



NEW SARPY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2025 Issue 2

Mudbug Monthly

Principal's Message

Hello Mudbug Families,

October is here, and the school year is moving right along! We've already reached some important milestones, and I want to make sure you have all the key dates for the month.

- **End of Quarter 1:** Friday, **October 9**
- **Fall Break:** Monday and Tuesday, **October 13 and 14** (no school)
- **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thursday and Friday, **October 23 and 24**

Please note that the Parent-Teacher Conference days will also be **early dismissal days at 12:45 p.m.** These conferences are a wonderful opportunity to hear about your child's progress and learn ways to support their learning at home.

At New Sarpy Elementary, our mission is to ensure **high levels of learning for every student**. Every day, we focus on helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We encourage all our Mudbugs to embrace our motto: **Work hard. Stay kind. Repeat.** It's a simple reminder of the habits and character traits we want to see in every student.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this school year a successful and joyful one. I look forward to seeing many of you at conferences and continuing to celebrate our students' growth and achievements!

With Mudbug Pride,

Mrs. Gomez
Principal



Pre-K is Full of Happy Campers

PK is learning all about families! We are exploring beyond our immediate families to include our extended families and our school family. We will even look at animal families and their habitats. Our adventures will also have us learning about Community helpers and what role they play in our community family. In Math, we will begin subitizing and recognizing the number in a small set. We will create groups of five and rote count to ten.

Terrific Times in Kindergarten

Wow, our Mudbugs have been working so hard! We are learning letter sounds in ELA and will start to put them together to read words. We're also learning about tricky words and how they don't always follow the rules. In Math, we have learned all of our numbers from one to five and are working on story problems. We hope you have a happy and safe Halloween with your families!

1st Grade is S'more Fun

Our First Grade learners are actively working on the essential learning standards for the first quarter. In ELA, we are focusing on long vowel sounds in Unit 2 of CKLA Skills. The vowel sounds we are learning include /a_e/ as in cake, /ee/ as in bee, /o_e/ as in rote, /i_e/ as in kite, and /u_e/ as in cute. Weekly activities featuring these words are sent home for extra practice from your child's Unit 2 CKLA Skills workbook. We are also reviewing the list of Tricky Words from Quarter 1, as well as introducing new words from Unit 2. It is important that first graders can read these words fluently and spell them accurately in simple dictated sentences. In Math, our mathematicians are learning to read and write numbers from 0 to 100. They are also practicing counting forward from any given number within 100. For example, if a student is given the number 35, they should be able to continue the sequence verbally by saying "35, 36, 37, 38," and so on. Students should also be able to complete a written number path with missing numbers, starting from any given number within 100. Please continue practicing these important ELA and math skills with your child at home to support their learning and growth.

2nd Grade is All-In for Adventure

Second Graders are trailblazers on the path of learning! Our Mudbugs are growing their knowledge of letter teams and applying their foundational reading skills as they enjoy stories from their Skills reader, Bedtime Tales. In math, students are continuing to add and subtract numbers using the chip model strategy to compose and decompose units. Keep up the great work, Second Grade Mudbugs—keep shining bright!

September Students of the Month



PK Students of the Month

Kindergarten Students of the Month



1st Grade Students of the Month

2nd Grade Students of the Month



Library News!

Congratulations to the September Readers of the Month! Keep on reading and filling out tickets to become great readers at NSE!



Kindergarten:

Bertucci: Bailey Blackwell
Brack: Remy LaBowe
Ernst: Charlie Mender
Housewright: Blaine Windmann
Ledet: Peyton Hastings
Toussel: Lyla Hymel

1st Grade:

Anderson: Eli Anderson
Cupit: Aiden Townsend
Grosz: Kirstyn James
Mailhos: Mason Peters
Knuppel: Sadie Scardigli
Smith: Kade Berry
Thibodeaux: Sophia Figueroa

2nd Grade:

Champagne: Claire Nelson
Gardebled Eleanor Frey
Montz: Madelynn Long
Waguespack: Rhyann Daigs
Volion: Liam Kieferle
Zablo: Mosiah Civil

To print reading tickets, please visit the school website under: For Students>Library>Reading Program. Tickets are also available in the library and the teacher's library cart.

