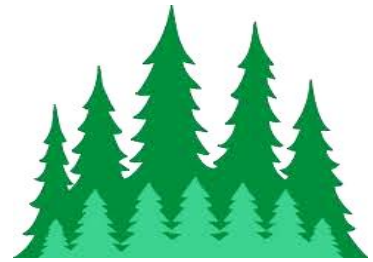




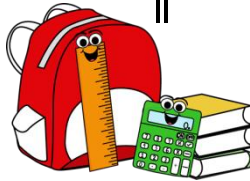
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PINE HAPPENINGS

- 5.26.17 Last Day of School.
- 6.12 Summer School begins at Lake Hills: 8:30-12:30.
- 7.20 Last day of Summer School.
- 8.14 Teachers return.
- 8.16 First Day of School for Fall!!!



From The Principal

Pine Family -

It has been a great year. We have seen many successes and are encouraged by the progress students are making. In order to accelerate that progress next year, we are counting on you to work with your child over the summer. Here are some interesting statistics about students and summer:



- Reading just 4-5 books during the summer can prevent a decline in a child's fall reading scores.
- Summer reading loss is cumulative, these children do not typically catch up in the fall. Their peers are progressing with their skills while they are making up for the summer learning loss. By the end of 6th grade, children who lose reading skills during the summer are on average 2 years behind their peers.
- Teachers spend an average of 4-6 weeks re-teaching material that students have lost during the summer.

If your child reads for 20-30 minutes a day this summer, you are setting them up to be successful in the fall. Have a great break and we will see you next year!



Pine is cleaning up the MC beach!

Musical Notes from Miss Bolen

I am so very proud of all the music accomplishments. As I reflect back on the School year, Pine Students have done an amazing job. In the Piano lab, our 2nd grade worked on various concepts such as instruments and melody. Hopefully they know Middle C position.



I am so blessed to be working in a school that truly loves music and the Arts. I can not wait till next year when more students are here and we can pass on the love of learning. Miss Schmidt, Mrs. Beadles and myself have been planning next year for months already, and we can't wait to see how Pine will learn and grow. Thanks for a really truly amazing year.

Kindergarten News

It has been a great year! All of you have learned and improved your skills so much that it's amazing!

Continue to improve this summer by reading and writing every day. Be sure to practice numbers, counting, measuring, designing patterns, adding, and subtracting.

Ask your parents what *THEIR* favorite books were when they were your age! (Yes, your parents were your age once!!!)

Be safe, have a wonderful summer, and READ- READ-READ!!!





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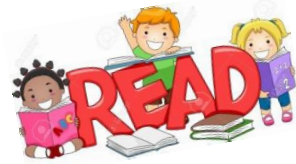
1st Grade News

Mrs. Orlando's Class

Wow! Where did the school year go? I am very proud of all my first graders who have become readers this year! I hope you take the time to enjoy some great books over summer break.

Some awesome books I would recommend reading are:

- Junie B. Jones series,
- Splat the Cat series,
- Fly Guy series, and
- Henry and Mudge series.



I hope to see you at the Michigan City Public Library sometime this summer! I wish you all a very safe and adventure-filled summer!
Love, Mrs. Orlando

From the Art Room

Here are some art places to visit this summer:

- Purdue North Central to see sculptures,
- Lubeznik Center for the Arts in M. City,
- The Bauer Art Museum at the University of Valparaiso,
- Midwest Museum of Art in Elkhart,
- Art Institute of Chicago.

For Art classes, check out:

- Lubeznik Center for the Arts in M. City,
- Chesterton Art Center in Chesterton.

This summer make sure your child gets out and explores the world around him/her. A neat way to keep up writing skills is to get your child a journal. Have them sketch and write about things they see out in nature. Have a super summer!



Ranger Walton helping 1st grade explore the pond.

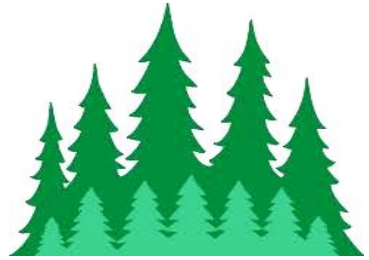


*Building
3d shapes
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1st Grade*





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2nd Grade News

Mrs. Cunningham's Class

Happy Summer! We have enjoyed teaching your children the skills they need for 3rd grade. We hope all families have a relaxing summer break with their kids. However, don't forget to read and practice math.

Many teachers have sent home summer packs. Research shows that if skills are not practiced during the summer, kids can lose up to a whole year of growth in these skills. It seems hard to believe! Limit TV and video games and do some reading and math fact practice.

Lastly, even if you don't get out of town for vacation, don't forget to get out in Michigan City and enjoy our lovely city. Thank you to all families for their support this year and have a great summer.



Frogs
By Preston
May 7, 2017

Frogs are amphibians. This is what they look like. They look a lot like toads but have moist skin. Many are small or medium sized. Since there are so many different kinds they can be different colors.

Where do they live? They can be found near fresh water, ponds and lakes. They also like swamps and bogs.

Frogs eat food. They eat mice, small reptiles and even other frogs. They also like flies, mosquitos, moths and dragonflies. Larger frogs like grasshoppers and worms.

These are some other fun facts. Did you know that a group of frogs is called an army? A group of toads is called a knot. Frogs don't drink water...they absorb it through their skin. Frogs are cold-blooded which means that their body is the same temperature as the air and water around them.



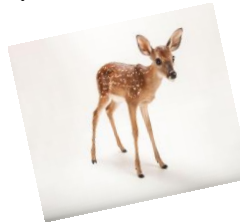
Grasshoppers
By Cayla
May 2, 2017

A grasshopper is an insect. This is what they look like. They can be many colors, but some have a little green or brown or red. They have antennae. They hop.

Where do they live? Grasshoppers live in the grass. They like grassy meadows and forest areas.

What do grasshoppers eat? They eat clover, corn and plants. Hungry grasshoppers will sometimes eat a whole field of corn.

These are some wow facts. Some species of grasshoppers make noises by rubbing their wings. They can jump about 25 cm high and around 1 meter. If humans could jump as far as a grasshopper relative to their size they could leap as far as a football field. There are 11,000 known species of grasshoppers.



Deer
By Jeremiah Maddox
5-2-17

A deer is a mammal that lives in our area. This is what it looks like. They have big eyes and big ears. They have long legs and a long neck. All deer have four toes. The middle toes form the hoof and the other toe is the ankle. Most male deer have antlers. Male deer are larger than female deer. They are usually brown and white. Males are stronger than females.

This is where they live. Deer live in lower Canada and the United States. There are also deer in Asia, Europe, North America and South America. Most live in forest but some can be found in mountains and deserts. They can be found in cold or warm habitats.

They are herbivores. They eat plants, grass, leaves, flowers and small branches. They use their front teeth. Here are some other interesting wow facts. Deer skin is also called buck skin. People once used buck skin for money. That is why a single dollar bill is sometimes called a buck. Most females are called doe. Males are called buck. The young are called fawn.

Beavers
By Tristan
5-5-17

Beavers are mammals that live in our area. This is what they look like. They are brown and peach. They have black claws. Their tail is black and they use it for building.

This is where they live. They live in the United States and Canada. They can also be found in northern Europe and Asia. They live in lodges that they build out of sticks.

Beavers eat food. They eat plants, roots, bark and stems. How do they do it? They chop it down with their long front teeth and pick it up with their claws.

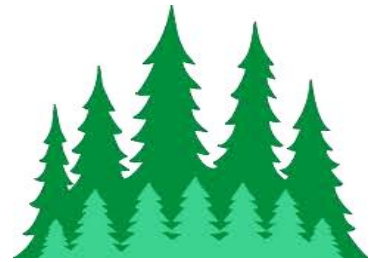
They do have predators. They have to be careful about coyotes, wolves and bear eating them.

Here are a few last cool facts. Did you know long ago they were the size of bears? Also, a beaver's entrance to his lodge is secret and underwater. Last, a beaver can close its nose and ears for about 5 minutes.





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Turtles
By Anthony Hood
May 3, 2017

A turtle is a reptile. There are many different types. They all have a hard shell. Underneath the shell is the body. They can hide inside the shell. They can camouflage and blend in their habitat when there is danger. Many are scaly with dark brown and green.

Where do turtles live? They live in damp forest, fields, flood plains and muddy areas of the United States. But they also live all over the world. Many like to live in water and muddy areas.

What do they eat? Turtles eat fruit, worms, vegetables, slugs and leaves.

Here some wow facts. Did you know turtles have existed for millions of years. Many turtle species are endangered. If you take a random turtle from the forest you can sometimes get arrested. Endangered turtles are protected by the law.



Garter Snakes
Quashon Hatch
May 3, 2017

A garter snake is a reptile. This is what they look like. They sometimes have yellow stripes mixed with dark green. Some have white, orange or red stripes. They can have spotted patterns. They can also have a little brown. Around the eye they have black but the eyeball is green. Around the mouth there is some white.

Where do they live? They like gardens and grassy areas. They also live near water. They can live as far north as the arctic circle and in Canada. They also live in our country.

Garter snakes eat food. They eat frogs and fish. They swallow their prey while it is still alive. Here are some other wow facts. A garter snake's winter den is called a hibernaculum. Newborn snakes do not eat until after they shed their skin for the first time. That happens about 7-10 days after birth. Garter snakes can survive being frozen for 3 hours. Since they live near water, they swim faster than they crawl. They also dive into the water to escape danger.



Library News

Some suggested summer reading:

The Lion & the Mouse

by Jerry Pinkney

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle. (Caldecott Medal, 2009)

How Rocket learned to Read

by Tad Hills

With expressive illustrations that steal the show, a little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the alphabet.

Savvy

by Ingrid Law

This Newbery Honor winner reveals the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. Followed by a sequel titled Scumble.

Knuffle Bunny Free

by Mo Willems

In this third book about Trixie and Knuffle Bunny, she travels with her family to Holland to visit her grandparents, and once again loses her beloved Knuffle Bunny.

Creature ABC

by Andrew Zuckerman

Outstanding, simply-labeled photographs depict twenty-six different animals--one for each letter of the alphabet.

Crazy Day with Cobras

by Mary Pope Osborne

The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to India to search for an emerald needed to break a magic spell. (#45 in the Magic Tree House series)

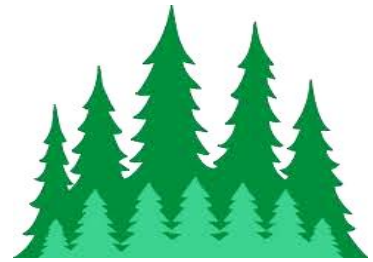
Jump! : from the Life of Michael Jordan

by Floyd Cooper

Presents a picture book based on the story of how basketball great Michael Jordan worked for years to become good enough to beat his toughest competitor--his older brother Larry--at hoops.



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Ghost Dog Secrets

by Peg Kehret

Sixth-grader Rusty, determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather, calls animal control then takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret. This latest mystery from Peg Kehret will have you glued to your chair!

From the Editor's Desk:

As you can see in these pages your teachers really want you to read every day this summer. Whether it is advanced reading like The Hobbit or The Lord of the Rings, or fun, light reading like Dr. Seuss or comic books, please make reading your summer hobby.



Also, you bigger kids, please read to your little brothers and sisters. You will help them do better in school and probably make quite a strong bond between you.



For summer reading why not consider some of your teachers' favorite books from when they were young?

The three fourth grade teachers did read a lot as fourth graders themselves (yes, they were kids once...) and they enjoyed:

- mysteries
- biographies (especially on Amelia Earhart & Helen Keller)
- Little House on the Prairie
- The Hardy Boys
- Nancy Drew
- Francis Stories

- Ramona Quimby, age 8.
- Judy Blume

Can you guess which teacher liked which books?

You might like to know that Mr. Keson enjoyed books about The Hardy Boys and various sports books when he was young.

The Betsy Series was a lot of fun for Mrs. Arndt when she was in elementary school

Mrs. Willis writes "My favorite book when I was in Kindergarten was Are You My Mother? because it was the first BIG book I could read, and I read it to my class." What a great memory!!!

Mrs. Schreeg enjoyed Nancy Drew mysteries as well as the Cam Jensen books when she was little.

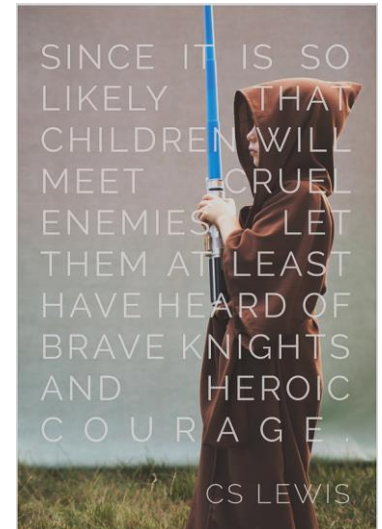
Mrs. Orlando's favorite books in 3rd grade were the R. L. Stein series books. She hopes some of you will enjoy them this summer!

Mrs. Cunningham enjoyed books by E.B. White when she was little. Charlotte's Web & Trumpet of the Swan are two books you could read and then discuss with Mrs. Cunningham next Fall!

Ms. Lipscomb's favorite series was "Ramona" books by Beverly Cleary. She also liked Nancy Drew stories.

Mrs. Parry liked almost anything by Shel Silverstein.

Mr. Schena's favorites were Dr. Seuss books he read to his little brother (especially Yertle the Turtle), comic books & Huckleberry Finn.





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Mr. Taylor about to go back into the tank!!!



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Mr. Huber after one of many dunks in the tank!!!