

The Eagle's Nest



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



NERSTRAND

By Asia, gr. 5

I have went to Nerstrand for six years. I will miss this school so much. I have so many memories here. Two of them are: one day we had a sub and a kid in class made an odd noise. So the sub said, "Are you burning, bleeding, or on fire?" I thought that was so funny so I laughed about that for a long time. I will also never forget meeting my best friend for life - Sydney, my partner in crime. There are also some things I will miss. I will miss the best teachers I had so far. The awesome paras. And all my friends that are going to different schools. I also learned a life lesson here. My teacher Morgan asked the class a question. When given the choice to be right or to be kind, choose kind. I will forever know that. I liked a bunch of things at Nerstrand as well. I always liked the walk to the woods or the fun field trips. And also meeting the greatest friends and teachers. I will never forget my Nerstrand family.



I LIKE NERSTRAND

By Iah, gr. 5

What I like about Nerstrand is that it is a small school and there is not a lot of people. The teachers are nice and there are no bullies. One thing I will never forget is our trip to Wolf Ridge. We had so much fun but I'm not going to spoil it for you. Some people that I'll never forget are my friends Will, Nolan, Jayden, Jayce, Damian, Cameron, and Duncan.



NERSTRAND SCHOOL

By Damian, gr. 5

While I was at Nerstrand Elementary School I had so much fun. My favorite part was Wolf Ridge. At Wolf Ridge I got to do a lot of fun stuff. We had quite a bit of classes. My favorite class was Ropes Course. What I liked about Nerstrand is that it is small. I like how there's no bullies. I will miss being a role model to the youngsters. I also like how you know almost all the staff. And I will miss all my friends who aren't going to my Middle School. I learned that drugs are bad. I learned about peer pressure and how to say no. I learned that there is more than one meaning for consequence. I learned all that stuff in D.A.R.E. And one lesson I learned is not to do stuff you are not supposed to be doing.



I WILL MISS NERSTRAND

By Ellory, gr. 5

I will miss Nerstrand dearly. I love this school so much. I learned lots of things when going to Nerstrand. I made new friends and got to do activities. There's lots of things I like about Nerstrand like Halloween because we get to go around town and wear costumes, and get candy! This year I was in band. I'm so happy that Nerstrand has a band. There are so many things I like about Nerstrand but that's all for now. At this school I learned about kindness and what it means. Nerstrand School will always have a place in my heart.



MY EXPERIENCE AT NERSTRAND

By: Hannah, gr. 5

We went to Wolf Ridge as fifth graders. I learned to use teamwork. I also learned how to survive the cold winter. I got a little bit of hot chocolate at the end. The worst part was the stairs of health and happiness, but we called it the stairs of doom. The best part for me was the lake study. We got to go on the lake and ice fish. I caught zero fish but one of my partners caught a fish with my bait. I will miss my friends that are not in my grade. I like that it's not a bigger, confusing school. I will miss the fun activities here at Nerstrand. I like that the teachers and principals are not mean. I will miss the fun playground and recess. I liked that the people here are so kind and happy. I also liked the fun activities we do at Nerstrand. One lesson I learned is to be kind to everyone. Another thing I learned is to not give up and keep going. Another one is that you don't talk back to a teacher ever. I learned to pay attention to who's talking. I learned to not tattletale because tattletaling is different than telling. I will miss everything about Nerstrand and everyone too.

I WILL NOT FORGET

By Sydney, gr. 5



One thing I will never forget is Wolf Ridge. Wolf Ridge was an unforgettable experience. It was so much FUN. Being with my friends for 5 days straight was awesome. My favorite part was at night just before we were going to go to bed. We would act wild, and we had so much fun. I learned so much stuff that I will never ever forget. My friends have always been the reason I liked school. My friends are Asia, Faith, Mara, Aubrey, and so many more. We have had so much fun together. I think what I remember most is us playing house every day of the week for weeks straight. I will miss my friends more than anything in the world. One lesson I will never forget is to always have kindness. No matter what happens always have kindness. Morgan taught me that. Morgan always said if I have not taught you to be kind than I have not done my job. That is what I learned at Nerstrand.



