

Elm River Township School
Teacher Report: 3/16/20

Later in February, we took the kids to see the ice sculptures at MTU. It was a bit of a blustery day, but the kids still enjoyed looking at the innovative structures and ideas. We also go into Hancock to drive by The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity which has often been the overall winner. Then like usual, we stopped at Culvers for a treat afterward.

March is also Reading Month, so we have the calendar filled with fun days as incentive to reach our individual and overall reading goals. Some of the fun days planned are Wacky Inside/Out Day, Crazy Hat Day, Yooper Day, and Electronic Blackout Day to name a few. The individual goal per student is to read at least 500 documented minutes at home. This can be done by averaging about 20 minutes per night, but a couple of the kids are going well beyond this. We reward the top reader, so there's a little competition going on. Each student must reach their minimum goal in order for the school to earn a party at the end.

Last week, the kids went to the Rosza Center for the second Class Acts performance of the year. This was with the Okee Dokee Brothers who introduced some cool folk music to the kids. Some of the songs were so catchy that the kids were still singing them when they got back to the school.

Finally, as you probably already know, with the Covid-19 outbreak, Governor Whitmer has closed all schools in the State for the next three weeks. We must all be mindful of the precautions being recommended in order to minimize this threat to our health, our loved ones, and the nation.

Thank you,

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