



# SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

### November Dates To Remember

**6<sup>th</sup> – No School**

**NVC combined choir @ Elgin 7pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> – No School (Veterans Day)**

**15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Dean Jacobs - World Traveler**

**16<sup>th</sup> - Community Night with Dean Jacobs**

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> No Preschool**

**21<sup>st</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences 4 pm–6 pm**

**22<sup>nd</sup> - Early Dismissal @ 2 pm**

**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – No School (Thanksgiving)**

**27<sup>th</sup> – TEACHER PLC DAY – Bus & breakfast will run at regular time. Academic classes will start at 10 am. 8 am – 10 am individual academic support with cultural activities for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Attendance is expected for all students**

**30<sup>th</sup> – BB vs Walthill (H)**

# 2nd Grade

Hi there! We have been working very hard in second grade along with having some fun as well! We took a trip to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch in Norfolk, and we had a blast! The kids got to see ponies, calves, chickens, goats, and two alpacas. We took a walk down an enchanted forest and enjoyed the beautiful weather. They also got to slide down huge slides and the favorite activity was the zip lines!! We have also been working hard in the classroom. In science we are starting a new unit on plants. So far we have learned the basic needs and parts of a plant. In social studies we are starting a new unit on American history. We are wrapping up quarter one material in math and taking a test on everything we have learned so far this year – number comparison, place value, skip counting, addition, subtraction, and even some algebra! Finally we would like to welcome our new student – Dasan Goodtacher! We are excited to have him in our classroom this year!



**Little Warriors Preschool** had their state observations from the Department of Ed. and Step Up To Quality. We are proud to say that we received a fourth star. We are the second public preschool to receive this star. Way to go everyone.

Left: Ms. Joan Stewart

Right: Mrs. Leann Kemp

**Congratulations!!!**

# Little Warriors Preschool

Little Warriors Preschool enjoyed going to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch in Norfolk. We had a great time doing all the activities. Here is a picture of one of the slides we went down.

This is a tire mountain that we played on. We picked out a wart pumpkin to put in our Classroom.

We are learning about the different features of clothing. We don't wear the same clothes and sometimes we wear special clothes. With the cool weather coming, please remember we will be going outside to play. Please dress appropriate each day.

November dates to remember:

Nov.6-No school- Teachers going to Wayne State College

Nov. 10-No School-Veteran's Day

Nov.16 & 17- Only Preschool no school-Teachers attending a conferences

Nov. 22 out at 2

Nov. 23 & 24-NO school-Happy Thanksgiving



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# The Fabulous First Grade



October has been a busy month for the first graders! We have been busy learning how to spell and read words that have letter combinations such as /wh/ and /kn/. We just ended our geometry unit in math and are beginning to add and subtract numbers 1-20! We are continuing to learn and grow every day!

We had an exciting trip to the Poppy's Pumpkin patch! We got to ride a zip line, take a train ride, pet a llama, and take home a pumpkin! It was a busy, fun filled day!

It is amazing to watch your first-grade students grow and learn! I will continue sending home books with your students and I encourage you to have your students read them to you afterschool or before they go to bed! It is amazing what wonderful readers they are all becoming!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mrs.Crossman



*This is Bob. He lives in Norfolk,  
Ne at Poppy's Pumpkin Patch.*

## Grades 4 – 6 English Language Arts (ELA)

Students have been working on a variety of reading skills. I would recommend that all students read for at least 30 minutes at home every day. Reading daily will greatly improve their skills by allowing them to practice what they have learned during the school day.

I am loving the colors of Fall! Along with Fall the weather is becoming colder daily and students need to start dressing warmer.

As always, my classroom door is open, please stop by and see my wonderful students in action!

**HALLOWEEN** is fast approaching



Happy Hauntings and stay safe.

Mrs. Crosley

Happy November! We have been waiting for this month for two whole months! Mrs. Hrbek said we get to start multiplication and cursive writing this month. We are very excited and can't wait to begin!



Poppy's Pumpkin Patch was enjoyed on a beautiful day. We enjoyed the HUGE slide, zip line, corn pit, and Enchanted Forest (in which we got lost.) There were a lot of fun activities to do and we were all tired at the end of the day.

Our class is working hard and making Mrs. Hrbek proud. Please come visit us and see all our responsible, intelligent, and hard working students!

# FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Field trip to Bristol locker and Spencer Feedlot with Agriculture and Culinary Skills classes. Culinary Skills class was examining the farm to table process.



Middle School FCS decorated Halloween cookies for the community night celebration and Culinary Skill had their second annual Halloween bake sale.



