



SMITH SPECTACULAR

September 18, 2026

Successful few weeks!

Smith School students have practiced routines, learned new content, and met new friends. It's been a busy, quick few weeks. We are so glad to see everyone here every day.

Our first All School Share for the year will be Wednesday, September 30, at 8:00. We hope to see you then.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SMITH SCHOOL

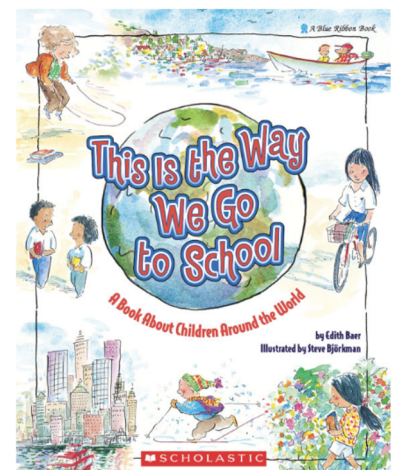
Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been a whirlwind of activity! We spent our first week learning and practicing the routines and procedures that we will rely on for the rest of the year.

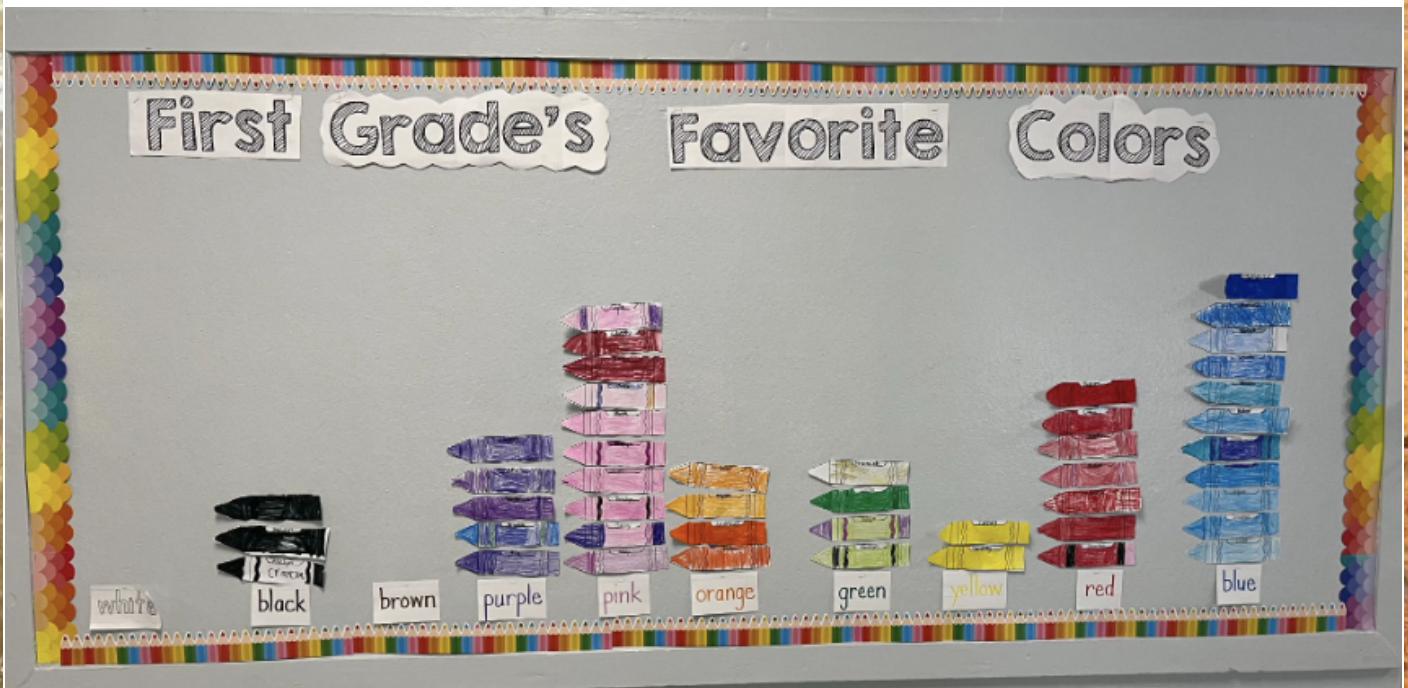
We then began learning and working in our curriculum. In reading we read the book Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom and practiced singing the alphabet song. In phonics, we learned to recognize and write the letter Mm and practiced saying and recognizing words that begin with the M sound. In math we are learning to read, write, and count the numbers 0 to 5. Finally, in wellness we are learning some of the ways to keep ourselves safe. We have been so very busy!!

First Grade

First Grade has been busy getting to know new routines, school rules, and making new friends! In Reading, we are practicing working respectfully with a partner, listening to books read aloud like This Is The Way We Go To School, and reading independently with "Just Right" books. In Writing, First Graders are reviewing how to form capital letters while using sentence starters like "I am kind when I..." to write complete sentences. In Math, we are learning to tell about the attributes of 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, we are learning to mix primary and secondary colors, and in Social Studies,

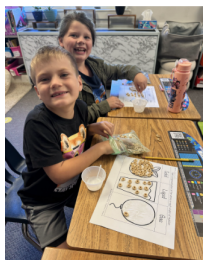


we are practicing good citizenship and respect for others. Thanks for a great start to the school year! We are looking forward to a lot of great learning and fun!



Second Grade

During the first few weeks of school, second-grade students have been learning about classroom expectations, which align with our school-wide goals of being responsible, respectful, and safe. Students have practiced modeling these expectations in and around the school and are learning how to be great role models. 2nd graders are also working hard in the classroom, practicing how to choose just-right books, building their reading and writing stamina, reviewing addition and subtraction math skills, and beginning a new science unit on matter this week. Students are looking forward to exploring the three states of matter with hands-on learning experiences! Great work being safe, responsible, and respectful, 2nd graders!



From Mrs. Raymond

Hey Smith families! This year I am lucky to have two students from Husson University working with me this semester. Aaralyn Scroggins and Jayden Rushton will be here a few days a week working with me during LEAD classes, small groups and with some individual meetings. We are happy to have them here at Smith School to see all the amazing things happening here each day!

Did your child participate in the UNPLUG & PLAY CHALLENGE this summer? Turn your tracking sheet to school so we can celebrate

your efforts! Stay tuned for some other fun events later this year!

PIE

Our parent organization (PIE: Partners In Education) will hold its monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month (the only exception is October; it will be the first Monday). PIE is always looking for more members. Meetings take place in the Smith School staff room from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there! October's Meeting: Monday, October 5, 5:00 in the Smith School Teachers' Lounge.

"Bee" on the lookout for the BOO Bingo coming in October. Details coming soon.....



Smith School Gear

[Click here to see what you can purchase](#)

ATTENDANCE

Smith School Attendance Update:

Last year at Smith School, 18% of students were considered chronically absent. (Missing 10% or more of school days during the year). This year, our goal is to reduce this number to 15% or less!

Even missing a couple of days each month can add up fast.

Here are some tips for helping your child be here at school every day!

Before & After School Routines That Work

Small daily habits that cut down morning rush and afternoon meltdowns.



Before School

01 Prep the night before

Pack lunches, lay out clothes, and set backpacks by the door so mornings start ready-to-go.

02 Post a morning checklist

Dressed, breakfast, teeth, shoes, backpack — where kids can see it and follow it themselves.

03 Wake before the kids

Even 15–30 quiet minutes for yourself first makes the rest of the morning easier.



After School

01 Plan ahead for pickup

Bring a snack, walk home when you can, and leave room to burn off pent-up energy.

02 Follow an after-school chart

Unpack, change, snack, homework, dinner, wind down — same order, every day.

03 Set a fixed homework time

Same time daily, before or after dinner, so it becomes routine instead of a fight.

Adapted from Third Space Learning's guide to before & after school routines

Plan Ahead 2026-2027



RSU 22 greatly values instructional time, and our students benefit from consistent attendance. When looking ahead to the 26-27 school year, please consider these dates when planning holidays, appointments, and vacations.

HOLIDAYS & IN-SERVICE DAYS

LABOR DAY

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 9/7/26

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 10/9/26

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 10/12/26

VETERANS' DAY

NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, 11/11/26

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 1/18/27

IN-SERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, 3/12/26

MEMORIAL DAY

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 5/28/27

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 5/31/27

VACATIONS

THANKSGIVING

EARLY DISMISSAL
TUESDAY, 11/24/26

NO SCHOOL
11/25 - 11/27/26

WINTER BREAK

NO SCHOOL
12/23/26 - 1/1/27

FEBRUARY BREAK

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 2/12/27

NO SCHOOL
2/15-2/19/27

APRIL BREAK

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 4/16/27

NO SCHOOL
4/19-4/23/27

EARLY DISMISSAL & TENTATIVE
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FRIDAY, 6/11/27

Parent notification of Planned Absence

This must be filled out and turned in to the office for planned absences of 3 or more days. Thank you.

CHARACTER STRONG

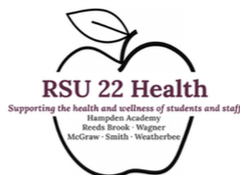
This year, we are excited to be using Character Strong once again as part of our school-wide efforts to reinforce positive character traits such as respect, responsibility, and kindness, and promote a positive school climate. As part of this program, LEAD classes with our school counselor, Mrs. Raymond, will be using the Character Strong Purposeful People curriculum. If you want to learn more about this program, be sure to check out the monthly newsletters! We'll be starting the year with our Kindness Kick-off!

[Kindness Kick-off Newsletter](#)

Great Body Shop: September 2026

[Click here for the GBS family newsletter](#)

WELLNESS



Subject: Important Update Regarding Unsolicited Food at RSU #22

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health, safety, and well-being of our students is our top priority. We are writing to inform you that, according to the RSU #22 Wellness Regulation, we will "Not allow unsolicited food for children in the schools during the school day".

In order to maintain a safe environment for students with severe food allergies and to ensure equitable practices during celebrations we will be adhering to this "no outside food" rule for all classrooms and school events.

Going forward, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- No Outside Food: Only snacks and home lunches for your student are permissible.
- No Homemade Treats: Homemade cakes, cupcakes, or baked goods are no longer permitted to be brought in and shared with the class.
- Celebrations and Birthdays: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday or a special milestone, please consider non-food alternatives such as donating a book to the classroom library, handing out stickers, or bringing in pencils.

Please note that this policy helps us protect children with life-threatening allergies and ensures that all students are included equally in classroom activities.

If your child has specific dietary restrictions, medical conditions, or requires accommodations, please contact the school nurse or main office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and partnership in keeping our school a safe and healthy place to learn.

Incredible 5-Point Scale

At Smith School, we use the Incredible 5-Point Scale to help your child understand and express their emotions. This simple tool teaches students to recognize how they're feeling and gives them

strategies to manage their emotions in healthy ways. By learning to identify their feelings, students can make better choices about how to respond and stay calm throughout their day.

	Looks Like	Feels Like	Looks & Sounds Like
5		Super Mad	Screaming Yelling Throwing things
4		Frustrated	Face is hot Say mean things Do things without thinking
3		Upset / Over Excited	Bothered Annoyed I don't want to talk about it
2		Ok	I will try I will listen I will feel good about it when I'm done!
1		Good to Go!	Interested I can do this Calm Happy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 24: NWEA/MTYA grades 2-4

Friday, September 25: No School for Pre-K only.

Tuesday, September 29: NWEA/MTYA grades 2-4

Wednesday, September 30: All-School Share at 8:00 AM; Parents welcome!

Friday, October 9: Early Release, 11:30

Monday, October 12: No School, Indigenous Peoples' Day

Volunteer

We are always looking for volunteers to help with photocopying and laminating. If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer form, and we'll be in touch. [Volunteer Form](#)

Lunch and Tardies

If your child arrives after 10:00 AM, we will only be able to offer a choice lunch - PB&J (rather than the main hot meal) because of the additional prep time needed for the main entree. Please note the only difference is the entree — all students will still have access to the salad bar. Thank you.

Dismissal Reminder/Change of plans

If your child will have a change in their after-school plans, the office must be notified no later than 1:00 PM. This will ensure that your child's updated schedule reaches their classroom teacher on time. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send all changes to afternoon plans to:

Smithoffice@rsu22.us.

"BELL TO BELL LAW"

Community Events

This website will provide you with information about events, sign-ups for clubs, etc., available to your children. Please check often. We will be putting flyers, etc., directly into this folder.

Parent Handbook

[View the Parent Handbook](#)

SCHOOL LETTER DAYS



September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	1 B	2 C	3 D	4 E
7 Labor Day	8 F	9 A	10 B	11 C
12 D	13 E	14 F	15 A	16 B
19 C	20 D	21 E	22 F	23 A
28 B	29 C	30 D		

SEPTEMBER MENU

SEPTEMBER		LEROY SMITH SCHOOL		2026	
BREAKFAST					
Includes Juice, Milk, Fruit, Grains, & More. Each day of the week has a feature that rotates monthly.					
Banana Bread	Fresh Baked Muffins	Warm Donuts	Yogurt Parfait	Cinnamon Roll	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LUNCH					
Includes Milk, Fruit, and Salad Bar each day. Check the cafeteria menu board for Chef's Specials and Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal.					
8/31	1	2	3	4	
Chicken Nuggets with Dipping Sauces Seasoned French Fries Dinner Roll	Walking Tacos Served with seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, and toppings Mexican Street Corn	Chicken BLT Pasta Salad All white chicken tossed with Ranch sauce, bacon, tomato spinach, & whole grain pasta Breadstick	Waffles Baked whole grain waffles served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
7	8	9	10	11	
LABOR DAY  NO SCHOOL	Egg McSmith English Muffin Sandwich loaded with Egg, Ham, & Cheese Hashbrown Potato	Hamburger USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings French Fries	Pasta & Meat Sauce Our spaghetti sauce is made in house with herbs, spices, and ground beef Dinner Roll	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
14	15	16	17	18	
French Toast Sticks Baked whole grain french toast served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage Hashbrown Potato	Hot Dog Steamed frankfurter in a toasted bun Italian Veggie Pasta Salad	Vanilla Yogurt Parfait with Maine Blueberries, Strawberries, & Granola Fresh Baked Muffin	DELI SANDWICHES choice of Ham, Turkey, Cheese & Veggie toppings Chips Gluten Free Bread Available	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
21	22	23	24	25	
Pancakes Fluffy whole grain pancakes served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage	Thai Salad with Chicken Fresh salad mix with sliced veggies and chicken and scratch made Sweet Chili Dressing Breadstick	Hamburger USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings Pasta Salad	Crispy Chicken Drumstick with mashed potato and roasted vegetables Dinner Roll	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
28	29	30			
Cheesy Breadstick Dippers Savory baked whole grain sticks with Tomato Marinara Dipping Sauce	Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauces Roasted Potatoes Buttered Corn	Irish Beef & Noodles Savory USDA ground beef with egg noodles and gravy Roasted Carrots Dinner Roll		SALAD & FRUIT BAR Offered at Lunch Every Day 	
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					

2026–2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August

M	T	W	Th	F
17	18	19	20 Sped NT	21 NT
24	25 Ed Techs TP	26 M	27 I	28 I
31 Gr. 1-9				

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September

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	1 Gr 1-12 UTC	2	3	4
7 H	8 (Pre-K - K 1st day)	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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28	29	30		

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October

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November

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December

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28 V	29 V	30 V	31 V	

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January

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February

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22	23	24	25	26

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March

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April

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May

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June

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School Year

178* Student Days
1 Management Day
1 Teacher Preparation Day
4 Inservice Days
1 Teacher Comp Day
(* 3 storm days included)

August 17
August 20, 21, 24
August 25
August 26
August 27, 28
August 31
September 2
September 1
September 8
September 25
10/9, 11/24, 21/2, 4/16, 5/28, 6/11
8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 3/12, 6/14
June 11
June 14

Fall Sports:
Teacher Orientation (8/20 Sped only)
Educational Technicians start date
Teacher



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