LEAVING NERSTRAND

By Nora, gr. 5

Morgan is the best teacher ever. She is almost always in a good mood, and I will remember her forever. Andrew was also a good teacher. He taught us all we needed to know without being strict about it. I will never forget them. I will miss the smallness of this school. I am going to Northfield next year, and it is BIG! I love that you basically know everybody in your grade, and usually lots more. Everybody is friendly to everybody, and I would be disappointed if there was ever bullies in this school. I will miss it so much. At Nerstrand I learned that being kind can take you far in life. Morgan taught me that. If you are kind, you can do basically anything. Kindness is the best medicine. Just be kind and everything will turn out right.

MISSING NERSTRAND

By Will, gr. 5



Some things I will miss about Nerstrand School are that it is very small. Everybody was really nice and fun. I will miss my friends and teachers. I liked the people here and the amazing activities. I'm really glad I got the opportunity to go to Nerstrand School. One important thing I learned at Nerstrand is to be kind. If everyone was kind the world would be a better place. I also learned how kindness can help people. I've learned a lot of things at Nerstrand School but that was the most important. I've had lots of great friends, experiences and events here at Nerstrand. I've had a great time here. My favorite field trip was going to Wolf Ridge. I will never forget that trip. This is a great school!



NERSTRAND
By Faith, gr. 5

One person I will never forget is my 5th grade teacher, Morgan. She helped me learn about a lot of stuff and she is one of my favorite teachers. She also taught me how to be kind and how to be kind to other people. I will miss being with Morgan for classes. One thing I learned from Nerstrand is how and why it's a small school. So that you can get used to it so you can not be so nervous on your first day of school. Nerstrand is a very nice school. If I could go back to any school again I would go back to Nerstrand.



MY DAYS AT NERSTRAND
By Jayden, gr. 5

My first days at Nerstrand I did not talk until at snack when Nolan, Iah, Grant, and Tristan sat by me and made me laugh so hard I had to go to the bathroom. My second year I was a 4th grader and it was probably one of the best years ever. That year I was with Andrew for core room, Paula for homeroom and Morgan for math. And now I'm a fifth grader and it was the best thing I could ever ask for. It was so much fun. I remember at Wolf Ridge, Iah would not stop singing in the shower, and let's just say Iah will not take a shower any more. At Wolf Ridge I was on the zip line and there was a lot of people in front of me so I just jumped off the rope and hung in the air. We went ice fishing for 3 hours there. I caught 15 fish. It was awesome. When we had break we would play football with a paper ball. Nerstrand is a great school. I learned the golden rule and everyone's your friend. I'm really gonna miss all my teachers and all my friends. I will always remember NERSTRAND. If I was able to do anything I would come back to this school. One of my favorite things is our trip to Wolf Ridge. I'm really gonna miss this school.



MISSING NERSTRAND
By Jayce, gr. 5

The fifth graders went to Wolf Ridge in the winter. It was fun and weird. We did a lot of stuff like the ropes course, winter survival and a lot of other things. My favorite part was all of the walking we did. One day we walked more than 50,000 steps! I learned a lot from Nerstrand like to be kind. I also learned how to divide and multiply. I learned how to run the mile faster. I learned to read harder books. I learned how to make a battery and power a motor in science. One thing I will miss about Nerstrand is my friends. I will miss them because they are funny. I am going to miss the mile and having gym every day. I am going to miss Nerstrand because it is small.



MY FAVORITE SCHOOL
By Chelsea, gr. 5

I will miss Nerstrand a lot. I will miss all the nice teachers and paras that helped me through a lot of things. They helped me with really hard math problems and lots more. I will miss my friends too. They were really nice friends. I learned about kindness from my teacher, Morgan. She taught us everything we need to know about kindness. Nerstrand is a great school. I like the teachers because they are all really nice, kind, generous and helpful too. They teach me lots of things like science, social studies, reading, writing and lots more. The paras are very nice too. They helped me with hard problems and are really nice too. They are awesome paras because they helped me through a lot. In the Woodlands we learn about lots of different ways to be kind. Like giving compliments, be polite and lots more. In fact, we even made a list of things that we can do to be kind. Morgan is a great teacher because she loves kindness. That is why she teaches us all about KINDNESS! My other teachers were really great, too. I will miss Nerstrand. It is my favorite school.



MEMORIES OF NERSTRAND

By Grant, gr. 5

I have loved Nerstrand since kindergarten. It was very fun. I learned a lot. In DARE I learned that drugs are very bad and you can easily die from them. In math I learned how to divide decimals. I will miss Nerstrand School a lot. I will miss ringing the bell and seeing my friends every day. I will be a little nervous going to a bigger school with older kids. I will miss all the teachers, paras, and staff. I have enjoyed playing with my friends at recess. I always loved when my family came to the winter program and the Community Celebration. I really enjoyed going to the Big Woods each year. I liked going to River Bend and learning about nature. I will remember how nice everyone was to each other. I will always remember these memories at Nerstrand.



MY TIME AT NERSTRAND

By Kelin, gr. 5

The most important lesson at Nerstrand was all of it. Nerstrand taught me lessons that will stick with me throughout life. Nerstrand also taught me how to annoy and please people. Next year I will use these skills. Middle School will take me a separate way; but I'll never forget Nerstrand. I've had a lot of memorable moments here but my favorite was Wolf Ridge. Everyone liked it, of course. But the ropes course was the most memorable. Probably because most people in group B didn't make it to the end, but I did. I will never forget Nora or Claire. They were my first friends at Nerstrand. I am overjoyed that Nora is coming with me. But I need to accept that Clair will go on a different path. The school year is coming to a end but I've been here for six years so it's time to leave.



THE BEST EXPERIENCE OF ALL

By Brady, gr. 5

My best experiences at Nerstrand was going on the field trips like the one to the History Museum. But the big trip, the one that everyone was waiting for was the Wolf Ridge trip. The one you would not have to see your brothers and sisters for a whole week. I got there a day later then everyone else. I did not feel good at all on the day we left. I had to drive up with my whole family. That was my favorite experiences at Nerstrand. Also, my friend Will had a big impact on me because when I was not having a good day he would be there with a funny joke. Thank you, Will! Nerstrand School is just special by itself but the teachers were nice. and working on the Peace Garden was awesome!



MY FRIENDS

By Cameron, gr. 5

My friends had a big impact on me because they were nice to me and I had a lot of fun with them. I have met a lot of people and they all made a very big impact on me. Some of the best experiences are when we did Field Day and having to ring the bell. I love that everyone was nice to me. Also, being in the classroom with everyone and having fun. School is special to me because the teacher Sarah in Kindergarten is the best teacher in the world, you could never have a nicer teacher then her. School is also special because all the teachers are nice. School is also special because everyone I met is really nice to me. School is also special because I did it from Kindergarten through 5th grade.



A GREAT PLACE

By Claire, gr. 5

Nerstrand Elementary is a great place. I came in Kindergarten, and I stayed until 5th grade. I have had many great experiences here. Some of my favorite times were when I ran in the Fun Run or when the 5th graders went to Wolf Ridge. A person that made an impact on me was Paula, because she taught us how to read, and spell. Nerstrand is special because it has so many traditions, like ringing the bell when you come, and when you leave. I will always remember it.



MY EXPERIENCES

By Kyler, gr. 5

Some of the best experiences I had throughout my whole time at Nerstrand probably was being a Woodland student. I really like making rockets and launching them in science. And I like recess, I always like to play outside. I don't really remember my younger years here. One person that made an impact on me was Cooper S. He was encouraging me to work harder and run faster. I think he is a pretty nice kid. One thing that makes this school special is that we have a Peace Garden to make the school look special. Nerstrand School has no bullies, has Community Coffees, wacky Wednesdays and early release days.



LEAVING NERSTRAND SCHOOL

By Duncan, gr. 5

My Nerstrand experience was amazing! But sadly I have to go to Middle School and to be honest I don't want to go because the Faribault Middle School is really big and Nerstrand is really small. When I was at Nerstrand I started in kindergarten and the teacher was the best teacher ever. She was nice to all the good kids in the class and I was one of them. After that year of school I was in first grade and I thought I was one of the oldest kids in the school. In first grade you get the teacher Paula. She was the best first grade teacher ever. She was never mad at anybody. After first grade came second grade. I was in Tara's class. She was a funny teacher, every time she messed up on read aloud we would laugh at her she would join in and soon we all would be laughing so that was a fun class. Then it was third grade and I had the same teacher so I was happy and that was another fun year. We had Sarah as the third grade math teacher. I liked her because she put me by all of my friends. So now I was a Woodland and I had Andrew and he was a fun teacher. We had so much extra recess so that was cool. For math I had Morgan, she was hilarious. She was a great teacher because when she taught us a new subject she read it with enthusiasm so that was cool. So now I am at my last year at Nerstrand and I am so sad because I know I'm gonna have to leave the school. Mr. Hawkins the school counselor came to the school to talk about the Middle School and now I'm excited to go.



MY GOOD FRIENDS

By Evelyn, gr. 5

One of my best experiences was when I met Claire R. in third grade and when I met her friends too. Another one of my best experiences was when I met Ellory when I was walking to the bus in kindergarten. I didn't just meet her in kindergarten we met in preschool and we just met again on the first day I went to Nerstrand. Another of my best experiences at Nerstrand is when Mara and I became friends in third or fourth grade. All my friends are my best experiences but the three people that I wrote about made the best experiences on earth. The new people that made an impact on me are Kaylie because her and I made a club called yummy and we had our own language too it's really easy everything is just yummy but you have to have the right tone to say the right word. The next person that made an impact on me is Lottie because she likes to break the rules and I do too. The third person that made an impact on me is Olivia because she makes me laugh and I make her laugh and she is fun to be around. The fourth person that made an impact on me is Claire B. because she is nice to me and she is funny.



MY BEST EXPERIENCES

By Lottie, gr. 5

One of my best experiences was either getting chosen to be an Emcee at the Community Celebration or making a candy store for “our town” in 1st grade. That was so much fun! I thought that it was super fun leading the pledge of allegiance for the first time in Kindergarten. I will always remember all the super fun stuff that we get to do here. I didn’t know at first, then I realized that Miss Sarah, my Kindergarten teacher, made a big impact on me. She taught me so much! And I was super stubborn and I would not learn anything. I would still be like that if she didn’t tell me to stop talking and listen. I really appreciated that. Because if she hadn’t said that I still wouldn’t have listened and I would be as dumb as a rock. It is really special because we do the Community Celebration. I don’t know any other school that does that. It’s also so cool that we have our School Spirit days like Beach day, PJ movie day, and hat day. Another thing is that we have committees. I personally think that it is super cool that we have those so that the students can help more in the school. Another thing that’s different is how we have the grades get split and combined so that we can have the different grades get to know each other better. It’s also super cool how close we are with all of the community.



FUN TIMES AT NERSTRAND

By Aubrey, gr. 5

Some of the best experiences over my time here was going to Wolf Ridge, going to the Zoo and all the fun field trips we've gone on. For me all the teachers made a difference but especially Paula. She tutored me every Tuesday and Thursday for the past 5 years. Some things that are special about Nerstrand is how small the school is and how respectful everyone is.



LEAVING NERSTRAND

By Mara, gr. 5

Some of my best experiences were getting to be an Ambassador and make my own little building for a town in first grade. And I remember what I made. I made El Tequila Restaurant. My Kindergarten teacher was Miss Sarah. She made a big impact on me. Our fifth grade class was the last class to have her. Also my friend Aubrey who was always there to help. I've known her since preschool. One more person is Skylar who is like my older sister. There's a lot more people like Kaylie and more but this was all I'm going to say. Some things that make Nerstrand special are they have gym and music every day, we learn cursive, and there's so many nice people here.



MY TIME AT NERSTRAND

By Nolan, gr. 5

My best experiences was Wolf Ridge. My favorite part was calling our leader Gorgie from the “It” movie because we would scare her and would help her with night time classes. Some of my other experiences were ropes course. And having fun with my friends and getting to know them better. Sometimes me and some of my friends would run ahead and tackle each other off the path and keep on running and sliding. Who made a impact on me, Will. I remember my first day here I was in second grade and I came to shadow Will and he was really funny. Will went to Jefferson with me in Kindergarten but he left. Then in second grade I came and shadowed Will and the next year we remember each other and we became best friend from that day on. What are some things that make this school special? You get to ring the bell on the last day of school and your first day. We get to go to the Big Woods and have a picnic two times a year. One on the last day of school. 5th graders get to go to Wolf Ridge and get to do some fun stuff up there. We have a Peace Garden and there are many committees for our school. They are fun to go to. Larry comes every Thursday and he comes to take care of the Peace Garden.



A NEW STUDENT

By Alaina, gr. 5

When I first came to Nerstrand I was really scared on my first day I was entering 1st grade. I was just sitting with my sister in the back of the bus and Ava B. came up to me and said, "Hey, do you want to sit with my sister and her friends?" and I said, "yes". I went up front and sat with Nora B. and Claire R. and we just kind of sat there for a minute, then we played this matching game until we got to Nerstrand. I felt much better that I had a friend Claire. Nora B. hated me in 1st grade because she thought that Claire liked me better than her which was kind of crazy. Claire played with a lot of kids. My teacher Paula made my first day feel much calmer. It was crazy because I just came from a whole other country. In Okinawa I was used to people around me speaking Japanese, not English. But as time went on we soon became friends and we met up with Evelyn and Ellory. They were really crazy and funny and also really nice. By the time we entered 4th grade I was sad that Nora and Ellory were in Morgan's class and Claire and Evelyn and me were in Andrew's class. Now that I'm in fifth grade and leaving I will miss everything that makes Nerstrand special including all of the teachers I had over the years. Also, my friends I will miss. Nerstrand will always be in my heart.



LEAVING NERSTRAND

By Norah, gr. 5

My favorite experience at Nerstrand was the Field Day for fifth grade and the All School Field Day. The best field trip I thought was Wolf Ridge. Making friends was hard when I came because I transferred a lot so I barely knew anyone. Sarah helped me make friends by having me in all kinds of different reading groups. Something I will never forget is how when I didn't have anyone to play with at recess Alaina, Evelyn, Kelin, and Ellory invited me to play with them. Something I will never forget is how nice the twins Skylar, and Faith were to me when I didn't have a seat on the bus. They scooted over and let me sit with them and we became friends. When I had no one to play with I remember Zachary and Amelia letting me play with them and I did the same for Mila and Lynus. I let them play with me and all three of us became friends. Morgan, Sarah, and Andrew made a big impact on me like when I would give up they lifted me up and told me to never quit. They helped me with my problem. Carmen made a BIG impact on me by cheering me on when I was running the mile and I was the last one running. Cara made a good impact on me this year in fifth grade. She helped me with my reading fluency. Evelyn made an impact on me by helping me when I was confused on something I missed the other day and she explained it to me. Mara made an impact on me when I didn't know anyone and I didn't have anyone to play with at recess. She helped me make friends and have someone to play with. One thing that makes this awesome school special is everyone is welcome and no one is bullied and no one is left out. The second thing that makes this school special is all the fun activities we do. Something special about Nerstrand is all the awesome field trips we take, and the hootenanny that we have where we just get to sing and have a good time. Nerstrand is special because we have gym every day. In gym we get to have a student lead us every Thursday or Friday. The last special thing about Nerstrand is how we get to walk to the Big Woods twice a year.

(4th grade students say good-bye to their 5th grade friends)

Dear Will,
I really enjoyed writing stories with you. You are funny but still on task. I am going to miss you making jokes. I wish you good luck next year at Arcadia! I hope you come visit next year.
Best of luck next year,
Aiden

Dear Grant,
I enjoyed working with you in class. I enjoy your funny jokes. I wish you luck for next year. I will miss your jokes, and having you here. You are very smart, and do well in school. You are kind, and you make me smile. You work hard, and are a nice boy. Thank you for being a good role model.

