

Elm River Township School  
Teacher Report: 3/7/19

Our new students from Ontonagon are adjusting well. The parents are pleased that the kids are now having a positive experience at school. They are especially happy that we are helping with the transportation in the morning. Hopefully this exposure in Ontonagon may lead to even more kids from there.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, our eighth graders took the NAEP test (National Assessment of Educational Progress). The proctor, Judy Bonne, commented on how polite our eighth graders were and how hard they were trying. She often sees kids not taking it seriously. Judy also noted how considerate the younger kids were in the other room and in the hallway.

I also gave Judy and her assistant, Mark, a tour of the school, and we talked about how our small school operates. They both said they wished their grandkids could come to Elm River because they love the advantages our small school has. Later that day, I received a thank you email from Judy in which she stated, "It was a delight to be in the best, biggest, small school in Michigan." I'm so proud that our staff and kids made such a great impression!

We, of course, had a Valentine's Day party too. We had lots of nice treats as well as some fun games to play. Like last year, the kids loved the balloon/dart game, but maybe even liked shooting cue tips out of a straw into a bowl more this year! I want to thank Ms. Krissy for organizing the games.

Once again, we also have "March is Reading Month" activities going on. Each day has a different fun theme like pajama, crazy hair, beach, and flannel day. So far, my favorite has been "no talking" day. Gee, I wonder why? The daily goal is for the kids to read at least 15 minutes at home each night. If everyone participates and we reach our school goal, then we will have a party on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Spring break is the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>.

For something different to do, we are going tubing at Mont Ripley next Tuesday.

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson