



Verona Area First Five Year October Newsletter



Students have definitely learned the expectations, rules and routines at school. It is fun to see their pictures on FaceBook having fun at school engaged in PLAY and learning.

In Wisconsin we have lots of apple orchards. This is a great book to read with your family to learn about apples. Have fun learning about apples!

[Fall Apple Fun](#) by [Martha E. H. Rustad](#) (Author), [Amanda Enright](#) (Illustrator)

Literacy Screener

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn. In Pre-K we use multiple tools to assess literacy skills. These tools inform teachers regarding day to day teaching practices and how to individualize so that each reader can be successful.

During the week of Oct 7, 2025, all Pre-K classrooms will be administering one of these tools, the Aimsweb Plus screener. Whereas our other assessment tools are unique to Pre-K, this one is also used at the elementary level. Participating in this brief screener allows your child to get some practice with a standardized test and provides a starting point on some specific pre-reading skills that can be compared to performance in Spring and then again in Kindergarten.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer at 608-712-9697. Screener results will be shared with families during Fall Conferences October 13-20, 2025. In addition, families will receive an email from the district on Tuesday, October 24 explaining how to access results and information.



Social/Emotional Tip of the Month

All About My Day

At dinner or at bedtime, make a habit of reflecting together about the events of your child's day. Ask questions like: What was the first thing you did after you woke up this morning? What did you do before lunch? What did you do between school and dinnertime?

Why It's Important

Developing the concept of time can be challenging. Start by incorporating time-related words such as today, tomorrow, before, and after.

Not Ready Yet

Instead of quizzing your child about his or her day, ask about the afternoon. For example, "Let's talk about your afternoon. What did you do after lunch? What happened next? What did you do before dinner? What happened afterwards? What did we do right before we came to bed?"

Need a Challenge

Create a chart with three sections: morning, afternoon, and evening. As you talk about the child's day, record the activities in the appropriate section. Use this information to create a schedule with times next to each activity.



Verona Area First Five Years
SUPPORTING ALL FAMILIES EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Family Engagement

[Family Engagement Events for 2025-2026](#)

[Wonders of Science](#)

Tuesday, October 7th 6:30-7:30pm at Stoner Prairie Elementary*

5830 Devoro Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711

A night filled with fun science activities to do with your children! All activities are designed and hosted by Pre-K teachers.

[Verona Area Kids Expo*](#)

Saturday, November 1st 9am-12pm at Badger Ridge Middle School Gym

300 Richard St, Verona, WI 53593

Visit Verona and Fitchburg area booths to learn more about preschools, childcare centers, after-school programs, year-round recreational programs and more. Kids will get to play games and do activities.



Community Resources

[Koats For Kids - Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County](#)

Distribution of coats will take place on Friday, October 24, 2025 at The Allied Family Center Boys & Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg. Registration for this will open on October 6th, 2025.

<https://www.bgcdc.org/koats4kids>

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VAHS Invites the Community to
Come Celebrate our Wildcats!"

2025 HOMECOMING PARADE

The parade route will go
around the beautiful VAHS Campus.
See map provided!

**PARADE STARTS AT 4:15 P.M.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025**

NEW Parade Lineup Location
Parade lineup will begin by the baseball field.
The parade will go counterclockwise
around the school.

There is plenty of viewing space around
the entire school. All are welcome!

#GoWildcats

