

Elm River Township School  
Teacher Report: 11/27/18

As you know, Ms. Laura resigned as cook to pursue another direction in life. So far, Ms. Raquel is doing a nice job and is trying some new menu items. I appreciate the very nice Thanksgiving meal she made for us all. Ms. Raquel also seems to be a good fit for our school, and we are lucky to have her.

Halloween was a fun day! I want to thank Ms. Krissy for planning some fun activities, including a new dart game. Cedes even came back to visit us during the party which was a pleasant surprise. Plus, Ms. Brogan did a nice job with the kids to get their pumpkins cleaned and carved.

We are also three weeks into the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period. I was pleased with the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period report cards. Overall, the effort has been good and there have been no major discipline problems. This has been a nice start to the year!

So far, the bus driving has gone pretty smoothly. I'm just having to adjust to the snowier/slippery conditions, but it hasn't been too bad yet. We did get new tires on the front of the bus from Fine Line Tire and the snow tires are on the back.

A couple weeks ago, we took the kids shopping for snow clothes using the Sky Grant monies. The kids found some really nice snow pants, jackets, gloves, and hats from Shopko and Dunhams. Everyone already had good boots that fit them well, so we still have some left over money. Last year, we returned the extra money, but we'd rather figure a good way to spend it this year.

Last week, for the second time, we took the kids to the Parkview to go swimming for gym class. The kids really enjoy this and the Parkview enjoys having us there. It's nice having such a fun option nearby for the kids.

Finally, I am very pleased that Elm River was once again asked to decorate bags for the Little Brothers Thanksgiving meals. The kids worked really hard to decorate 80 bags, and they did a really nice job. I want to thank Ms. Brogan and Ms. Krissy for coming up with the bag design. I love that our students appreciate and take pride in giving back to those less fortunate in our community. We will likewise be decorating bags for the Christmas meal. I'm glad Little Brothers continues to come to us for this giving opportunity.

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson