

The Eagle's Nest



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WINTER WONDERLAND

By Kayla Kenow, gr. 5

At 11:55 a.m., many Woodland students come rushing out the door to play in the snow during recess. Huge snow piles as far as the eye can see...we're walking in a winter wonderland. Snowflakes are falling every day now, and it is great. All I can see is the white snow under my feet and the blue skies above me. Playing in the snow is so fun. I'm with my friends and that is what matters. I'm walking in a winter wonderland.

THE WINTER OLYMPICS

By Cal Luebke, gr. 3

This is what I learned about the winter Olympics. I am really looking forward to watching the Olympics. Did you know that the first winter Olympics began in 1924 in France? This year the winter Olympics will be in Sochi, Russia. I am happy to see the new games. The one I know is the half-pipe skiing. I like to watch skiing, snowboarding, bobsled, biathlon, and skeleton. Did you know there are 80 countries competing? This year the torch has gone under water and into space. It even went to the North Pole. The torch has gone the longest it has ever gone before.

THE PEACE GARDEN

By Rachel Bauernfeind, gr. 4

The Peace Garden is one of the committees that we do in our school. We sometimes make things or we work. One of the things we did was make a banner for President's Day. We also made butterflies and a tree to show how butterflies migrate. They begin their long journey back really soon. If you are a 4th grader in Peace Garden, you will be in Peace Garden in the 5th grade. Peace Garden is a fun working job so I hope you try to be in the Peace Garden.

FAMILY FUN

By Kyler Severson, gr. 1

My family likes to have fun together. We like to go the movies. We like to watch t.v. We like to play baseball and have family game night. We have a lot of fun.

MY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

By Will Cashin, gr. 1

My family likes to have fun together. When we are playing games we have fun. We like to watch t.v. We also like to read.

FAMILY FUN TIME

By Lauren Hafemeyer, gr. 1

My family likes to have fun together. We like to watch t.v. Also, we like to go to the movies and go for hikes.

BAND

By Sophia Schindlbeck, gr. 5

Band is where you go to express yourself. Everybody is doing what they came here for. Music is your life if you play an instrument. Every Wednesday the 5th graders come together for band. Melodi is our music teacher. She helps us a lot. We have band during our recess. If we forget our instrument we are in trouble. We are full of squeaks and squawks but we try our best.

FAMILY FUN

By Faith David, gr. 1

My family has fun together. We like to go to the movies. We like to play outside and we like to go shopping.

BAND

By David Welborn, gr. 5

When you get in the 5th grade you can play in the band. Band is really fun. You play all sorts of music. You can play trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, flute, percussion, baritone, French horn and trombone. I've had fun in band. You should try it, I bet you would have fun, too.

MY VALENTINE BOX

By Ruby Gernandt, gr. 5

I made a super cool pyramid Valentines box. I called it, The Great Pyramid of Ruby. The whole Woodland class also made boxes, they were all really good. Some of them were really creative. I made most of the pyramid on Saturday. I wanted to make a really cool box to impress people but unfortunately a lot of people had cooler boxes than me. I got the idea from a book that I was reading, Wonder, by R.J. Palacio. Unfortunately I didn't win anything for the categories like, most creative, cutest, and most colorful. Oh well, at least I had fun making it.

RAMSEY HOUSE

By Lanie Peterson, gr. 5

The students in both Ellen and Maggie's class explores the big historic home of the Ramsey Family. Many students joked about it being haunted. The eerie house was beautiful and fun. Students got to taste a yummy cookie from one of the servants. After a while many students went on about wanting to live there. When they left many students will never forget what a lovely journey we had through the Ramsey house.

MY FAMILY

By Hannah Miller, gr. 1

My family likes to go to movies. We like to watch t.v. and we like to go to the park together. Our family likes to play together.

BAND

By Allison Kispert, gr. 5

In band we play lots of songs. It's cool to hear all of the different instruments, like flute, trumpet and saxophone. Some of the songs were hard to play at first like "Christmas Stomp," and the "Eye of the Tiger." They had lots of notes in the song. On full band days we get really excited because band is really fun. It's even more fun when we have lessons because we are with a group of people that play the same instrument.

VALENTINE'S DAY

By Paige Ross, gr. 4

On Valentine's Day our class went down to the gym in the morning and the Savannah and Prairie students came and looked at our boxes. They were very cool. After that our class went back to the room and we could eat one piece of candy. Then we voted. The categories were: cutest, most creative and most colorful. I won cutest, Sophia won most creative and Livia won most colorful. That day we also watched a Liberty Kids video and had chips and pop. The rest of the day was just a regular day.

BRRRR...IT'S COLD OUT

By Darla Glende, gr. 3

One night my family and I were playing games and watching TV and it started to get colder, and colder, and colder in the house. So my dad went downstairs to check the LP and it was empty. We couldn't pay for it because of our trip to Florida and our new furniture. We had to wait until we got our furniture.

FAMILY FUN

By Brady Schulz, gr. 1

My family likes to have fun together. When we are playing games we have fun. We like to watch t.v. We also like to read.

Brrrr...IT'S COLD

By Ava Beske, gr. 2

One day I went snowmobiling with my dad. When we were half way through my gas ran out. My dad had to go home and get his trailer and truck. He came back and picked me up and we went home. When dad and I got home we had hot cocoa.

MY COLOR

By Mara Cook, gr. 1

Today I feel yellow because my mom is home this morning. She went to a concert, Luke Bryan, and I missed her.

MY COLOR

By Paul DeGroot, gr. 1

Today I feel brown and black because I had to wake up early.

MY COLOR

By Seth Lind, gr. 1

I'm feeling white today because I am tired.

MY FAMILY

By Lottie Keller, gr. 1

My family likes to have fun together. We like to go skiing. Also we like to watch movies. Our favorite movie is Frozen.

PLAYING ALTO SAX

By Zach Siegert, gr. 5

I play the Alto Sax in band and it is so much fun. Melodi is my band and music teacher. There is band every Monday and Wednesday for the Alto Sax players and other extra lessons for other instruments on the rest of the school days. I think playing the saxophone is awesome. There are six alto sax players; Ruby, Sophia, Noah, Tanner, Jonah, and myself. Some people think we're loud and some of us are. It's still fun! So GO, Alto Sax.

MY COLOR

By Ellory Grund, gr. 1

Today I feel purple because it's means you feel good. And also because my dad doesn't need to work nights anymore.

VALENTINE'S DAY

By Caydon Budde, gr. 4

On Valentine's Day we made Valentine boxes and we voted on our favorite ones in three categories. A judge comes in and sees who has the best of any of the categories. I made a Minion and tried to make it the biggest box, but my friend Jonah made a mail truck. He won the biggest box, so I didn't win. There were a lot of Minion boxes in our class. Riley made a "Creeper" from Mine Craft and it was really big, too. We all bring something for the class and I brought bracelets.

MY COLOR

By Evelyn Amundson, gr. 1

Today I feel happy because I am going to the Mall-of-America. I will get my hair curler.

I WAS REALLY COLD

By Ava Nelson, gr. 3

Me and my sister took a long bath and when I got out it was cold! I was wet and we had no heater in there. So I ran downstairs and got the heater from my room and brought it to the bathroom. I turned it on, and that's how I got warm.

RESEARH PAPERS

By Mia Potter, gr. 4

Every year the Woodlands do research papers. First we pick a person to study. Then we find books about our person. Some people are harder to find books about and some are easy. We take notes on note cards and only put important facts down that we want to write about. When we are all done taking notes we type our paper out.

COLD WAVES

By Edison Waddell, gr. 3

When I went sledding with my family it was fun, but cold. Every time I went down a hill I got a wave of snow in my face. Brrrr! Then we went home and had popcorn and hot cocoa and watched a movie.

HEALTH CLASS

By Aiden Klett, gr. 4

In Health we are learning how many bones are in the body and what they are. There are twenty-five rib bones. Ellen is the teacher for Health class. It's on Tuesdays at our math time. The fourth graders do this every year. We are studying the human body. I donated a book about the human body to Ellen.

WHEN I WAS COLD

By Ava Meyer, gr. 3

The time I was so cold was when my Dad, Mom, brother and I were at home and we had no heat in the house. My mom had about twenty blankets around her. It was cold, brrrrrrr!

RESEARCH PAPERS

By Payton Ross, gr. 5

Every year the Woodlands do research papers. You get to choose a person to research and I chose Princess Diana. We have to find books on that person and then start reading to find out important and interesting facts. We also find out if they had any big accomplishments. Then we take notes about their childhood, when and where they were born and stuff like that. When we are done taking notes we type out a rough draft, edit it and type out a final copy. Research is so FUN!

MY LIT BOOK

By Livia Schulz, gr. 4

I'm reading Corey's Underground Railroad Diary. My lit group just finished the first book yesterday. Cory was a young slave. The book got scary at times. One time Cory was with a freed slave named Tut. Slave catchers took Tut while Corey ran and hid. That was one of the scary parts. There are also some happy parts like; when Corey found out that mama was going to have a baby. It was a very exciting book. Our next lit. rotation will be about mysteries. I think that one of the books will be about Sherlock Holmes.

I WAS COLD

By Dexter Osborne, gr. 2

I was cold at Day Care. They had a broken heater. I was wearing my socks, pants, shirt, shoes, everything I had. I got warm by running around.

VALENTINE'S BOXES

By Bella Carlson, gr. 5

Woodland classes made Valentine's Boxes. When we brought them to school we took them to the gym and the whole school walked around looking at them all. They were amazing. Mine was a medium size box with pink all around it. On the back it was a white board and on the front it was a black board that had chalk taped to it.

READ ALOUD

By Nathan Eitel, gr. 4

Every day after Homeroom our class does read aloud to calm us down. It also helps us to practice our listening skills. In the book we're reading, this unique boy who hunted a lot wanted dogs to go with him, so he got two really good hunting dogs and took them coon hunting. Later on the boy heard a mountain lion and he said he would die for his dogs. So a couple of days later his dog, Old Dan, found a trail. This boy liked to chop wood so he sharpened his axe so he could chop better before he got the dogs. I really like this book.

I WAS COLD

By Hope Bauernfeind, gr. 2

One cold, winter day I went out for a walk with my dog. He ran away and I had to chase him. I was bundled up but I still got cold. I finally caught him and took him home. I had hot cocoa to warm me up.

A LONG, LONG, TIME AGO

By Gabe Hoisington, gr. 2

I went for a walk in the mud. I followed some footprints that led to a cave. Inside I saw a very large dinosaur. The dinosaur jumped at me. I ran away from the dinosaur, At last, I was safe from the dinosaur.

On Monday, February 24th, the Kindergarten students celebrated the 100th day of school. (It sure seemed to take a long time this year to reach the 100th day with all of the school cancellations due to weather!)

When given the prompt, "*I wish I had 100...*" here were the responses:

Nealie: American Girl Dolls

Noah: DS games

Claire: American Girl Dolls

Kaylie: pieces of gum

Braxton: Gummy Bears

Tristan: doggies

Olivia: friends

Arabella: chocolate bars

Ava: dolls

Madalyn: dogs

Lynus: monster trucks

Amelia: pony rides

Erin: pandas

Nathan: friends

Abby: American Girl Dolls

Theo: Star Wars guys

Daphne: chocolate chip cookies

Kate: bracelets

Natalya: iPads

Owen: dogs

Aneliese: Lalaloopsie dolls

Cooper: Super Hero books

Lily: Zebras

Andrew: Lego sets

Myra: swimming pools

A LONG, LONG, TIME AGO...

By Joey Ruisi, gr. 2

I went for a walk in the sand. I followed some footprints that led to a cave. Inside I saw some lost pirates. Next, I helped the pirates get out. Then, I brought them to my home and let them feel like their home. At last, I had them play video games with me.

MeRILYN'S INTERVIEW

By Caroline Drenth, gr. 4

Merilyn is the woman Maggie's class interviewed for the Community Celebration this year. Merilyn is 82 and was born on February 3, 1932. She had one brother named Charles and she grew up being a tom-boy. She liked ice-skating, skiing, swimming and sledding. She didn't get in trouble, and never really got sick or broke any bones. In 1953, she got married to a man named Gary, and they had six kids. She was a nurse at the Faribault Hospital and St. Peter Hospital, too. She now lives across the street from Paula, in Nerstrand.

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...

By Mathew Dettling, gr. 2

I went for a walk in the snow. I followed some footprints that led to a forest. Inside I saw a very large dinosaur. Next, it jumped out from behind a tree. I scared the dinosaur by saying, "BOO!" Then he ran away like a little baby. At last, when I left the forest I found a rope and went home.

VALENTINE'S BOXES

By Ava Becken, gr. 4

On Valentine's Day if you are in fourth or fifth grade, you can make a Valentine box. There are always three themes you can use for ideas and the best can get a prize. This year's themes were: best sports theme, most creative, and biggest. The winners were; Martin, best sports theme, Kendra, most creative, and Jonah, biggest. For my Valentine box I made a hot air balloon. I hope everybody has a chance to do this fun project.

THE PEACE GARDEN

By Tanner Longshore, gr. 5

I'm going to tell you what it's like in the Peace Garden. Every Thursday we meet for lunch. We bring our lunch down to the multi-purpose room. If it's your day then you get to bring a friend. Larry tells us what we're going to do that day. Then we talk about what we're going to do that day and share. After we bring our lunch trays back to the cafeteria, we get to work. That's how we do it in the Peace Garden.