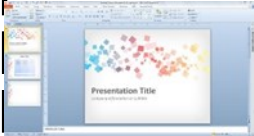
Native Textiles is currently working on their beadwork. Coming up this month they will be learning how to create ribbon shirts and skirt!



# Mrs. Nelson's Business Classes



**Elementary Keyboarding:** The students are learning to use the home row keys and trying to work without looking at their fingers when they type.



**Info Tech I:** The class is beginning to learn how to create interesting PowerPoint presentations by using transitions, animations, pictures, themes, fonts, and adding shapes to pictures to make a new image. Prior to these projects the students learned to use the Word program to create flyers, MLA style reports with footnotes and a works cited page, and application letters with tables.



**7<sup>th</sup> Computers:** After a review of the correct fingering techniques for the computer, the students in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter learned how to produce correctly formatted memos, letters, and one page reports.



**Accounting II:** The class is working on the different types of journals and learning how to place the correct transactions into the proper journals. The journals the class used were: purchases journal, sales journal, cash receipts journal, cash payments journal, and the general journal.



**Personal Finance:** The students finished a career project which included researching a job they were interested in and writing a report on that job, completing a resume pretending you completed all the education needed for the researched job, completing an application and thank you letter for that job. We have moved into completing a job application form, a W-4, and an I-9 form for when students get jobs of their own. They are learning about work laws and responsibilities of the employer.

## Special Education Department

Hello friends and families of Santee Community Schools,

Sometimes as parents/guardians and friends we hear terms or acronyms in a school setting that may not be familiar to us. For example you may have heard the acronym IEP. What is an IEP you may ask, an IEP is an Individualized Education Plan. An IEP uses input from parents/guardians, teachers, administration, and specialized services to create an education plan that is best suited for your student. These are formulated to be in the best interest of your student. The best part about an IEP is that as the needs of your student grow and change, the IEP changes to fit those ever changing needs. As always parent/guardian input, questions, and concerns are always welcome. Please feel free to contact the Special Education faculty, Julene Kay, Stacy Pedersen, or Heather Lancaster at Santee Community Schools 402-857-2741.



## Elementary Principal Corner



Happy fall! The weather is certainly changing and letting us know it is time to be dressing for cooler temperatures. Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for the cool weather. We are still outside several times during the day on our brain breaks.

Our students were able to take a trip to the Pumpkin Patch in Norfolk. They not only selected a pumpkin, but also were able to enjoy the slides, zip lining, and Bob the llama.

Grade cards and testing data have been sent home. Please talk to your student about their learning and grades. If you have any questions please contact the classroom teacher. If you would like to visit the classroom, please schedule that visit as well. We suggest staying in the classroom for 10 to 15 minutes for your visit. We would love to have parents visit the school and see the great learning that is going on.

November will be a special month as we are honored to bring to our school Dean Jacobs a world traveler. He will be doing assemblies and writing workshops with our students. His message is about “Dreaming big, Living tall, and Making the world better”. Parents you will have a chance to listen to Mr. Jacobs present at our Community Night Nov. 16.

Once again we are focusing on attendance and making sure our students are at school ready to learn. If your student is absent, please call the school and let us know the reason why they are absent.

Thank you for allowing us to guide your student’s education. It has been a great first nine weeks.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Nov. 6 – No school – Staff attending Native American Symposium

Nov. 10 – No School - Veterans Day

Nov. 15-17 – Dean Jacobs – World Traveler

Nov. 16 – Community Night with Dean Jacobs

Nov. 21 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-6pm

Nov. 23 -24 – No School – Thanksgiving Break







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UNTIL YOU GET IT  
RIGHT. PRACTICE  
UNTIL YOU CAN'T  
GET IT WRONG.**

**Music Notes: Ensembles Prepare for NVC and Concert!**

Anpetu waste, friends! Your student musicians are busy practicing and creating pieces for our upcoming concert. Some of our elementary classes have been singing Halloween-themed songs to get into the spirit of the holiday, while upper elementary and middle school have been studying songs with *harmony* – two parts singing at the same time. This is a difficult task for our small choral groups that requires patience and good listening. Fourth grade students also spend one day per week practicing recorders and learning to read sheet music, while fifth-through-eighth grade students and some high school musicians are studying a band instrument to make us well-rounded musicians. I can't wait for you to hear our student achievements at the December concert!

**Music Concert: Monday, December 18, at 6 P.M.**

This year, we are structuring the December Concert/Community Night a bit differently. Since all performing musicians are required to participate in the concert, the start time has been moved back to 6 P.M., **with a student arrival time of 5:45 P.M. Dinner will be optional, and served at 5 P.M.**, so that our commuting staff (and our performers) will not have too late a night, or too long to wait for food. Students need to dress nicely for the concert, which means no torn jeans or hoodies. I have some extra dress clothes at home for students that are not sure what to wear; please contact me if you need.

**Niobrara Conference Clinic performs in Elgin on Monday, November 6, at 7 P.M.**

High school singers Lexi Saul and Courtney Thomas will be traveling to Elgin to perform with the NVC combined choir on Monday, November 6. There is no school that day, requiring extra professionalism from the ladies to give up their day off in order to perform. The concert is open to the public; please come out and support our choir students if you can.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming performances!

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Miss Knight

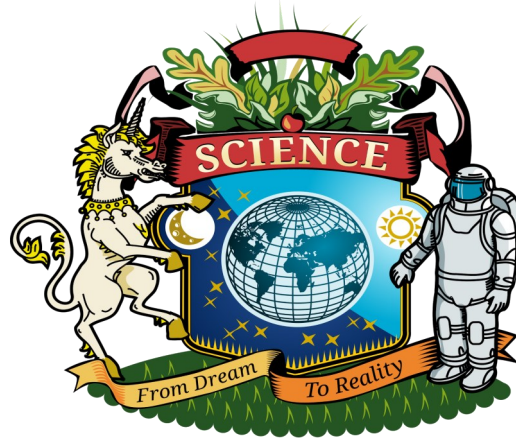


## SCS Science Monthly Digest

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Science often begins with CURIOSITY and ends with DISCOVERY!

The scientific method was the overall theme of our first unit this school year.



by Ms. Leader on October 28

Welcome to the science classroom! The science students and I have spent the first couple months of school getting to know one another in our new roles. I am in a new role this year as their science teacher and they are in new roles as my classroom students. I bring new techniques, processes, challenges, and procedures to the classroom that they may not be used to. I am also getting to know the students in a different way than I have known them in my past six years at Santee. They each bring unique talents, learning styles, sense of humor, and personalities to the science classroom. I have enjoyed my experience immensely! Students have been adjusting well to the change.

In science classes, we are off and running through the school year. We have already covered three chapters in our textbooks which has covered a number of different standards. In all of the science classes, our focus thus far has centered around the nature of science and its investigations. We have used the scientific method steps to build our discussion and know that the steps do not necessarily have to be performed in a certain order. Curiosity drives the process that hopefully ends with discovering something new.

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## Biology

Biology students have been learning about ecology and ecosystems. They are currently working on building a biome in a box. Each student has selected a different biome to research and display. Students must incorporate both biotic and abiotic factors in their biome. They are required to include examples of carnivores, herbivores, omnivores, detritivores, decomposers, and scavengers. Ask your student what each of these organisms is. Students have also been studying the transfer of energy through food chains and food webs and must include these in their project as well. I hope to have pictures of completed projects in the next newsletter!

## Physical Science

Physical Science students have been busy learning about different states of matter, the energy involved in phase changes, and physical and chemical changes. Students learned that all phase changes are physical changes because no new substance is formed. Chemical changes are accompanied by release of a gas (fizzing), formation of a precipitate (chunks), and/or a color change. If these do not occur, then the change is probably a physical change. The students have also been most recently working on learning the gas laws and how temperature, volume, and number of particles affects the pressure of a gas. They know that as the temperature increases so does the pressure (directly proportional) and that as the volume increases, pressure decreases (inversely proportional). They have been challenged to work math problems that demonstrate these relationships and will be completing some lab activities to help solidify the concepts.

## 8th Grade Earth & Space Science

8th grade students are starting a new unit about the Earth and its systems. So far this year, we have learned about the nature of science and the scientific method. We learned that science begins with curiosity and emphasizes investigations to help justify hypotheses. The students just completed a unit about mapping the Earth, including GPS, GIS, and remote sensing techniques, and the useful information we gain from using various maps. Types of maps include topographic, geologic, political, and road maps.

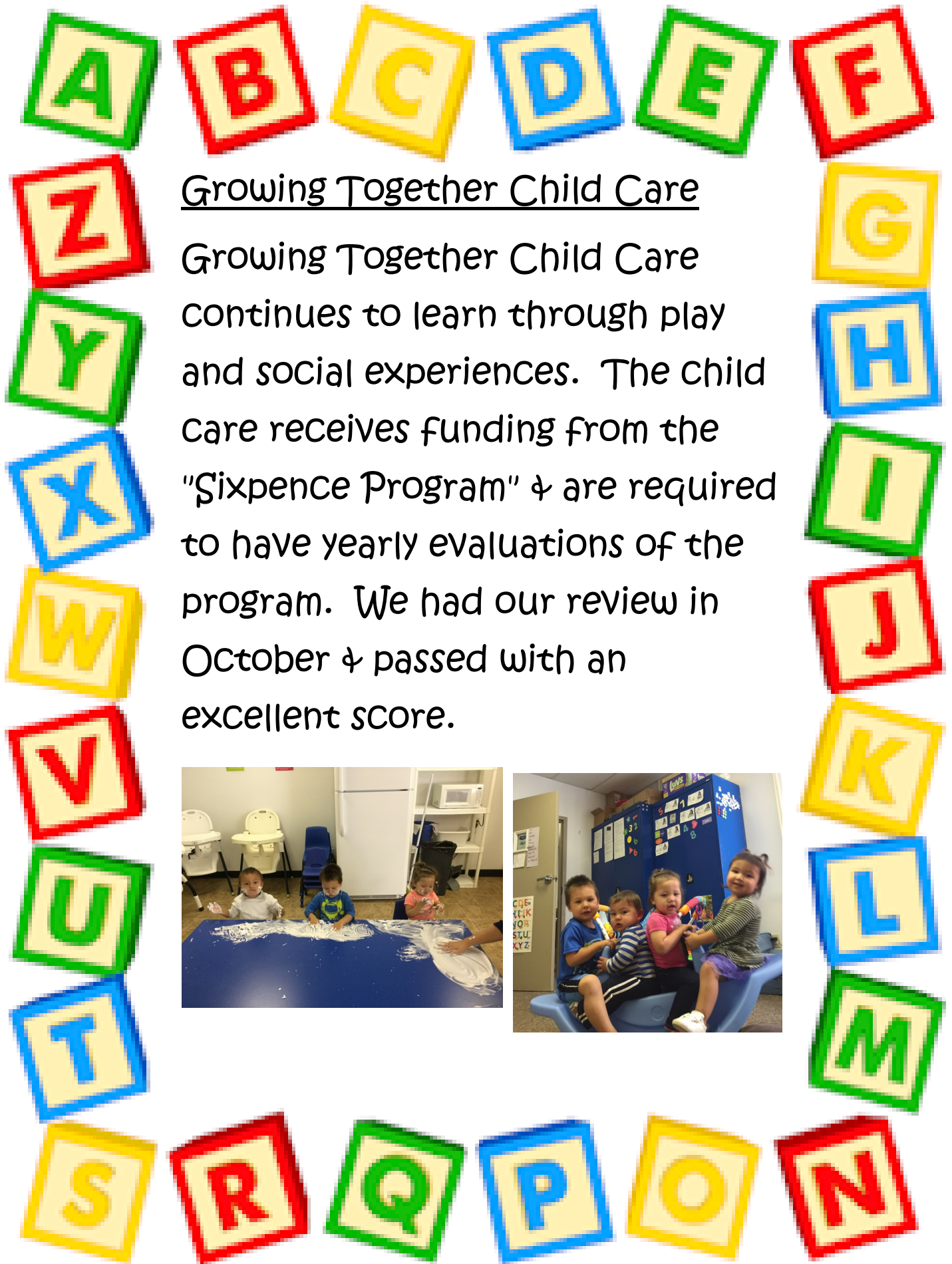
## Human Anatomy & Physiology

In anatomy, we have focused on learning about the different levels of organization in the human body. From the smallest, atoms, to the largest, an organism, there are many levels of organization. We began our investigation into human anatomy and physiology by determining the components of living matter. In humans, carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids make up living organisms. Carbon is a primary component of living matter. Once we learned about the molecular makeup of organisms, we learned about cells, cellular components and cell division. This was a basic overview of topics learned in biology. Our study continues presently with identifying different tissue types and the specialized functions of different tissues. Students are looking forward to dissecting!

## Science Website and Calendar

I have recently created a website to keep students and parents involved and up-to-date on their science courses and assignments. There is a calendar embedded that shows upcoming due dates and other important events. Please feel free to visit the website and contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress

<https://sites.google.com/santeeschools.org/ms-leaders-website>



## Growing Together Child Care

Growing Together Child Care continues to learn through play and social experiences. The child care receives funding from the "Sixpence Program" & are required to have yearly evaluations of the program. We had our review in October & passed with an excellent score.



