

*Koch Elementary
October Newsletter
Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day
October 2011*

From the Desk of Mrs. Foos

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On behalf of the Koch Elementary faculty, welcome back! The start of a new school year never fails to bring with it a sense of excitement and promise of good things ahead.

Our newsletter is going through some changes in keeping our mission to minimize the use of paper and manpower without sacrificing effective communication with our families. Starting in November the newsletter will be emailed to all families who have provided their email address for our distribution system. The newsletter will be posted on a monthly basis on our school website. The school website is a great place to stay informed and locate helpful links.

What's new at Koch Elementary? The elementary building was a very active building this summer, both structurally and academically. Classrooms were relocated, we now have a primary wing (Jk-2) and intermediate wing (3-5). Located in the middle is a our computer/library center. Two new programs are now housed at Koch , the 18-21 year old program, and Junior Kindergarten. We have also implemented a new math program grades k-5, Boost-Up grades Jk-2, Lego Robotics in 5th grade, and Simple Machine Lego's in 4th. The students are using laptops in the classroom, with wireless internet and laptop carts technology is integrated into the classroom curriculum. Our dedicated staff spent a great deal of time preparing and implementing new curriculum and materials to master content standards and meet the needs of students at Koch Elementary.

Strong Body, Strong Mind

A guide to Go, Slow, Whoa Foods

All foods can fit into a healthy diet, but some should be consumed regularly and others strictly limited. Our students are thinking of foods and beverages in terms of GO, SLOW, WHOA.

GO— Eat almost anytime— those lowest in fat and sugar.

SLOW— Eat sometimes, at most several times a week--those higher in fat and added sugar.

WHOA— Eat once in a while-- These food are the highest in fat and added sugar.

For more great ideas visit :

<http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/>

Halloween Parties

Regular class parties will start after 2:00, fun and games will be had by all. We ask that students do not wear costumes.

Remember to save and send to school:

- *Box Tops for Education*
- *Kemp's Milk Tops for Education— They also have a little proof of purchase on the side of some of their other products.*
- *Land o'Lakes Milk Tops*
- *Our Family Labels— UPC Bar Codes*



UPCOMING DATES:

October 7 - Teacher In-Service - **NO SCHOOL**

October 10 - Native American/ Columbus Day - **NO SCHOOL**

October 12 - Preschool Screening at Koch (9:00 a.m.)

October 21 - End of 1st Quarter

October 27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-9:00 p.m.)

October 28 - **NO SCHOOL**

November 1 is the order deadline for the 2011-2012 Yearbooks.

If you want to order a yearbook, send a check payable to Koch School Yearbook for \$14.00. Be sure to put the student's full name in the memo part.

Remember, school breakfast and lunch are to be paid for in advance. Breakfast and lunch money is entered into one account for each student. If you have questions, call Jodi Baumgart at 432-5579 after 1:30 p.m.

NO students will be allowed to go on field trips without the permission slip (last sheet in parent handbook) filled out.



Kindergarten News

We have had a wonderful time in kindergarten during September. Our curriculum has included studying colors, shapes, classification, patterning and numbers 0-10. We have started working on alphabet skills. Please remember that for every letter we study, your child needs to bring some pictures from home that begin with that letter. We encourage you to find those pictures in old magazines, catalogs, newspaper flyers, etc. **If you send photographs, please remember that these pictures do not come home as they are put into a class book.**

In October we will be setting up a dress-up center in our classroom. Please send one clothing item to school with your child to place in the dress-up center. A note will be sent home with more information.

Speaking of clothing, fall has arrived and with it will be cooler weather. The kindergarten teachers would appreciate it if parents would practice putting outerwear on with their children. It would be helpful if the kindergarten students were able to zip their coats, be able to get their arms into their coats (even if the coat has accidentally been turned inside out), and put on and fasten their boots. Many kindergarten students have been practicing tying their shoes at home and we have noticed that at school. Thank you parents for your help.

The kindergarten students and teachers celebrated homecoming week. We learned cheers and even had our own cheer book!

