

Elm River Township School
Teacher Report: 9/16/19

We are off to a really nice start to the new school year. So far the behavior has been very good and our new students are fitting in nicely. The returning students have gone out of their way to be welcoming and helpful in teaching the routines. Sadly, our youngest kindergartener was not ready yet to be successful in a school setting and will try again next year. The parents weren't surprised, but were glad we tried.

One possible reason for the good behavior is our reinstatement of the school store. Our eighth grader is very understanding of the concept for the younger kids and is being a good role model. Last Friday was the first day the kids could shop and everyone had enough tickets to purchase at least one of the less expensive items. Amazingly, two kids chose not to purchase anything at this time so as to save up for a bigger ticket item. I want to thank Ms. Krissy for picking up items for the store and setting things up.

Mr. Greg has also been a great addition to the team. The kids really like and respect him, so they have been very good on the bus. Over the first couple weeks, we have worked out a routine for him where the majority of the custodial duties get done in the morning, then he works more directly with kids in the afternoon. He has been especially helpful by sharing his experiences in music, art, and gym.

We also had a special visitor named Dory who stopped by from the park and offered to do a seed art project with the kids. She had a multitude of seed varieties which provided different colors for the image, and she attempted to teach the kids the name of each kind. More importantly, the kids were welcoming and made a good impression on her. She said she loved our little school!

Finally, I want to thank Cully and Debbie Maki for donating two checker/chess boards and art supplies. The kids are really into the chess, and Mr. Greg is trying to teach them some of the finer points of strategy.

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson