

The Eagle's Nest



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MONTHS OF THE YEAR

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January snowy and cold,
Febuary with hearts to hold,
March leprechauns come,
April fool your friends,
May flowers grow,
June pretty and nice,
July fireworks fly,
August you're the best
September school comes along,
October jack-a-lanterns glow,
November have a big feast,
December Christmas carols can be
sung,
And those are the months of the year!



BECOMING A WOODLAND

By Ellie Glende, gr. 4

I am in fourth grade and a Woodland student. In the Woodlands, we do a lot of cool stuff. For example, every week, Maggie, my teacher, gives us a word, then we look it up in the dictionary. Then we write it in our notebooks. We call this the W.O.W., which stands for, Word Of the Week. We also have literature circles. We have small and big groups. Each person has a job. There is a discussion director, the Word Wizard, The Illustrator, and more. I love being in the Woodlands group a lot.

MY INSTRUMENT

By Will Tuma, gr. 5



I play the trumpet and I think it is grand. My dad played it and my grandpa, so I have it in my blood. Both my mom and dad think I am very good at it and so do I. I know the five key scale and more. I can go up to high C and low G. I think the trumpet is the best of all instruments.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

By Gabriella David, gr. 2

If I were President I would make sure that poor people have food and everyone has a house and a family. I would give to the poor, like cars.



FIFTH GRADE BAND

By Hanna Lentsch, gr. 5

I'm in 5th grade band this year. I love to play my clarinet because my mom played clarinet. My mom showed me how to play the clarinet. I have band on Wednesday. Melodi is my band teacher.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

By Emma Scholes, gr. 1

If I were President I would have people not throw glass on the ground. And NO bullying! For sure!



HALLOWEEN

By Molly Roethler, gr. 2

Halloween is fun. I like to stay up late and play games. I love the candy and 3 Musketeers. Halloween is cool!

PATROLS

By Jack Ernste, gr. 5

This year I am a patrol. It is a lot of fun. We get to wear a cool vest, hold a flag and we get to help people cross the street. Being a patrol is a big responsibility. We have to be at school on time and make sure everyone is being safe and following the rules. That's why I like being a patrol.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

By Olivia Dunn, gr. 1

If I were President I would change gas prices.

FALL

By Willie Potter, gr. 1



Fall is fun because I jump in the leaves.

Fall looks like leaves falling off the trees.

Fall smell like leaves.

Fall sounds like spooky things.

In the fall I rake leaves.

But the best thing about fall is Halloween.



OUR NEW PLAYGROUND

By Kayla Kenow, gr. 4

The second week of school we got a new playground. We still have the half-moon and the glider. I love our new playground. It is a little safer now because we have woodchips on the ground. If we fall we won't get hurt as bad. I would love to thank everybody who helped with the new playground, especially the P.T.O. and all the people who donated and the Faribault School District. I love Nerstrand School. It is a happy, helpful place.

HALLOWEEN

By Jady Cook, gr. 3

Halloween is fun. I like seeing my neighbors because we don't always get to see them. I like all the fun decorations and I like getting dressed up in spooky costumes. Halloween is awesome!

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

By Holden Keller, gr. 2

If I were President I would give money to the poor. I would let the younger kids play with the older kids. I would help people live in peace.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

By Aiden Klett, gr. 3

If I were President I would wear a top-hat, have a fake beard, and have a giant bouncy house. I would help the poor have fun and STOP the wars and bullying. I would also have a kindness day.

HALLOWEEN

By Mia Potter, gr. 3

Halloween is fun! I like Halloween because I love to sort the candy by color or by kind of candy. It's fun to see people in their costumes. I think it's fun to go trick-or-treating in Northfield because they do really cool decorating and they hand out really good candy.

FALL

By Bella Keller, gr. 1

Fall is fun because I start dance.
Fall looks like leaves.
Fall smells like candy.
Fall sounds like birds.
In the fall I have my birthday.
But, the best thing about fall is I get to go combining.

PRESIDENT

By Julia Gilmore, gr. 1

If I were President I would say each week everyone will pick up garbage and try to stop bullying.



SCIENCE

By Allison Kispert, gr. 4

In science we are evaporating salt. The people in my group are Abby, Mara, Ruby and me. We took a bottle of citric acid and shook it until there were no more crystals and we filtered it by pouring it through a coffee filter. We also filtered the diatomaceous earth, the salt and the citric acid. The coffee filter caught the powder, and specks of salt. The citric acid crystals evaporated. I really enjoy science investigations.

WRITING

By Caleb Voight, gr. 5

Ellen's class has been writing haikus. Haikus are poems with a pattern. The first line has to have five syllables, seven syllables in the second line and five syllables in the third line. This is an example of a haiku.

Haikus are so fun
They don't have to make any sense
Louisiana

FARMAMERICA

By Nick Flom, gr. 4

The 4th and 5th graders went to FarmAmerica in September. We went to an 1850's farm site, and a 1930's farm site. We also went to a one room school house, a country church and a black smith's shop. My favorite was the 1850's site. They had old tools and an authentic house, barn, sod house, and smoke house. My favorite was the dug-out. That was where the family slept before they had the house.

AMBASSADORS

By Ruby Gernandt, gr. 4

On Monday, October 28th, the Ambassadors went to the Faribault City Hall and presented the Faribault School board our last annual report because we have a new sponsor. We all spoke but when it was my turn to speak I was really nervous. I never looked up once. When I was finished I realized I was on tv. I was scared that I didn't do good but when we left, my mom told me I did really good. I was happy after that and I'm eager to speak again.

GREATEST HOMEWORK ESCUSES

By Paige Koch, gr. 3

My dog put my homework in the bathtub. Then he turned on the water and it went down the drain.

By Jaden DeGroot, gr. 3

My brother ripped it up and then he fed it to our fish, who ate it up.

By Ava Becken, gr. 3

I took my homework out of my folder to look at it while I was on the bus. The window was open and it was very windy. I accidentally let go and it blew out the window.

By Jolee Harris, gr. 3

My sister made a paper airplane out of my homework and flew it right out the window.

By Sebastian Malkavage, gr. 3

My friend squished my homework up into a coin and put it into a Pac-man machine. Then Pac-man ate it.



THE HARVEST PARADE

By Katelyn Fette, gr. 5

We have a Harvest Parade at Nerstrand Elementary School every year on October 31 or on the closest day to Halloween. The whole school dresses in costumes and walks around town. Some people hand out candy and others are looking at the costumes. We say "thank you very much!" We do this for fun and so other kids can see our costumes and get ideas for next year. Thank you Nerstrand businesses!

OUR WINTER CONCERT

By Madi Luebke, gr. 5

This year we will be doing a Winter Concert called, "My Marvelous Magical Sleigh." I'm positive it will be lots of fun. It's going to be a lot of work to put it together, but with the help of some paras and students who will have to memorize their parts, I'm sure it will be great. We all hope you can come and see it. Before the concert starts the 5th grade band will be playing a few Christmas songs. So remember, December 20th at 12:45 or 6:45 p.m.

FALL

By Amelia Ford, gr. 1

Fall is fun because I like jumping in the leaves.

Fall look like friends at school.

Fall smells like candy.

Fall sounds like wind blowing.

In the fall I play with my friends.

But, the best thing about fall is having a new house.



WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?

By Mara Bauer, gr. 5

Everyone has some kind of talent. Maybe it's basketball, baseball, or dance. Mine happens to be art. My favorite art project that we have done so far is the drawing of our faces. When I draw I feel a pop of inspiration. I don't know where it comes from, but it just comes. Our school has Art every Wednesday instead of Homeroom.

PRESIDENT

By Gabe Hoisington, gr. 1

If I were the President I would have the super-hero's be Avengers.

(Kindergarten Students were asked what they would like to be for Halloween. Here are their responses.)

Hannah Miller: I would like to be Cinderella for Halloween.

Chelsea Kenow: I would like to be a honeybee for Halloween.

Mara Cook: I would like to be a Rockstar for Halloween.

Sydney Morgan: I would like to be Ariel for Halloween.

Duncan Glende: I would like to be a ghost for Halloween.

Cameron David: I would like to be a ninja for Halloween.

Evelyn Amundson: I would like to be Cinderella for Halloween.

Brady Schulz: I would like to be a Ninja for Halloween.

Lottie Keller: I would like to be Rapunzel for Halloween.

Lily Mitchell: I would like to be a Ninja for Halloween.

Ashton Cap: I would like to be an army man for Halloween.

Kelin McDowell: I would like to be an Orka for Halloween.

Ellory Grund: I would like to be a leopard for Halloween.

Grant Koch: I would like to be a Ninja for Halloween.

Nora Becken: I would like to be a cat for Halloween.

Asia Fillipi: I would like to be a Princess for Halloween.

Seth Lind: I would like to be a Pirate for Halloween.

Declan Chappuis: I would like to be Spiderman for Halloween.

Iah Schweich: I would like to be a Zombie for Halloween.

Faith David: I would like to be a cowgirl for Halloween.

Lauren Hafemeyer: I would like to be Rapunzel for Halloween.

Claire Ray: I would like to be a Fairy for Halloween.

Paul DeGroot: I would like to be Luke Skywalker for Halloween.

Kyler Severson: I would like to be Spiderman for Halloween.

HALLOWEEN

By Alex Tuma, gr. 2

Halloween is fun. I like getting candy and going house to house. I like scaring my friends but not too bad. Walking in the dark with my friends is fun. Halloween is awesome!

TRUMPETS

By Cole Bauernfeind, gr. 5

I play a trumpet at Nerstrand School. I have band on Wednesdays and lessons on Thursdays. Trumpets are fun to play but hard, too. You first want to buzz on your mouth piece for three minutes, then gently apply to trumpet. Then you should play open C. Then just play whatever you want. Trumpets are fun to play!



PRESIDENT

By Eli Temple, gr. 2

If I were President I would make sure that people would donate books to the poor if they wanted to. I would make sure people are doing the right thing.

