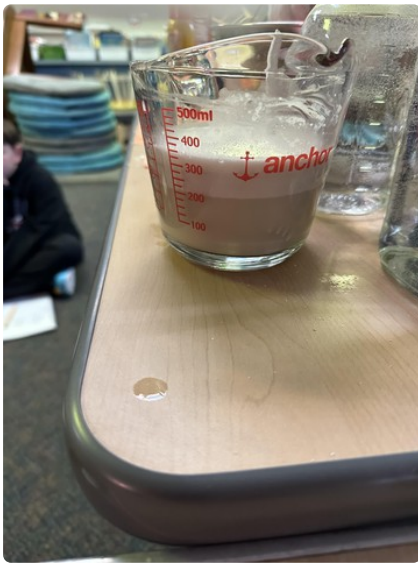
December Students of the Month



Avoca Elementary December students of the month were celebrated at an Assembly in December. Recipients were: Hailey Mason, Mya Witalec, Addie Goff, Jamilynn Watson, Johnathon Poulsen, Blake Degler, Wyatt Mullis, Paige Raskey, Madilyn Wilder, Claire Crerar and (not pictured) Emma Watson.

3rd Grade News

Our third graders had our annual bread making event with former Avoca teacher Mrs. Cowper. The third grade class learned how to use standard and nonstandard measurements, how yeast worked, and while the bread was baking, the students made homemade butter from heavy whipping cream.



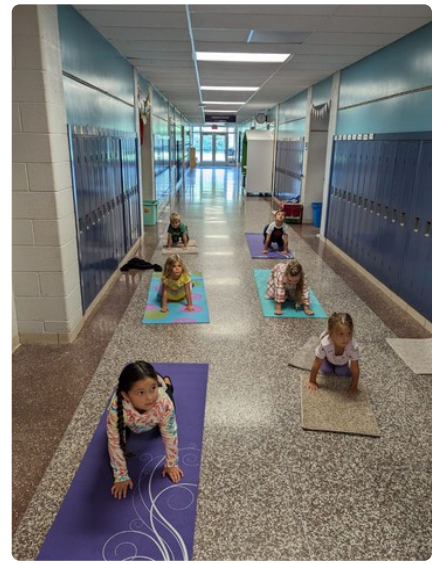
Motor Lab

The kindergarten and first grade students have been experiencing a new program this year called Motor Lab. Ms. Tracy Atkinson, a licensed physical therapy assistant, works with small groups two times per week. The goal of Motor Lab is to help students develop the skills necessary for learning readiness and mastery of their environment. By participating in the Motor Lab students increase their understanding of how their bodies move and process information with motor, visual, tactile, proprioceptive, vestibular, and auditory systems. They also have a great time!

Students were first instructed with exercises to build a foundation for strengthening core muscles, controlled arm movements, and crossing midline. Then, they progressed to learning individual stations to complete the exercises/activities.

Activities During Motor Lab:

- Build student's core muscles, midline crossing, bilateral coordination, fine and gross motor skills
- Improve students' ability to maneuver and function in their environment, leading them to better performances in tasks such as handwriting, sitting still, paying attention, and behavior
- Stimulate children's sensory systems
- Increase students' abilities to better control themselves and to accomplish tasks by making children aware of their environment and how their bodies move in space
- Create foundations for skills needed in physical education



Avoca Top Dog Readers



Congratulations to Avoca's newest Top Dog Readers! They have met their goal for Top Dog status for the month of December. Back Row: Addie Goff, Randie Acton, Lila Lukatch, Evan Chrzanowski. Front Row: Josie DeRue, Gavin Fahey and Lily Bahr. Keep up the good work!!

Our Avoca ECSE students had a fun time at the end of December celebrating the holidays with their friends. We enjoyed exploring in an inflatable obstacle course, having a snowball fight, dancing to Christmas music, creating gingerbread houses, and drinking hot chocolate while listening to stories.

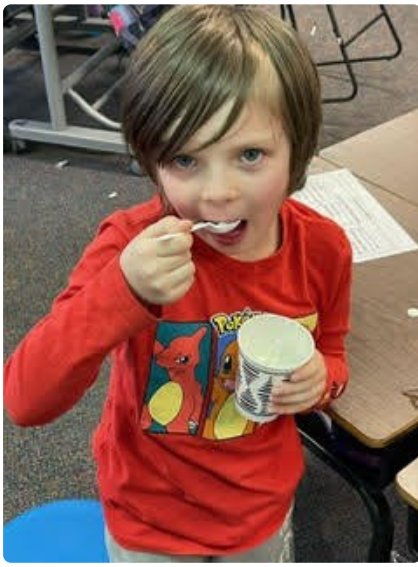


2nd Grade News

The second grade students in Ms. DuBrico's class have been learning about different types of informational text structures. Last week they read the book *How to Make Ice Cream* to learn about sequence text structure. They first identified the main idea of each step in the process and then recorded it on a graphic organizer. Students then followed the steps from the book, and made themselves some delicious vanilla ice cream.



5th Grade News



The 5th grade is kicking off the new year with a healthy amount of Yale Bulldog optimism. We made a t-shirt "Life Is Good" wall to celebrate this week's Positivity Project theme, optimism, with our own soon to be famous positivity slogans. Also, we created an opportunity over the holiday break to build dioramas with family and friends to celebrate Native American cultures during the early colonization of North America. Students combined these two ideas to showcase their optimism, hard work, projects, and knowledge with one another to start this year off right... with a healthy dose of optimism!



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