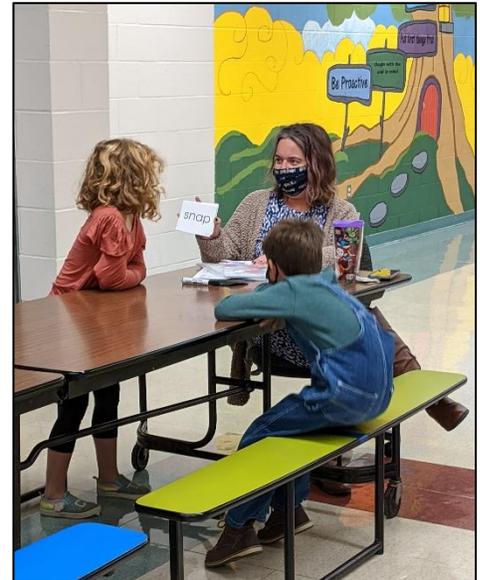


**Overbrook Attendance Center  
Principal's Building Report, December 2020**

**Just days from a winter break and Christmas! This fall has flown by!!**



So many changes and small details were instituted for our health and safety. **We have learned to use our commons area and hallways as additional “classrooms”** to allow for social distancing. In these pictures, you can see that Mrs. Kitten teaches art in the Commons, Miss Emily is conducting a tutoring session in the commons, and one of our friends is practicing matching “feet” of letters! And the Commons doubles as our second lunchroom!



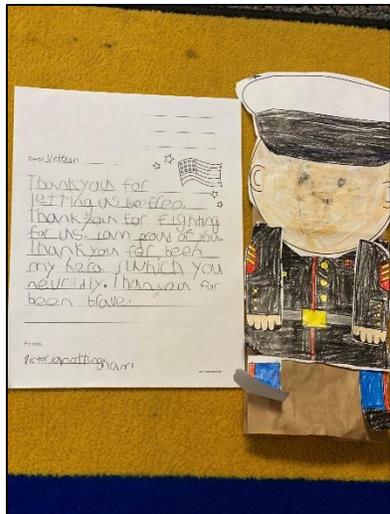
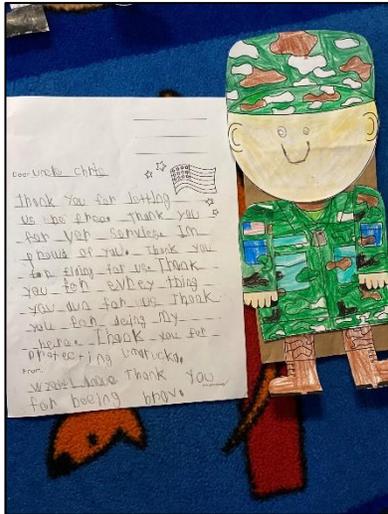
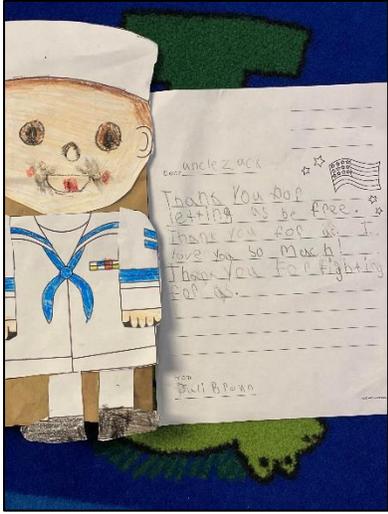
**Leader in Me Lighthouse Action Committees** were busy in October and November planning for activities to support three targets for this year, Leadership: Personal Effectiveness, Culture: School Engagement (School Belonging), and Academics: Goal Focus and Achievement. Leadership Team is continuing to put students into leadership positions with morning announcements and sharing a weekly goal. Their other focus is spotting leadership and personal effectiveness in action with “Spot the Leader.” Culture Team is leading the staff and classes in designing and displaying bulletin boards in the building. K-1 will display in the east hall “trophy case,” and 2-3 will display in the Commons “trophy

case.” Academic Team has led our WIGS – Wildly Important Goals. Teachers started by demonstrating setting a goal for themselves and asking their students for help in tracking it. Next step in the progression is setting class goals, and then finally personal goals. In preparation for so much displaying of our Leader In Me activities, bulletin boards throughout the building have been painted a consistent flat black, allowing for less waste of paper to cover the boards and a clean background.

Very soon a **new album of winter and Christmas stories will be available on the OAC Virtual Library** – all read by OAC faculty and staff! When we realized we could not have our December Family Literacy Night, we still wanted to continue providing a reading activity. As part of our LiNK grant for reading support, there are surveys that we participate when an event or activity is added. We’d love your feedback after you use the new stories! You can find the survey here [Family Literacy Event Survey](#).

**Veteran’s Day is an anticipated school-wide activity each year!** This year we knew we couldn’t bring our veterans into the building, but also couldn’t forget them! We asked the veterans to come to us by participating in a Veteran Day’s Parade that started at First National Bank and looped by the school. First, our day began with a visit from the Army recruiter, Jesse McElfresh, who spoke to each class group for approximately 15 minutes, sharing his story and answering their questions. Thanks to Mrs. Deines, Miss Koger, and Mrs. Kurtz for creating a beautiful thank you. Thanks to the staff for all the creativity!!! Students, faculty, staff, and some parents lined the street from start to finish waving, smiling and displaying colorful signs they’d made. We were lucky to have one of the veterans coincidentally lead the parade with flags displayed on his truck. A representative band from SFTHS played the National Anthem at the bank, and the parade was led by our school resource officer, Deputy Beattie. Twenty-nine cars and seven walkers participated! **WHAT A GLORIOUS TIME WE HAD!** Veterans had decorated their cars and had flags to wave at us. There were no smiles left unshared!







**As we moved to remote learning**, we were so honored to have almost \$400 in donations to help every student take home his/her device for at home learning! Donors have all asked for anonymity, but you know who you are! We can't begin to thank you enough!!

We are also really happy that we are able to provide learning opportunities to every student who has a special need or a special situation. Thanks is due to everyone who has planned, flexed, and reinvented for our students!!

**We have a new OAC Family Member** – Kennedy Mae Mercer! Kennedy joined her parents, Kaitlyn (Second Grade), Jacob, and siblings Kallie and Jackson on November 8. She weighed in at 7# 11 oz, and was 20.5” inches long. Welcome to the world, Kennedy!

**PTO has been busy this fall**, working to provide support to teachers and students and also having to alter their traditional fundraising activities. This beautiful quilt was handcrafted and generously donated by Jennifer Dobbs. It is created with twenty SFT designs on the front, and lined with bands of red, yellow, and blue on the back. It is absolutely gorgeous in person! Surely there is someone in your family who would LOVE to receive it as a special gift this Christmas?!

Tickets for the raffle are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Please fill out the following form and submit your payment. When we receive both your entry and your payment, you will receive confirmation of your entry.

Raffle begins on November 30, 2020 and will end December 16, 2020 at 6:00p.m on the Santa Fe Trail Attendance Centers' Facebook page via Live Video.

Join

here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SFTACPTO>

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Payment options: Venmo to @laneadawn

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Checks may be written to “SFT PTO” or cash may be sent to school in an envelope labeled "Attention: PTO Quilt Raffle" with your name, email, and phone number.

**THANK FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

See the **PTO** page for more information about upcoming meetings and activities.

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