OUR PRINCIPAL

By Grace Gonzalez, gr. 4

This year we have a new principal and her name is Bonnie Jean. It was hard at first because we loved our old one, Lauren. It's fun when we get to see him. After a while with Bonnie Jean we got to know her better. We love Bonnie Jean just as much as we love Lauren.

HALLOWEEN

By Kyle Ernste, gr. 2

Halloween is fun. I like eating candy. My favorite is a Snickers Bar. They taste good! Scaring is my favorite thing to do on Halloween night. I love staying up late. I always stay up until 10:30 p.m. Halloween is cool!

FALL

By Reuben Menk, gr. 1

Fall is fun because I like to jump in the leaves.
Fall looks like leaves falling.
Fall smells like pumpkin pie.
Fall sounds like birds chirping.
In the fall I start being busy.
But, the best thing about fall is school starts.

PRESIDENT

By Riley Huschle, gr. 1

If I were President I would march around and if there were poor people I would give them money and I would pass out candy to the kids.

FALL

By Logan Gonzalez, gr. 1

Fall is fun because it is almost winter.
Fall looks like people in Halloween costumes.
Fall smells like candy.
Fall sounds like haunted.
In the fall I build forts.
But, the best thing about fall is trick-or-treating.



BAND

By Francis Volkmuth, gr. 5

I'm in 5th grade band at Nerstrand School. I play the percussion instruments. I play the snare drum and the base drum. The other people who play percussion are Sam H., Sophia L., and Madi L. I really like being in band.

FALL

By Meredith Umbreit, gr. 1

Fall is fun because I see flowers.
Fall looks like colorful leaves.
Fall smells like candy.
Fall sounds like birds flying south.
In the fall I have my birthday.
But, the best thing about fall is leaves.

(A Haiku is a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five. The following are examples of Haiku's)

HOCKEY

By Noah Carlson, gr. 4

Hockey equals fun
Getting the hockey puck, yah
I go score a goal.

MY HAIKU

By Bradyn Fortney, gr. 5

Some Haikus are strange,
Some words aren't needed at all.
The washing machine.

ICE CREAM

By Emma Zweber, gr. 5

Zweber's Ice Cream Shop
My ice cream is delicious
Please come buy some now!

CLIMBING

By Hannah Ray, gr. 4

I love climbing trees
With sunlight streaming towards me
It feels magical.

LEARN & SERVE

By Thomas Roethler, gr. 4



I am always excited to go to Learn and Serve. At Nerstrand School there are a lot of committees that kids can be on. I chose to be on the Learn and Serve Committee because we do a lot of things to help the school and community. We help with raking leaves, writing thank you cards and help out around the school. We meet at lunch time so we bring our lunch to Paula's room and sit around and talk about what we will do.



LEARNING TO WATERSKI

By Jonah Umbreit, gr. 4

My dad tried to teach me how to water-ski with the jet ski but he didn't give it enough gas so I fell right away. We tried again and this time I made it. I went around the bay, but big waves came and I wiped out. Then we tried skiing with the boat. It was easier than the jetski. My mom wanted my sister to try. She didn't get up so I went again. This time I went around the whole lake. It was getting dark so we came in and went back to the cabin.

COMING EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 3rd - 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
Mon., Dec. 10th - 3:00 p.m. BOD Meeting
Wed. Dec. 12th - Early Dismissal
Thurs. Dec 20th - 12:45 & 6:45 Winter Program
Fri. Dec. 21st- School Spirit PJ Day
Mon. Dec. 24-Jan. 1-Winter Break
Wed. Jan. 2nd.- School in Session

Dear Families and Community Members,

It has been eleven years since I last wrote an article for the Eagle's Nest and doing so has caused me to recollect how the Eagle's Nest came to be many years ago. When I returned to Nerstrand Elementary School in the early 1990s, the school had just received word of the awarding of a "Learn and Serve America" grant from the United States Department of Education. This grant, over the next NINE years, enabled the school to implement a number of special service learning programs, including the printing, publication, and mailing of the Eagle's Nest. And while the grant has expired, the commitment of the school to serving others – and learning from that service - has remained strong. Without the on-going funding, we have been unable to continue the mailing of the Eagle's Nest, but creating this community newsletter four times a year has remained a priority. By year's end, every Nerstrand student will be published in the Eagle's Nest, so make sure to watch for your child's, grandchild's, or neighbor's submission!

As always, December is an exciting month at Nerstrand School. Not only are we hard at work preparing for our Winter Concert on December 20th (12:45 & 6:45 pm), we are also committed to maintaining academic work at a high level amid the plentiful and wonderful distractions of the season. We look forward to seeing you at one of our programs and we thank you for attending the afternoon performance if that works in your schedule. As you have likely observed in the past, our evening performance is typically a "standing room only" event by the time the curtain goes up. Many thanks are extended to our music teacher, Melodi VanRoekel, the students and staff for all of their work in preparing for this special yearly event.

I wish you all the best this holiday season!

Bonnie Jean Flom,
Director