

Elm River Township School  
Teacher Report: 10/15/18

I am excited to say that this weekend I passed my CDL driver's skills road test and inspection. Today we sent my temporary permit and test certificate to process a waiver to start driving with kids. The waiver allows me to drive until I take the mandatory bus driving class in November, since I missed the one in August. The kids are excited that I will start using the bus soon. It was quite a learning experience, and I'm glad I'm done! I want to thank John Reynolds, Ed Semmens, and my brother, Keith, for pointers which made the whole thing a little easier.

Last week on Friday, Ms. Krissy took the kids on a field trip to the Park View to go swimming for gym class. The kids were very well behaved and had a lot of fun. It's nice to know we have an option like this for our kids. This is another special thing we can do, like golfing, that other big schools can't do. These are more "Points of Pride" to add to the list.

Ms. Krissy also reapplied for the Sky Grant, and we just received the check. It provides \$175 per student with which we buy winter clothing that stays at the school. This ensures they will be dressed appropriately and safely for the winter outdoor recesses. We will probably go on our shopping trip within the next month.

Since Thursday's weather looks really nice, we're planning to take our first field trip with the bus to Hulkonen's pumpkin farm. We pay for each kid to get a small to medium sized pumpkin that we will use for an art project. Hulkonen's also have a corn or hay bale maze which the kids really enjoy and make several laps through serving as a good gym class.

Finally, since October is Fire Prevention Month, the fire department is coming here Friday morning to discuss fire safety and to practice a fire drill. Then, for something different, we will be taking the kids to the firehouse for the equipment demonstration and to see the firetruck.

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson