

# The Eagle's Nest



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*(5th grade students will share some of their favorite memories while at Nerstrand Elementary.)*



## MY MEMORIES

By Ava, gr. 5

I will always miss Nerstrand. Some of my favorite memories are Christmas programs. I think that we've done "A Christmas Carol", "A Search for Peace", "Pinocchio" and a few others I've forgotten the names of. I had fun watching four programs and being in one of them. They are worth the work that it takes to put them together. I will always remember being here and I will remember all of the unique things that we do here.



## 5th GRADE MEMORY

By Caydon, gr. 5

One of the things I will miss most about Nerstrand is that nobody bullied each other and the teachers were always nice and not yell at you when you mess up. One of the funny things is when I would hide their stuff and they wouldn't find it. One of the things I like to do at recess is playing football. I like playing football because if you catch the ball or even make a touch down it would make the biggest difference and intercepting it would be an amazing difference. But the thing I will miss most is seeing my friends every day. I will miss Nerstrand forever.



## MY NERSTRAND MEMORIES

By Caroline, gr. 5

One of my favorite memories is when Darla, Alaina, Grace and I sang "do you hear what I hear?" for the Christmas concert. I was super nervous, but everyone was encouraging us and saying we would be great. After the concert, Ellen came up to us and said we "stole the show." That was a great memory and one of the most fun things I've done. Another great memory is last year, in Peace Garden. We were voting on the best tree and butterfly pictures for the Mexican part of the peace garden, and we were supposed to say one positive thing about the pictures. The trees were supposed to have a swooping shape to the branches, so for some reason, Tanner started saying "I like them swoops." He would say it in a weird voice, and we would all burst out laughing. After a while, we told him he couldn't do it anymore, so Phillip and Devin started doing it. I've had lots of fun at Nerstrand. It and the people here will always have a special place in my heart.



### **MY FAVORITE MEMORIES**

By Aiden, gr. 5

My first day of kindergarten was fun because we played a lot of games and I met most of my friends. I also met Lauren our Phy. Ed. teacher and our principal. He was funny. His pinky finger is cut off and he would ask one of us to touch it, and when we did he yelled "Ouch!" We'd get scared, he would laugh. Then he told us it didn't hurt and how it got cut off. We always got free time in the morning in kindergarten and I would always play with the marble run. First Grade was cool because I met people in 3rd and 2nd grade. I made a paper machete Jupiter sculpture out of a balloon. The funny part was Pluto was bigger than Jupiter.

I really liked it here at Nerstrand and will miss the friends I've made over the six years here.



### **MY MEMORIES**

By Isabelle, gr. 5

I came to Nerstrand Elementary School in first grade. On my first day, I was scared but then I got shown around the school and it was fun. I learned that the lunch room and the gym were in the same place. I had a lot of friends by the end of the day. I was in Paula's class and she helped me with math, spelling and a lot of other things. At lunch, I didn't know where to sit. One girl came up to me and asked me if I wanted to sit with her. I said yes. We talked a lot and became best friends. Her name was Jady Cook. She made my day by doing that and every day after I couldn't wait to see her. You know it's my last year and I know that I'm not the only one but I think everyone here will miss it. I love all these fifth graders! We have been through a lot together. 5th grade Field day, 5<sup>TH</sup> grade lock in. It's been ups and downs for us, but we got through them together. Fifth graders, have a great time in Middle School. I hope to see you again sometime.



### **MY MEMORIES OF NERSTRAND**

By Grace, gr. 5

When I came to Nerstrand Elementary I was afraid that I wouldn't ever make a friend. That's where I was wrong. I came in kindergarten all alone and I met my best friend, Jaden DeGroot. We have great memories, like playing in kindergarten together and in first grade we sat with each other. And then we have all our other ones. Then I met more friends and now I have a whole group of close friends. Second grade wasn't my best year. I had to go to a school in a different town. I was so sad each day because I never made any friends except one, her name was Shelly. She sat next to me and we became best friends and then after a long time there I got to come back. Shelly cried and so did I, we didn't want to leave each other but I had to. I told my dad I didn't want to leave my friend behind, and we left anyway. I cried for days coming back both tears of sadness and joy. I was so happy to come but I missed Shelly I still miss her today and I wonder if she misses me. I will go to Middle School with some of my friends, not all of them though. I will miss my friends who I have to leave but I can write to my friends too. I will miss all the students, teachers and paras and I will miss the whole community of wonderful people who live in the wonderful town of Nerstrand. I will miss this little school. Enjoy this school while you're in it, it's the best school in the world.



### NERSTRAND MEMORIES

John, gr. 5

My favorite memory at Nerstrand School was when Lauren was here. I was in kindergarten and it was gym time. Lauren told me to pull his pinkie finger. I didn't know one of his pinkies was just a stub. I pulled his finger and he started to act like he was hurt then he turned around super-fast and showed me his pinkie that was a stub and everyone screamed. Another good memory is when all the kindergarteners got to ring the bell and everyone in the entire school was out there chanting "flip it flip it!" One of my all-time favorite memories was when I got to vote for the new teachers and when they came in to talk to our classes. When Angie and Andrew came in to talk and meet our classes they looked so nervous their faces were red and I almost started to laugh it looked so funny. I will always remember the students, teachers and staff here at Nerstrand.



### FIFTH GRADE MEMORY

By Cole, gr. 5

One of my memories is when Maggie was here and we were in Morning Meeting and we were playing cat-erpillar and she said no pushing people and when she was in the middle she pushed Jack off the chair, well at least tried to pull him off his chair. Another memory is when we were playing tag with Andy and he was it, I sat on the rock wall until he found me. Then I ran but not surprisingly, he caught me! One other memory is this awesome school and the awesome paras. Another one is in the play I was a dog! And when Mia was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Caydon came under her chair and Caydon said "hi" and Mia stomped on his face.



### MY NERSTRAND MEMORY

By Canon, gr. 5

My favorite memory from Nerstrand is going to the Como Planetarium in first grade. I remember sitting in the planetarium with the stars and planets around me. We got to make our own constellations. Mine was: The Dragon King. I would enjoy going back to the planetarium someday.



### MY MEMORIES OF NERSTRAND

By Maren, gr. 5

Although I haven't been here so long I'd liked to tell you that Nerstrand is an amazing school. Not only is Nerstrand awesome but its students are incredible too. One of the things that I think is very special in Nerstrand is that everyone is friendly and kind. Another memory is when we did the Peter Pan play. I was a lost kid and I really enjoyed that. Another thing about Nerstrand is the teachers. Each and every one of them are kind and loving. I've also been involved in band, it is really fun and I'd like to thank Melodi for being an amazing band and music teacher. I really enjoyed Nerstrand for the year I've been here.



### FIFTH GRADE MEMORY

By Riley, gr. 5

Nerstrand is one of the best schools because no one gets bullied and everyone is nice. What I will miss is grades mixed in one class. I'll miss playing football, tag, and other games with my friends. Also I will miss playing and rolling around in the snow. Most of all I'll miss my friends and the teachers.



### SCHOOL MEMORIES

By Jolee, gr. 5

What I am going to miss about Nerstrand is my best friends and the teachers. I am going to miss my friends because some are going to a different school. I love my teachers because they are so nice to me and I wish I would never leave this school. One time me and Zoe were playing 4 square and I was learning how to play 4 square and that was lots of fun. But I will miss Nerstrand so much and I wish I would never leave this school ever.



### MY FAVORITE MEMORIES

By Jaden, gr. 5

My favorite memory at Nerstrand is when my best friend Grace left in first or second grade. I thought my life was over but it wasn't. Sure I thought I would never see her again. I didn't know what had happened to my best friend and I didn't even know if she wanted to be friends with me. Grace went to a different school. I don't remember why she left but I do know I missed her a lot. When Grace came back I was so happy to see her. I was also glad that she was still my best friend. Grace is still my friend to this day and she will always be my best friend forever.

### A MEMORY

By Devin, gr. 5



The one memory that sticks out in my mind was last year. We were playing caterpillar and Maggie told us not to pull anyone out of the chairs. Well I think that she kind of stretched the truth. She pulled Jack out of the chair and she sat down, then Jack was it. The things that I will miss is the teachers and the fun gym and music.



### MEMORIES

By Josh, gr. 5

My favorite memory at Nerstrand School was when I made my last ginger bread house in third grade. What I did was, I loaded it with frosting on the outside to make it look like there was a blizzard and put candy everywhere on it and around it. So after that, I made little people building a fort. I ate most of it before I got home with it. It was hyped with sugar and some was hot from the hot tamales! Also when I got home I had a very bad stomach ache and I almost threw up on my cat.



### MY FAVORITE MEMORY

By Madelyn, gr. 5

My favorite memories at Nerstrand both happened this year. My first one happened in the music room during French horn lessons with Melodi and Rachel. Melodi said that we should try to play America the Beautiful. Right before we started playing it, I accidentally hit my elbow on her French horn. Then Rachel's French horn hit her hand and her hand knocked down my music. We started laughing so hard and never got to playing the song. Now, whenever we have to play America the Beautiful, we can't stop laughing and have to be separated.



### MEMORIES

By Mia, gr. 5

My favorite memory from Nerstrand is when I was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, when Caydon first came to this school. We were on the bus and Caydon was in the seat behind me. He climbed under my bus seat and put his head up and said, "hey Mia." He scared me so much I didn't know what to do so I stepped on his head! I have a lot of great memories here at Nerstrand and I will never forget them.



### MEMORIES OF NERSTRAND

By Rachel, gr. 5

I will really miss Nerstrand. One of the things I know I will remember for a while is when Ellen and Maggie were here. They were leaving that year so they brought the Woodlands to the gas station and they let us each get something for a dollar. I think that was really nice of them. And another thing I personally will remember forever is when me and Madelyn B. were in French horn lessons we started playing America the Beautiful and we just started laughing. I don't know why and ever since that we could not play America the Beautiful or we would just start laughing. I am going to really miss this school and I'm going to really miss all my friends and teachers. Goodbye Nerstrand School, I'm going to miss you.



### NERSTRAND SCHOOL

By Paige, gr. 5

Some things I will miss at Nerstrand are that this school is so cozy and small, you could never get lost. And we have multi-grade leveled classrooms. All my years at Nerstrand have been super fun! I love that all the teachers are so nice and kind. I've really enjoyed band with all of the fifth graders too. Although this school is small it is very amazing! Goodbye to everyone here at this amazing school!



### MISSING NERSTRAND

By Sebastian, gr. 5

I will miss my fourth grade teacher Maggie who left last year. I remember once I came in the class and Maggie was dancing for some reason and I just started dancing with her and everybody laughed. She was almost always happy and that made everyone else happy, everyone liked her. I was an ambassador and that was a lot of fun. I got to go to the Peace Prize festival two times and see Jimmy Carter. Sometimes when I came into the room where the ambassadors meet I came in singing the Jeopardy theme song. We had a lot of plays at Nerstrand and I got to be the lead in one of them. I got to be Pinocchio in a Pinocchio play. I also had to sing a song that was kind of fun and embarrassing at the same time. I will miss all my friends and teachers at Nerstrand. I am excited for next year at Middle School but I know I will never forget Nerstrand.



### MY FAVORITE MEMORY

By Jadyn, gr. 5

I will remember all the great people here. If I needed help I got help right away. I can't help that I'm leaving this year. My favorite memory is when I sprained my wrist a couple days ago. We were playing four square and Sophia got in and she got someone out and I was in but I could only use one hand. So she said if you want to go hard then you do it one handed. So everyone went one handed when I was in. She is my best friend she stood up for me. Someday I have to be so generous and stand up for her. The reason why my family loves this school is because it attracts all the right people. This school is the best school that my family has been to and we have been to a lot of schools. I am scared to leave this great school but also excited to move on.



### FAVORITE MEMORIES

By Nathan, gr. 5

The memories that were my favorite are when I got greeted by all the people in my class and we all got to ring the bell in front of the school. All the people were saying, “flip it, flip it!” The next year I went to Linda Temple’s class. She had a couch in her classroom and we watched the Magic Tree House, it was a great show. In second grade I remember my class had a kickball game with Linda’s class and we won but I felt bad for the other class. But at the end we all had ice cream. When I was in third grade my whole entire class went on a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo and my group only got ice cream because we were really good the whole trip. We also got to see the penguins, they were really cool. In fourth grade the only good memory was when Ellen was my teacher. This year in fifth grade a favorite memory is being with all my fifth grade friends.



### MY FAVORITE MEMORIE

By Livia, gr. 5

One of my favorite memories of Nerstrand was this winter. Mia and I were right next to each other for bows. In the afternoon concert we were going in for the bows and on stage we busted out laughing. We can’t remember why. Honestly I don’t think there was a reason. One of the best Nerstrand memories that I’ve had was when I was in Kindergarten. I didn’t know anybody on the bus. Then I met Taryn Longshore. She helped me around on the bus. She graduated the year I was in Kindergarten. I was really sad because she was my biggest role model. I hope now I’m a role model for somebody younger than me.



### MEMORIES

By Paige, gr. 5

My favorite memories are the ones I made with my friends. I remember when I was younger and I always wanted to be in band. Now that I’m in band I play Clarinet. First I used the school’s loner Clarinet just until I could find another Clarinet. After a while I asked my aunt if I could use her Clarinet, she said I could. So I used it, it worked perfectly but after a month or two of band it stopped working. I used the school loner Clarinet after that but I would always go home and tell my parents “this case is too big I don’t like it”. I begged and begged my parents to get me a new clarinet and I finally got one! I was so happy I didn’t have to use the loner clarinet anymore. My fifth grade year went by so fast; I’m excited but sad for it to end.



### 5th GRADE MEMORY

By Noah, gr. 5

Here is a list of things I will miss about Nerstrand. I will miss Andrew, Angie, Jan, Tonya, Mike, Peggy, Melodi and Carmen, as well as all my friends. I will miss the playground, the gym, the track, the Meat Market, the City Park, Parkside Gas, Jolee’s farm and all her animals. I will miss all the teachers I met and the past teachers I had.



## **MY FAVORITE MEMORIES**

By Sophia, gr. 5

One of my most treasured memories that I have is when I was playing on the maypole with all of my best friends. We were spinning really fast and a lot of people were jumping off and it all came down to my friend Jady and me. I was close to jumping off, but Jady was closer. Then a split second later Jady jumped off and I was left to jump off. That was a great day for me. Another one of my memories was when Ellen and Maggie, the two teachers that left last year, left the school with all of the fifth graders. I was happy that the fifth graders left because they were leaving elementary school and moving on to Middle School. I was also happy for Ellen and Maggie because they would get to teach another group of kids. Although I was happy I was sad at the same time. I still miss the fifth graders and Ellen and Maggie. I remember all of the friends I made last year and all of the friends I made this year. All the times we've had together were the best moments of my life. Some of my best friends were Jady Cook, Josephine Schell and Paige Koch. These people were always there to help me. I will never forget these great people. I still remember all the great people that were at this school. There are still great people at this school too. Those are my favorite memories at Nerstrand Elementary School.

*(Fourth grade students will share some thoughts about their 5th grade friends.)*

## **NATHAN**

By Thomas, gr. 4

Nathan is a very good friend. He's always there for you and he's open to ideas. He never leaves anyone out and if someone is left out he will make sure they aren't any more. He's smart and will enjoy a good coffee. Nathan likes to share stories and he is always happy to have a new friend. If you're sad he'll cheer you up. He's always willing to talk whenever. He is sleepy sometimes in the morning when we get to school. In the morning he's ready to start the day. He is really good at chess, football, bowling, and a lot of other things. He's athletic and has good sportsmanship. He is also really nice. I think he is the greatest person ever. He is awesome!

## **JADEN**

By Thalia, gr. 4

Jaden is nice and willing to help anyone. She loves to bowl and is really smart too. Jaden is good at math and reading. She is an amazing bowler and has won first place four times! Jaden is an amazing friend to have. I will really miss her and I hope she makes tons of new friends.

**LIVIA**

By Marie, gr. 4

Livia is fun, kind, and bright. She is always so willing to help others. I am going to miss her because she is a great friend and she is always talking about horses. She is always active in the group and never makes anyone feel left out. Some of the things I notice about Liv is she is good at writing, drawing, and dancing for Studio of the Stars. I am going to miss her so much.

**SOPHIA**

By Josephine, gr. 4

Sophy is a very interesting person. She reads books really fast, and is smart, and also hilarious. Sophy is my friend because if you need help, she will help you. Sophy has always been nice to me. She is the most hilarious, smartest, and nicest person in the school.

**CONNOR**

By Jimmy, gr. 4

Connor is a kind, intelligent, boy that loves football and the Packers, He's also good at football. He is a great friend, he always talks to you and is funny. He never seems to upset you. He's athletic and is good at basketball. He loves bluebirds. He plays the alto sax in band and is great at it.

**COLE**

By Edison, gr. 4

Cole is really funny and really good at gym and chess. We read at P.A.L.S. time that was fun. I think he has great ideas. Hopefully your friends will be with you. Good luck!

**GRACE**

By Ava, gr. 4

Grace is a hard worker. She is a great table mate and the best friend you can ever have. She is always happy with your ideas. She has good sportsmanship.

**JOLEE**

By Ava, gr. 4

I think that you are very fun and intelligent. I love that you are always willing to take it to the next level. I like having a friend that's like me as in came from another country. You were always a great friend and always had something to say. I had so much fun doing the Chinese New Year with you. I thought your present was real neat. I like how creative you are. You are very funny and a good person to be around. You are very good at gymnastics and I'm really, really going to miss you.

**CAYDON**

By Grayson, gr. 5

Thank you for helping me with my homework at the end of the day, you helped me often. Thank you for getting me excited and pumped up for band. Also, for helping me with football during recess and always making me feel like I was a part of the team. When I had my cast on you still let me play and threw passes to me. Have fun in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and good luck.

**MAREN**

By Jaimi, gr. 4

Maren is kind and nice. She is my friend because she is nice to me and she is very gentle. She is very fun and she gets crazy when she has candy. We have a lot of fun together when we play. She is an amazing artist. I wish it wasn't her first year here because then I would get to see her more often and I would get to know her better. I will miss her a lot next year.

**NOAH**

By James, gr. 4

You are a good friend to me. You are good at math, gym, trench and Eagle's Nest. You are also good at chess too. I will always remember your birthday party at Grand Slam. I know you like Call of Duty Advanced Warfare. You make me laugh and always beat me at chess. I will miss you, good luck next year.

**AVA**

By Karly, gr. 4

Ava always knows what to say. We laugh all the time no matter what we talk about and where we are. She is very good at reading and writing. Whenever she has an idea she makes sure to write it down the first chance she gets. She was student of the month because she is so very nice. I will miss her fun, kind mind. She is a quiet girl but there is lots more to know about her if you can just be her friend.

**MIA**

By Darla, gr. 4

I will miss you because you are always nice to me and you always make me laugh. You are amazing at volleyball, writing and reading. You always have my back no matter what. You always will be my friend because you are so kind to me. Although you are leaving I will treasure the memories we had together. I hope you like BA, good luck.

**DEVIN**

By Zach, gr. 4

Devin is really fun. He's a good partner for stuff. I like that during "pals" he would stop and be patient with me. He helps you when you're stuck on something. He's really funny and smart, and really nice. And he always has your back. Thank you for always being a good friend.

**SEBASTIAN**

By Kendal, gr. 4

I will miss you a lot because you always make me laugh and you are a great friend. You are very helpful and really good at music and gym. You are good at singing in music and playing Pinocchio in our play. In gym you're fast at running. You are a great reader and writer. You are a good friend and I will miss you. You won't let any of your friends down. You have creative ideas and you are respectful to everyone. I wish you luck at the Middle School.

**RACHEL**

By Madeline, gr. 4

I'm going to miss you when you are gone because you are always here to make people laugh. You are very good at basketball and volleyball. I'll always remember all the good times. Hope you have a good time in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I've always thought you are one of the best runners I have ever seen. Hope you have a great time away from Nerstrand.

**RILEY**

By Alex, gr. 4

I like Riley because he is always really funny, nice and awesome. He really likes hockey and I think it's his favorite sport. I really liked his valentine box because he gave out sweet tarts to his class. He likes to play video games and he likes to play football and basketball at recess. When he plays with us at recess he is really fun. And he has a smile on his face every day. He is really good at trumpet too.

**AIDEN**

By Cal, gr. 4

I like Aiden because he is a one man show. He loves gymnastics and is good at it too. Aiden is athletic and smart. He loves to run and play sports. Aiden also likes to play the trumpet and he does it well. And that is why I like Aiden.

**JADYN**

By Cora, gr. 4

Jadyn is fun to hang out with. She is creative, kind, and funny. She makes me laugh. Jadyn is also hard working. She is a good partner for when we are working. Jadyn is awesome.

**ISABELLE**

By Ella, gr. 4

Isabelle was student of the month because she is kind, very nice and a very good friend. Isabelle is very bright and funny. Isabelle is a hard worker and likes to help others. She is always willing to help around the classroom. I will miss all of Isabelle's great qualities and I will also miss Isabelle.

**PAIGE K.**

By Gabriella, gr. 4

Paige is always on my side. She loves to write and draw. Paige likes to bowl and she is very good at art. Paige loves to do rainbow loom. Paige is a really good person and she is a great friend.

**CAROLINE**  
By Greta, gr. 4

On the first day of school I ran out for recess and a girl said to me, "Welcome to Nerstrand" Her name is Caroline. She's helpful and encouraging and she loves to help and be there for you. Caroline is smart and funny, she helps you when you fall. She shares and cares. She's someone who loves the color blue and she's sweet as sugar. She's good at reading and writing and she's a good actress. That's why I like Caroline. Good luck at your new school.

**JOSH**  
By Holden, gr. 4

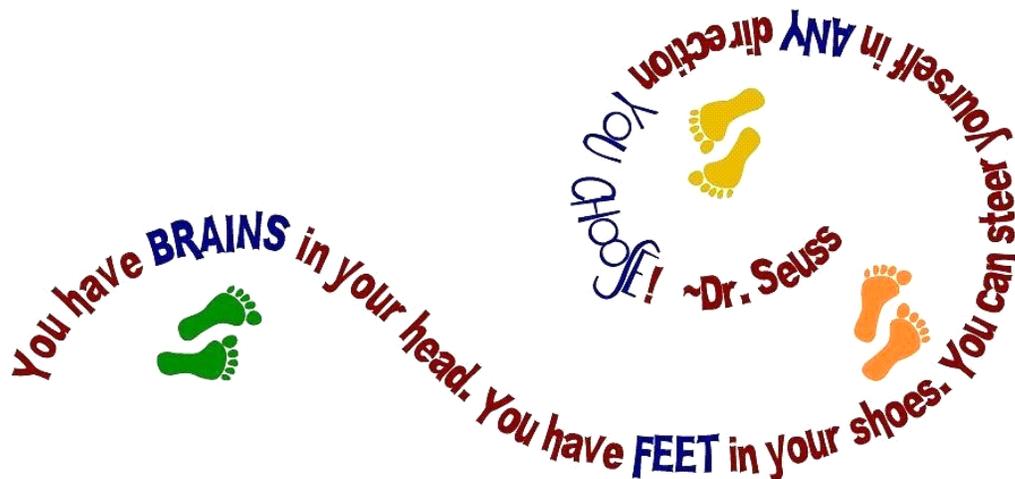
Josh is funny, athletic, smart, kind, and fun to hang out with. He likes the Green Bay Packers and loves to play football and baseball. He's a sports fan and a person who always gives people a laugh. He's a nice friend because he helps others and is nice to everyone. He is good at math and sports. I'm going to miss him when he graduates. He's my friend.

**MADELYN B.**  
By Molly, gr. 4

Maddie is a very hard worker and has fun while working. She is very good at reading and writing. She made it to State in basketball and made the 11's 2 team for volleyball. Madelyn is many different things but most of all is a really great friend. You have made me laugh for five years so I wish you the best of luck at your new school.

**JOHN**  
By Beau, gr. 4

John is a funny guy who is athletic and likes to run. I can tell that John loves PE, recess and playing the trumpet. John is very confident and when he is stuck he will not back down but keeps trying. John likes to hang with his friends on the bus and he is very smart too. It has been very fun playing and laughing with him. Now he is going into sixth grade. He has been a good friend. Good luck at your new school, John.



This is a special issue of Eagles Nest because of the memories and moments that are shared about experiences at Nerstrand Elementary. We thank our 5th grade students for sharing their dreams and memories and 4th graders for writing about 5th grade friends in support of each other.

We are going to miss the graduating 5th grade students and hope that they will come back to visit in the future. We hope that Nerstrand students carry their dreams with them as they leave the Little School by the Big Woods and continue to shine brightly into the futures that they are creating. As the seasons change so do we, and we are excited to see students grow and graduate every year. Treasure this issue and the memories of your days at Nerstrand Elementary, and please come back to visit!

All the best,

~Lori Arndt

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