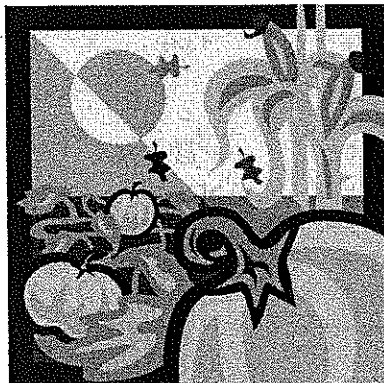
Please remember, if you have any questions, feel free to call us.

Mrs. Schell, Ms. Larson and Mrs. Loehrer

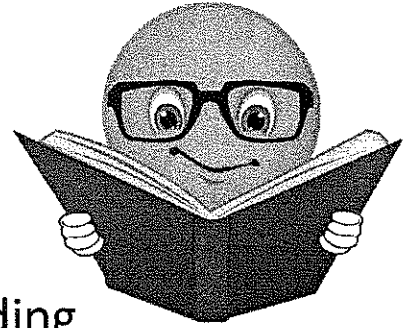
First Grade News

First graders are growing as readers. Students are learning several techniques which help them read. They are learning to look at the pictures for clues. They are taught to look at the beginning letter sound and read through the word. Does the word sound right? Does it look right? Did it make sense? Go back and read it again for comprehension. They are doing a great job using these strategies. Thank you parents for all your reading support at home. For each reading log they complete, they are awarded a sticker on a chart and a treat. We are trying to stress that the more they read the better readers they will become.

With colder weather approaching, we are stressing to the children that they need to be dressed warmly. Please send a warm coat, mittens and hats if needed. They are out for recess at least 30 minutes a day. That is a long time for their little fingers and ears to be exposed to harsh elements.



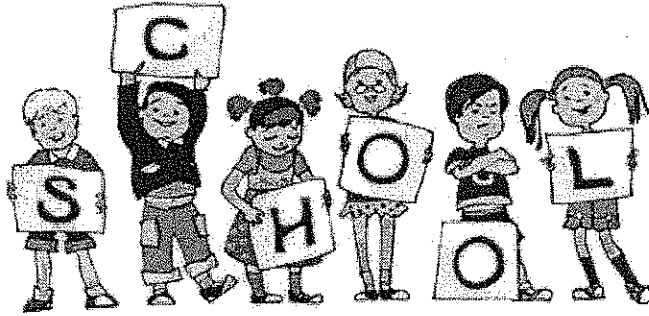
Reading in Second Grade



An important part of our reading program includes reading at home. This is considered second grade “homework”. The second grade teachers expect all students to read a minimum of 15 minutes (one picture book) a night with an adult. Students then return to school the next day and take an Accelerated Reading test. AR reading tests hold students accountable for what they have read. If the student passes the test, s/he receives $\frac{1}{2}$ point. The second grade teachers’ expectation is that each student earns 100 points by the end of the year. This means that a student should take approximately one test per day to meet this goal. If students earn 10 points a month, they will be recognized by Mrs. Foos in an awards ceremony.

Starting in October, the Pizza Hut Book-It program begins. Students must have 10 AR points to earn a pizza certificate.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read.



Recipe for a Great Third Grade Class

1 Bunch of Happy Eager Students

1 Enthusiastic, Energetic and Loving Teacher

Combine the above ingredients with:

2 cups of Reading

1 cup of Math and 1 cup of Spelling

1 cup of Science/Social Studies/Health

1 cup of Honesty

1 cup of Friendship

1 cup of Respect

1 cup Concern and Love for Each Other

Spices (for extra flavor)

A dash of P.E., Art, Music, Library and Computers

An abundance of supportive and concerned parents

Blend reading, spelling, math, science, social studies very carefully and thoroughly every day. Add honesty, friendship, respect, and concern for each other. Daily add a bunch of love and enthusiasm along with a scoop of understanding and a dash of discipline. Sift in P.E., Music, Art, Library and Computers to give it a little spicy flavor. Mix thoroughly and check to see if all ingredients are blending and being learned. Bake in a third grade classroom everyday. Watch them grow and learn daily adding more of each ingredient as needed. When they are done and the year is through - turn them out into the world with knowledge, love, respect, and self-esteem!

Fourth Grade Forum

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We want to remind parents



to look at the assignment notebook on a daily basis.

This will ensure communication between home and school regarding assignments and activities. A quick signature each day will let us know you have discussed the activities with your child. It is also a good way to let us know if your child is going to be absent or has an appointment that will take them out of school.

Thank you for taking the time out of your evening to do this.

Comments From the Class

Healthy Snacks— I never heard of a pluot and I loved it! Angel C.

Mobile Lab— The lap tops are very fun. Macy S.

Departmentalizing— It is a challenge to stay organized for the classes. Crystal S.

New Math— I loved doing 20 Questions on the promethean board. Breyden M.

A.R.— Having a reading goal this year helps me read more. Tommy H.

Exploratories— I learned about first class levers in Legos. Sam S.

Changing, Learning, Growing

We have been busy in Fourth Grade learning the new curriculum and schedules. Students are moving from their Math, Science, and Reading classes with ease.

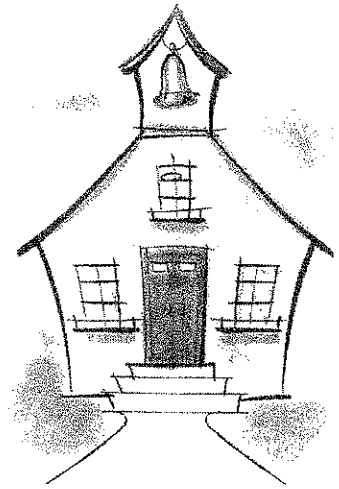
The new Math series has been exciting for teachers as well as students. We encourage students to practice their math facts.

We are also continuing with Treasures, our Reading series. Students will take weekly story quizzes. These quizzes will cover vocabulary and comprehension over the main reading selection.

In Science, students have been learning about nutrition, energy and matter.

The fourth graders are continuing with the Successmaker program which is a comprehensive computer program in the areas of Reading and Math. Students spend 30 minutes daily at the computer lab with 15 minutes in each subject.

We are learning about South Dakota history through an on-line textbook called The Weekly South Dakotan. There are 9 units with 4 lessons in each unit. Students will be graded on lesson comprehension and vocabulary. We will also be making a South Dakota A to Z book. Each letter of the alphabet will represent a



topic on South Dakota. For example, A is for Agriculture. Students will write a paragraph about agriculture and illustrate a picture box to go with their paragraph.



Read All About It

Students will continue to use the Accelerated Reader Program. We recommend students read for enjoyment at least fifteen minutes every evening. We require students to have

10 points by midterm and 20 points by quarter end. Students are setting personal goals to meet this required reading. Accelerated Reader is not a graded subject, but activity

rewards are awarded for those students meeting their goals. Please remind your child to log their reading in their planner on a daily basis.

5th Grade News

NeSoDak "It's Back!"

The fifth graders will be making their second annual trip to NeSoDak this May.

We recently had two workers from NeSoDak come and talk to the students to give them an understanding of the camp. They even gave the kids a little teaser on a couple of camp songs but left them hanging until camp to see how they end.

To attend camp there are a few things that each fifth grader must do. For one each student must perform three hours of

community service. This might include helping out at learning center, working at the concession stand, or counting box tops. There will also be some fund raising opportunities to help raise the funds needed for the registration fees. Who knows we might even try "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader" again this year. Finally students must show proper behavior throughout the year. A student cannot receive more than two referrals to the office during the school year.

While at camp the students will be able to take part in nature walks, fishing, water ecology, orienteering, blacksmithing and much more. Stay tuned for more news to come.

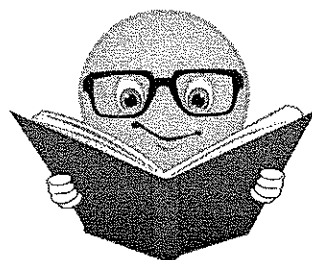
Upcoming Events

- Tie Dye T-Shirts
Taking place during homecoming week.
- Oct. 21 End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 27 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 28 Band Lessons

Accelerated Reader Goals

Well the first quarter has been moving quickly. We would like to encourage all students to pick up a book and work hard on the goals that have been set in

reading. Take time to read everyday, and try not to put it off until the last moment. We know that if you start early and work hard you can all make it.



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FREE Preschool Screening for 3 year olds and younger.

The Milbank School District will be holding a preschool screening for children that are 3 years old or younger at Koch School.

Friday, October 14, 2011

This screening will be in the areas of: motor, speech, language, hearing and general knowledge from 9 am – 3 pm. We hope to visit with every child and parent of this age.

