

Elm River Township School
Teacher Report: 9/17/18

The school year is off to a very good start. The kids are working hard and getting a lot done. I want to thank Ms. Krissy and Ms. Brogan for helping me be as effective as possible with our time. Plus, they have been a great help with Art and Gym ideas.

I did purchase Moby Max for k-8 math, reading, science, social studies, and writing intervention material. Included are the mandatory ELA and Math assessments which the kids have already completed. I am also purchasing Beacon as the second source for ELA and Math assessments. This is one of the three recommended by the MDE.

I also want to thank Krissy for helping to transport the kids each day with her own personal vehicle. As I believe you know, I am still in the midst of the process to get my CDL to drive the bus. I have passed the physical and the three online tests at the Secretary of State Office. From this, I have received a permit to drive the bus, but cannot transport the kids until I pass my driving/inspection test. There is a 14 day waiting period after getting the permit, so I will finally be able to take this last test on Wednesday.

Since I am a little anxious about this final driving/inspection test, John Reynolds dropped by last week to give me some pointers. Likewise Ed Semmens, from the CCISD, also offered to help. I went there today, and he also gave some good tips and bus maintenance help. They both reassured me that no one gets it perfect and some even fail, but in the end I'll get through it. So I want to thank John and Ed for their support!

Finally, last week we went on a field trip to a Book Fair at South Range. We allowed each kid to buy two books curtesy of the school with other items coming out of their own pocket. Afterward, we ate at the Rock House and burned off the calories with a walk across the Portage Lake Lift-Bridge. Of course, we had to stop at Dairy Queen on the way home. A good time was had by all!

Thank you,

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