# Pictures From Our Halloween Open House on October 26th



## Tozi the Praying Mantis.

The Junior High Agricultural Class spent the first part of the quarter preparing to have a pet. Santeena brought them a plastic box. They put soil and plants in with three grubs and an earthworm named Jerry. Santeena brought a Praying Mantis she found in her yard.

Here are what the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter students remember about her:

Tavi Phillips said, “We got her on 9-28-17. We had to make the living home bigger with less dirt. We will work to see what she does and to keep her alive to give birth.

Kimi Whipple said, “We thought of lots of names and called her Tozi. All of the students worked at catching grasshoppers.

Tess Denney said, “She likes me, she crawls right into my hand. I like taking her for walks down the school hall”

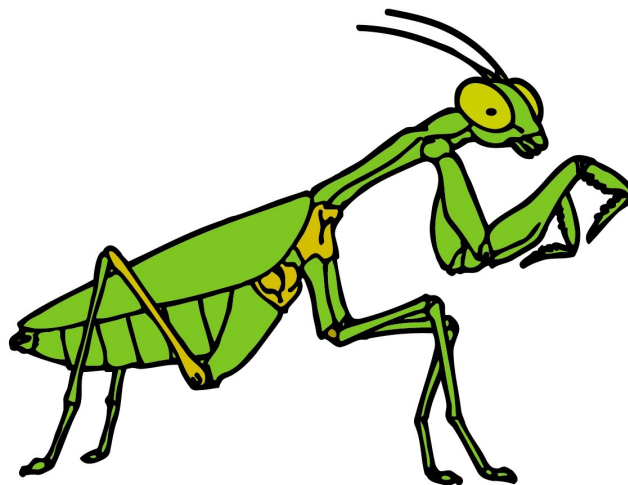
Kimi Whipple said, “She is going to have babies so we are catching grasshoppers for her. She eats the guts out of them.”

Siemona Wabasha said, “She likes to climb up our arms. Her feet tickle. “

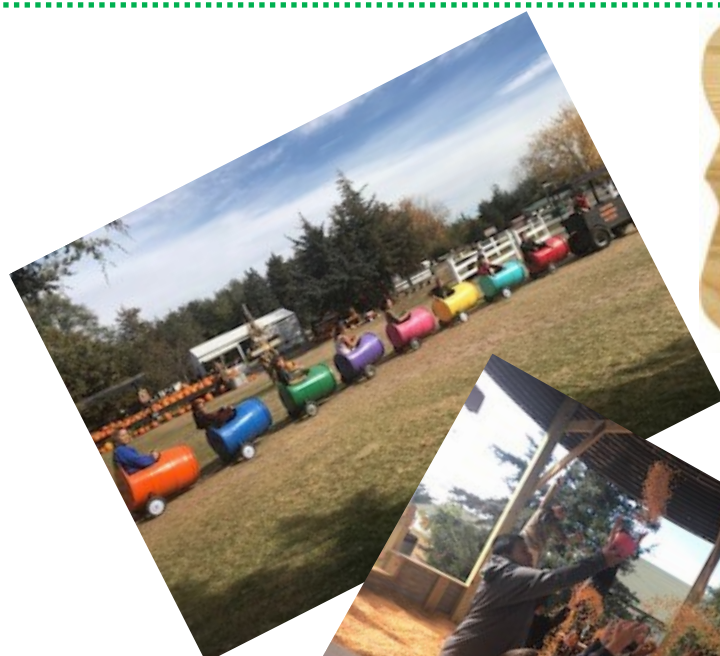
Romeo White said, “We put branches in her house for her to climb on and lay her eggs.”

The class searched the web for information on keeping praying mantis as pets and kept her alive and happy. They learned to feed and care for Tozi. On October 16<sup>th</sup> she laid her eggs on the branch near the top of the cage. There can be over 400 eggs in the eggs case and it will take 3 to 6 months for them to hatch in the wild. How to raise the baby mantis in the class room will take more research.

The major part of her care goes to the second quarter Junior High Agricultural Class Gabriela Swalley, Jose Becerra, Hehaka Thomas, Leila Wabasha and Tate Whipple. Everyone is invited to stop by and visit Tozi.



# The PUMPKIN Patch



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# NOVEMBER

DEYVAH F. 4TH

MICHAEL H. 4TH

DAMIAN S. 5TH

JONATHON Q. 10TH

TY B. 15TH

TNAY B. 15TH

VANESSA R. 18TH

ROMEO W. 21ST

AKESHA S. 22ND

ACOSIA D. 22ND

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO YOU

FROM

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