**Birth to 2 Coordinator for this area will only be available from the hours of 12 – 3 pm

Please call Peggy Greiner at 432-5579 (8am – 1 pm) or 432-4393 (1 pm – 4 pm) to set up an appointment ahead of time.

4TH ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

LEARNING starts at home

When families are involved, students earn better grades, demonstrate better attendance, and have higher graduation rates.

Learn how to make a difference in your child's education during the 4th Annual Parent Conference.

**Fri., Sept. 30, and
Sat., Oct. 1, 2011**

**Ramkota - Sioux Falls
Conference is *FREE***

Friday's conference: 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's conference: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

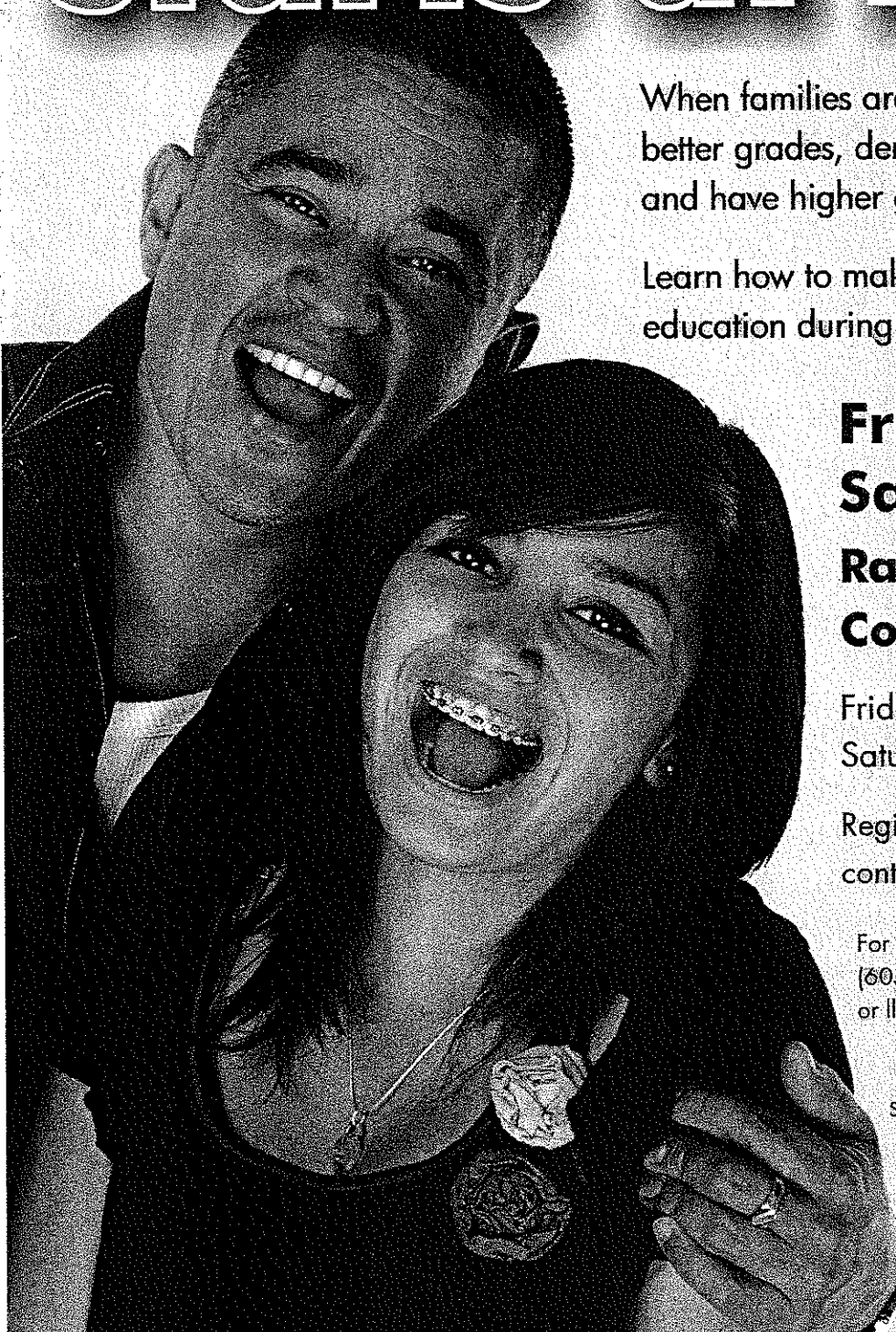
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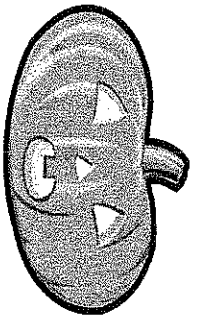
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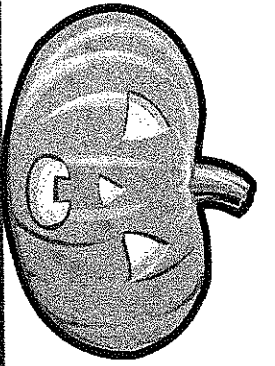
South Dakota PIRC
Parent Information and Resource Center/ Parent Resource Network