Sincerely,
Nealie

Dear Ellory,
I really enjoyed working with you in reading group. You were helpful when I needed help with a word. I hope you do good in math next year. I hope you meet a new friend. You were funny and made jokes. We will all miss you.
Your friend,
Nevaeh

Dear Jayce,
I liked when we were able to work together, even though Morgan wouldn't let us very often. I am going to miss talking to you in morning meeting. I will really miss gym class with you, when we team up in "Everybody's It". It was really fun playing football with you at recess. Good luck in Middle School. I look forward to still hanging out with you next year.
Your friend,
Owen

Dear Asia,
I enjoyed working with you during reading. We would always turn and space talk if we needed to. I will miss your amazing singing voice. You are really good at singing. I hope you do good in Middle School. Good luck! I hope you come back and visit Nerstrand School.
P.S Good Luck.
P.S.S. Good Luck In Middle School.
PP.S Goodbye .
PPP.S I just like saying P.S.

Sincerely, Ruby

Dear Damian,
Remember that time in writing that we wrote a story while I was in second grade? That was fun. I will miss your fun, exciting attitude. I loved learning all the army and military stuff from you. Thanks for being a great ref. in basketball at recess. I hope your fun, loud attitude will carry over into Middle School, and you will make many friends.

Your friend,
Andrew

Dear Syd,
I enjoyed working with you for the science fair. I will miss seeing you everyday. I hope you have a good sixth grade year. Even though we didn't get along all the time, I will still miss you. YOU ARE AWESOME. because you're the best!

Your friend,
Audrina

Dear Kelin,

I will miss you next year. The things I'll miss are that you're funny, nice and that you're always happy. Kelin you are a great reader and respectful when people are talking, letting people in and are very patient.. The time I enjoyed playing with you was playing volleyball. It was great. Kelin, you work so hard and you're a great listener. I will also miss that you become friends with almost anyone you meet. I hope next year you'll get straight A's like I know you can. I'll miss you, good luck!

Your friend,
Erin

Dear Jayden,

You are helpful, and a great friend. When I need help and you are my partner, you are the one to talk to. I like that your favorite color is purple. I like that you are a good classmate. What you do best is be helpful and work with people and still have fun. I will miss you. You are friendly, funny, and nice. You have so many friends. Good luck next year.

From,
Faith M.

Dear Hannah,

I really enjoyed working with you in writing. You are a good writer. I really liked playing with you outside. I will miss you when you leave because you are my best friend. I wish you the best in Middle School. I hope to see you again if I go to the Middle School.

Best of luck friend,
Isabella

Dear Faithey,

I loved working with you every time I could. You are passionate, kind, nice, sweet, patient and funny. The thing I will miss about you is that you're a friend to a lot of people. You are my friend and my 'sister'. You are a great artist too. I hope next year is AWESOME! I hope you meet many new friends. Good Luck, Faithey!

You Friend,
Erin

Dear Chelsea,

I think you have fantastic handwriting. I will miss playing 'fall off the hill' with you at recess. It is fun because we work together to find new positions to fall off the hill. I think you are really creative because you invented a game like that. I hope you make a lot of new friends in Middle School. I hope you have fun, and we will miss you.

Best of luck,
Myra

Dear Mara,

I like having you here. I like having you to play with and sometimes do challenges against you. You are nice, kind, friendly, funny, weird, and smart. I love working with you in science, gym, music, reading, writing, recess, even when you broke your ankle. You know I love crutches and that's how we became friends. I will miss you next year. I hope you do good next year and I will see you again.

Your friend,
Kate

Dear Lottie,

You are a great friend to work with. You're a great reading buddy, writing buddy, playing outside is fun with you, and you're a really great friend. I'm going to miss how you're sassy, but nice, kind, and I'm going to miss your Lottie hands and how good you are in band. I hope you have a good time in 6th grade. I hope you come back to visit. I'm going to miss you.

Your Friend,
Lexi

Dear Alaina,

I liked having you in lit., it was really fun. I liked it when you put me in your story. I think you are really kind and helpful, nice, and fun. I like Harry Potter books too. I hope you have a good time in Middle School. It's been really fun playing with you and Norah. Have a good time in Middle School and good luck!

Your friend,
Mila

Dear Nolan,

I really liked working with you in science. You are very athletic because you play basketball and soccer out of school. But in school you play football and basketball. I will miss talking to you in school. We will miss you and I hope you visit next year. Have a good 6th grade year.

Sincerely,
Nate

Dear Duncan,

I really like doing pals with you. I look up to you and you're a good friend. I like how you corrected me nicely. Thanks for letting me wear your ring.

Your friend,
Noah

Hi Cam this is Tristan,

I really enjoyed playing basketball, football, and clash royal with you and sitting by you on the bus. I like how kind, helpful, fast, weird, silly and funny you are. I will really miss playing football, basketball, clash and sitting by you on the bus. I will also miss how funny and kind you are. I hope you have a good time in 6th grade. Please keep your grades up and never change one thing about your special personality. PS you're on my top 5 5th graders list. I will really miss you and hope to see you in the future.

Tristan

Dear Brady

I really liked your work at Reader's workshop. You are fast at running and you play fair. You are very smart. I hope that you see my brother, Grayson next year at school. I hope that you have a good time there. Our class will miss you.

Your Friend,
Braxton

ncerely,

Dear Evelyn,

It has been fun working with you this year! I really liked when we read TFK together and when we played together. I'm going to miss you next year and so is Nerstrand School. Thank you for being such a great friend. You are very good at typing, running, and throwing. You are a good listener and learner. I really liked your science project and your art projects. I wish you good luck at your new school.

Sincerely,
Claire B.

To Kyler

Thank you for being such a good friend to me. I liked working with you. I also liked being your partner. Hope you had a great year because you made mine great.

Sincerely,
Cooper

Dear Evelyn,

I really enjoyed working on TFK's with you. You're a very good reader as well as a good writer. You're really good at volleyball and hockey because you are very athletic. We will miss you here at Nerstrand and hope you visit us here.

Your Friend,
Kaylie

Dear Norah,

I really liked playing with you in gym. You are very happy and kind. And you are a good reader. And you are very smart in science. I wish you well in 6th grade and I hope that you have good teachers.

Sincerely,
Lynus

Dear Aubrey,

I enjoyed spending the year with you as a friend. You're kind, nice, funny, and positive. I hope you have a great 6th grade. I loved being friends and playing outside. When we were in lit. we would read together. I know you are good at band (from what I hear) and very hard working. I will miss your funny and kind spirit. I hope all of what I said will continue on to 6th grade. Overall I hope you have a good 6th grade.

Your Friend,
Olivia

Dear Claire R.

I really enjoyed working with you at break time. You are a great reader and a good friend to have. We hope you come back to visit us again. We will really miss you.

Your friend,
Patrick

**Best of luck
5th graders as
you move on!**

Nerstrand Staff

Dear Families,

We have begun the wind down to the school year. End of year events began with the 5th grade Dare Graduation and the Community Celebration. Next week is the All District 5th grade Field Day and Fly Up Day at school. The final Eagle's Nest is being put together and once again, I am surprised by how quickly the year has gone.

It has been an exciting year, with our new chromebooks that we were finally able to purchase. All the teachers have been using them in their classrooms. It's so much easier having access to them in classrooms and not having to go down to the computer lab every time students need to use a computer. Teachers are excited by the different ways they can use this technology in their classrooms. In the Woodlands classes during their Science Fair unit the chromebooks were being used frequently. The two Prairie classes have a set of 6 for each of their rooms and are able to integrate them into their curriculum as well.

Last night was the new Kindergarten parent meeting. Many new parents will be joining our school, which is exciting, along with seeing parents of current students. The 6 years of elementary school are a profound time of life for children, and it is remarkable how quickly those 6 years can pass. I was still teaching in the Woodlands the year the current 5th graders started school. I remember having some of them in my Homeroom as kinders, and nothing marks time like the growth of children. To remember them as kinders and then to see them about to leave elementary school is always startling. We hope they continue to learn and thrive in their new setting.

We also say goodbye to some families that have been a part of our school for many, many years. I had one parent of multiple children that have attended Nerstrand say that she felt that she and her husband should be ringing the bell as well as their 5th grader. Saying farewell to their family's time at Nerstrand is a big moment for them. We send good wishes with all of our families that are changing settings too.

As we finally see the end of this very long winter and welcome spring and then summer, I hope that all of our families can enjoy the summer. Thank you for your support of our school. Again, we wish all the best to our departing 5th graders and look forward to returning students in the fall.

Best,

Maggie