In library enrichment class, we are learning about:

2nd grade: using the computer catalog

1st grade: Nonfiction (Dewey Decimal System) and Nonfiction Text Features

Kindergarten: Story Elements (Character and Setting)

Remember to turn in books the day before your library class day!

Happy Reading!!!



QUARTERLY REPORT

NEW SARPY ELEMENTARY COUNSELING PROGRAM

SHANNON JOHNSON

OCTOBER 2025

TIER 1 CLASSROOM LESSONS

We have covered the following six topics thus far:

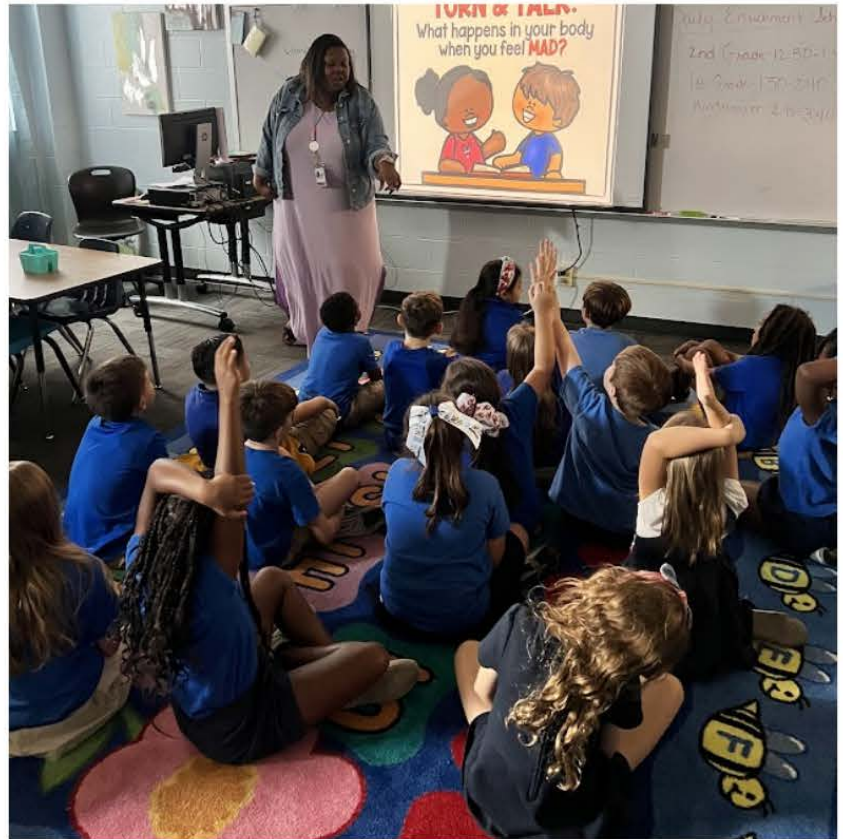
- Peer Pressure
- Anger
- Aggression
- Coping Strategies
- Bullying
- Cyber Bullying

TIER 2 -SMALL GROUPS

I have a total of four small groups happening right now totaling over 20 students. These groups will go until the end of November.

TIER 3- INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

Thus far I have had over 35 individual meetings with students about things ranging from Family and Home Concerns, Grief and Loss and Personal Social issues within the classroom.



UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Red Ribbon Week 2025 - October 27th-October 31st. Flyer with more information and dress down days to come!

Red Ribbon Week

New Sarpy Family Center



Parent–Teacher Conferences: A Tip Sheet for Parents

Think of parent-teacher conferences as a chance for you and your child's teachers to team up. You both have the same goal: helping your child learn and do well. By talking and sharing insights, you can understand more about your child's strengths and areas for improvement. It's a two-way street – you provide valuable info, and teachers can share tips on supporting your child's growth. These conferences are a win-win, positively impacting your child's education.

Ask Questions

Find out how your child is doing in class. Ask about their strengths, improvement areas, and any concerns the teacher might have.

Share Your Observations

Talk about what you've noticed at home. Whether it's your child's study habits, behavior, or interests, your insights can help the teacher understand your child better.

Set Goals Together

Work with the teacher to establish realistic goals for your child. This collaboration will ensure everyone is on the same page and focused on supporting your child's progress.





Sick Children...Send to School or Stay at Home?



GO TO SCHOOL – If your child has any of the following symptoms, they should be okay to go to school:

- Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue
- Single episode of diarrhea or vomiting without any other symptoms
- Ear infection without fever- your child does not need to be excluded, but should seek medical treatment.

Please keep home if fever or major pain is present.

STAY AT HOME – If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep your child home:

- Runny nose, congestion and/or a cough (unless has asthma or seasonal allergy diagnosis)
- Fever – temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. A child must be fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Eyes – with thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye. With pink eye you may notice a white or yellow discharge, matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and/or redness. Your child must receive 24 hours of antibiotics and/or doctor approval before returning to school.
- Sore Throat – with fever and/or swollen glands in the neck. Your child may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic with strep throat.
- Vomiting – two (2) or more times within the past 24 hours, especially if the child acts or looks ill.
- Diarrhea – three (3) or more watery stools in a 24-hour period, especially if the child acts or looks ill.
- Rash – with fever or itching. Heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious.
- Lice, Scabies – children may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of live (moving) lice. Child must be checked by School Nurse upon arrival back to school after being treated at home.

If your child shows any of the above symptoms at school, it will be necessary to pick him/her up from school.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions, concerns or discussions.

Your School Nurse, Jamie Byrd, RN, BSN

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Red Ribbon Week 2025

SAFE, HEALTHY AND KIND

OCTOBER 27-OCTOBER 31

DRESS DOWN DAYS

MONDAY

**NSE STUDENTS ARE READY TO
LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY AND KIND.**

Students can wear RED shirts with
school uniform bottoms.

TUESDAY

**BE A HERO-STAND UP TO
BULLYING**

Wear your favorite superhero gear.

WEDNESDAY

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

Wear school appropriate work-out
clothes.

THURSDAY

TOO BRIGHT THURSDAY

We are too bright to be unhealthy.
Wear your bright colors and school
uniform bottoms.

FRIDAY

BOO TO UNHEALTHY CHOICES

Wear a school appropriate**
Halloween costume or black &
orange.

**Students may wear a Halloween shirt or costume to school. The teacher will hold costume accessories if they become a distraction to the learning environment. No inflatable costumes, scary costumes, masks, or full-faced makeup are allowed. Shoulders and stomachs must be covered. Costume length shall be no shorter than two inches above the knee.

**Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to promote habits that
positively impact our students' social and emotional wellness.**

Mrs. Johnson - School Counselor
Mrs. Jackson -Mental Health Professional



OCTOBER 2025



sunday

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

			1 Happy October! Fall dress down!	2 Custodian Appreciation Day!	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 End of Quarter I	10	11
12	13 FALL BREAK- NO SCHOOL	14 FALL BREAK- NO SCHOOL	15	16	17 Hats off to United Way \$! Dress Down	18
19	20	21	22	23 Q1 report cards go home Early dismissal- conferences	24 1st Grade Morning With The Mudbugs 9:00-9:30 Early dismissal- conferences	25 Pink Links Dress Down \$!
26 * See attached Red Ribbon Week dress down schedule	27 Red Ribbon Week	28 Red Ribbon Week	29 Red Ribbon Week	30 Red Ribbon Week 2 nd Grade Artsperience Field Trip	31 Red Ribbon Week TRUNK OR TREAT AT ESE 	

MONTHLY REMINDERS:

- September 15th - October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. We celebrate by learning about important leaders, listening to music, exploring traditions, and honoring the impact these cultures have had on our world.
- There will be no school on Monday, October 13th or Tuesday, October 14th due to Fall break.
- Thursday the 23rd and Friday the 24th will be early dismissal days due to parent-teacher conferences.
- Playgroups are in the Family Center every Monday at 10:00am.