October 2011 Milbank School Breakfast

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Cereal Toast/ PB Juice/Milk	4 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Cereal/Juice/Toast PB Milk/Fruit	5 Waffle Sticks, Syrup Cereal/Toast/Juice Fruit/Milk	6 Scrambled Eggs Cereal Toast/Juice/Milk/Fruit	7 No School
10 No School	11 Cereal Toast/ PB Juice/Milk	12 Cinn. French Toast/Syrup Cereal. Toast Juice/Milk/Fruit	13 Breakfast Wrap Cereal/Juice/Toast Fruit/Milk	14 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast PB Juice/Milk/Fruit
17 Cereal Toast/ PB Juice/Milk	18 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Cereal/Juice/Toast PB Milk/Fruit	19 Waffle Sticks, Syrup Cereal/Toast/Juice Fruit/Milk	20 Scrambled Eggs Cereal Toast/Juice/Milk/Fruit	21 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Toast/Juice/Milk Fruit
24 Cereal Toast/ PB Juice/Milk	25 French Toast Sticks/Syrup Cereal/Juice/Toast PB Milk/Fruit	26 Pancake Wrap Cereal/Juice/Toast Milk/Fruit	27 Scrambled Eggs Cereal Toast/Juice/Milk	28 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Toast/Juice/Milk Fruit
31 Cereal Toast/ PB Juice/Milk				



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MILBANK SCHOOL LUNCH
 menu subject to change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Pizza * Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Yogurt/Milk	4 Chili/Crackers Cheese Stick/Banana Petite Cinn. Roll * Celery Sticks/Dip Milk	5 Scalloped Potatoes/Ham Dinner Roll* Cooked Carrots Strawberry Cup/Milk Sunshine Bar	6 Turkey Sub* lettuce & cheese Corn chips/Apple Fresh Carrots/Dip milk	7 No School Teacher In Service
10 No School Native American Day	11 Chicken Strip Wrap* lettuce/cheese/ranch Seasoned Tots/Fruit Milk	12 Hotdog/Bun* Baked Beans Macaroni * & Cheese Fruit/Milk	13 Chicken Patty/Bun Baked French Fries Raspberry Sherbet/Milk	14 Pizza* Mix Vegetables/Fruit Yogurt/Milk Cookie
17 Soft Shell Tacos* Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Spanish Rice/ Pineapple Milk	18 Spaghetti/* Meat Sauce Peas/Fruit Garlic Toast Brownie/Milk	19 Fajita Wrap* Rice Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Fruit/Yogurt/Milk PB Sandwich*	20 Turkey Dinner Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn/Strawberries White Cake/Milk	21 Cold Cut Sub* lettuce/cheese Relish Tray /Dip/Apple Corn Chips* Milk
24 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes/Corn Applesauce Cup/Milk	25 Mozz. Cheese Sticks Red Sauce Green Beans/Fruit PB Sand* Cookie* Milk	26 Cheeseburger/Bun* Lettuce Sweet Potato Fries/ Dip Fruit/Milk	27 Chicken Noodle Soup* Crackers/ Peach Cup Tst. Cheese Sand* Relish Tray/Milk	28 No School
31 Bar B Que/Bun * Nachos/Veggie Ray Mandarin Oranges/Milk Scooby Doo Snack	*contains whole grain 1% or skim served daily Choc. Skim served Fridays			