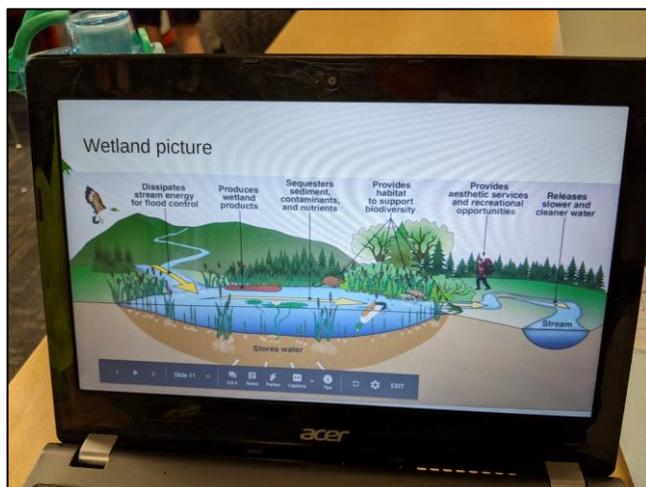
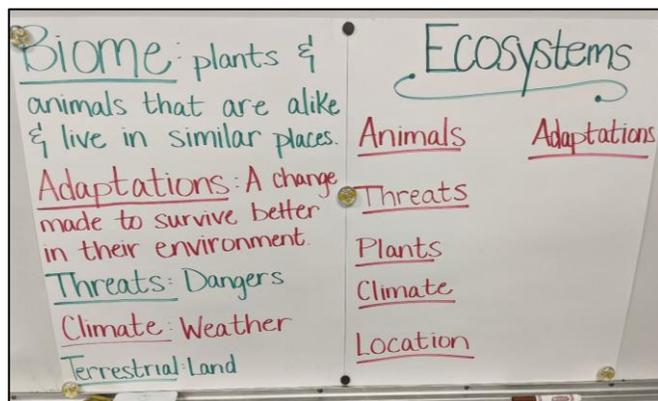


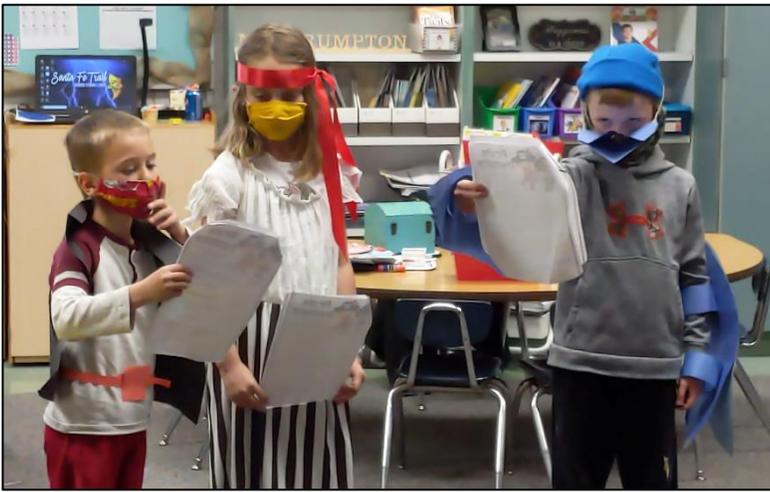
**Overbrook Attendance Center
Principal's Building Report, March 2021**

UPDATE! The Penny Wars were just getting underway when we reported last month. We are so proud to announce that our students raised \$3,055 to be donated to families in need! We are beyond shocked and completely amazed. The second big announcement is that the **FIRST GRADE** won an ice-cream party for their winning contributions. All children were treated to cookies, baked by Mrs. Soby and Mrs. Jennings. **SPECIAL THANKS** to all the families and teachers who donated **ALL** the supplies for the ice cream party! It was a beautiful day to enjoy the treat outside!



Third graders in Mrs. Fawl's class completed individual ecosystem projects that were included in an Ecology Museum open to the "public" for viewing. Impressive work!





First graders became playwrights, directors, costumers, and actors as they shared their Readers Theater projects! Plays were designed by the students for their reading stories: Aliens in Space, On the Farm, Ocean Fun, Cat and Dog, Pirate Adventure, and Traffic Jam. According to Miss Olorunfemi, "They did it all!" They were, indeed, very enjoyable to watch and well done!



Para Appreciation! We celebrated our wonderful district and special education paras on April 1! These individuals give all day long – in any way you can imagine – and we just couldn't do a school day without them! Thanks to everyone who decorated, made cards and posters, and contributed to a delicious noon meal to create a special day for: Kathy Alcorn, Jen Molloy, Daytona DaPrato, Shelly Trout, Ruth Thornton, Bonnie Smith, Barb Galyean, Alisha Gibbs, Nicole Graham, Trent May, Candace Roberts, Jana Franzen, and Joyce Rogers. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO!!

Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended! Of all classes, 91.3% of our parents participated – by Zoom, in person, wherever and however the teachers could make it work! THANK YOU, again, for the generosity of the Santa Fe Trail PTO. They treated the staff to a delicious meal of walking tacos! Tacos are a great way to teachers' hearts! It makes the evening so much more enjoyable to catch a bite of supper or a snack before we begin.

This spring, **the Preschool and Kindergarten teachers have formed a vertical team**, planning for a successful transition to Overbrook Attendance Center next year. Together they have determined an outing to come visit OAC on April 22, and then to help us with Round Up on May 7. We are ready to take our new friends "To Kindergarten and Beyond!" Members of this team are Becky Coltrane, Dana Workman, Janine Henry, Rebecca Parkhill, Donna Prettyman, Amy Potter, Reanna Crumpton, Kaytee Deines, Monica Gottschamer, Amy Stone, Lorle Bolt and Vici Jennings.

Our Summer School plans are underway! We are very excited to offer Summer School, and to have it be tailored and grouped to the reading needs of our students. Summer School program director, Lorle Bolt, is currently analyzing the data of our final Fastridge testing to determine the students who will receive an invitation to attend. We will have two sessions – one starting on May 24 (Summer School) which will last three weeks, and a second session beginning July 19 (Jump Start) for two weeks.

The final literacy night of the year is **April 22 – READY, SET, READ!** – 5:30-7:00 on our playground. The Leader in Me action teams are designing activities that will combine the theme idea with reading skills and strategies. Hopefully, we are going to have a little car show for you all as well. Following the literacy night, we hope all parents who attended will fill out a very short survey, which validates that we are successfully implementing activities to support reading.

The big excitement in the last couple of days are the baby chicks that are hatching in Mrs. Well's third grade room. Students started their Chick Unit a short time ago, and have been studying the process of incubation, embryo formation and how to candle an egg, nutrition, and anything else you want to learn about chickens! On Wednesday, April 7, the chicks began to hatch, and the result is 17 healthy baby chicks. On Friday, April 9, classes were able to view the newly hatched chicks before the chickens go to their new homes.