AMBASSADORS

By Sebastian Malkavage, gr. 4

I am a member of the Ambassador Committee. We have been busy because we are working on a poster for the Peace Prize Festival. We are studying about Nelson Mandela. We will put what we have learned about him on a poster. We have a booth that we will give away book marks at and fortune tellers that we made. We also have another poster about our school's Holiday Sharing project. We made this poster for the Peace Prize Festival to show that our school donated hats and mittens for the homeless shelter. Ambassadors also give visitors tours around our school. Last fall the Ambassadors gave more than 20 Japanese college students a tour around our school. In March we will begin giving another tour to teachers from a new Charter School in West Concord, MN.

THE RAMSEY HOUSE

By Ellie Glende, gr. 5

Last November we took a Woodland's field trip to the Ramsey House. It was the home of Alexander Ramsey. He was a very rich man during the Victorian times. On the outside of the mansion there were big windows, and all brick walls with a big porch and 10 foot high doors. When we walked in, there was a nice sized room. In it there was a whale tooth that was about six inches long. There was also an egg, but not just any egg, it was an ostrich egg. In the kitchen there was a big stove and some good smelling cookies which we got to try. Next, we went into the dining room. There were four different sized glasses at each spot. They were for different wines. Then we went to my favorite room which was their daughter's room. Lying on the bed was the dress that she met Abe Lincoln in. That's why it was my favorite room. We only saw four rooms out of a lot more. The Ramsey House is a really cool place.

A LONG, LONG, TIME AGO...

By James DeWitt, gr. 3

I went for a walk in the snow. I followed some footprints that led to a forest. Inside I saw some lost pirates. I asked, "Where is your ship?" They said they didn't know because they were lost. Then, the pirates and I built a small ship. I carved two paddles so they could leave for another island. At last, I went to play in the big, huge pile of snow.

MY BIRTHDAY PARTY

By Jack Soy, gr. 5

For my birthday party I'm going to the Mall of America. Me and my family are going to ride the rides and then eat there. I think it's going to be fun. I was going to go to Buck Hill, but none of my friends can go and the roads were bad. I think my birthday party is going to be lots of fun!

LONG WEEKENDS

By Noah Miller, gr. 4

The long weekend was fun. We had a four day break from school. One of the best parts over the weekend was no homework. I went to the Lego movie over the weekend and I had an amazing birthday party. I received presents from my friends. We went bowling and ate cake and drank pop. I played outside in the snow with my sister. It was very deep.

A LONG, LONG, TIME AGO...

By Emma Snesrud, gr. 2

I went for a walk in the snow. I followed some footprints that led to a castle. Inside I saw a very large dinosaur. Next, the dinosaur was very scary, but when it came over to me it was very nice. Then, we played all day. But then the gates slammed shut. At last, they tried to open the gates but the wind kept shutting them.

LEARNING ABOUT 100

By Beau Bauernfeind, gr. 3

I would carry 100 dogs, but I couldn't carry 100 school busses!

I could eat 100 deer, but I couldn't eat 100 bears.

I could put 100 toothpicks, in my backpack, but I couldn't put 100 snowmobiles in my backpack.

I could run 100 miles, but I couldn't run 100 hours!

I wish I had 100 dogs and cats, but I am glad that I do not have 100 neighbors.

VALENTINE'S DAY

By Martin Brazil, gr. 5

Our Woodland classes make Valentine's Day boxes and choose winners in different categories. If you get picked and win the contest you win a prize. This year I won most sports like. Jonah won the biggest and Kendra won most creative. Everybody had great boxes and we shared candy with our class. All the candy was good!

A LONG, LONG, TIME AGO...

By Gabriella David, gr. 3

I went for a walk in the mud. I followed some footprints that led to a castle. Inside I saw some lost pirates. Next, they tried to capture me but I broke through the fishing net. Then, I told them that I didn't want to hear them but they didn't believe me and chased me through the kitchen, up and down the stairs, everywhere. At last, I ran out of the castle and my sister had powers so she put a spell on the door so they couldn't get out.

LEARNING ABOUT 100

By Hayley Lentsch, gr. 2

I would carry 100 beehives, but I couldn't carry 100 rocks.

I could eat 100 raspberries, but I couldn't eat 100 pineapples.

I could put 100 cards in my backpack, but I couldn't put 100 shirts in my backpack!

I could walk 100 miles but I couldn't walk 100 hours.

I wish I had 100 horses, but I am glad that I do not have 100 cousins.

FIRST DAY

By Devin Lockerby, gr. 4

It's the first day of school and the children are all here. They're tired and it's warm out. We meet our new teacher, go to the gym to talk with the principal and see the people that are new to the school. One of my favorite parts is the ringing of the bell by the new kids and staff. Everyone chants, "flip it, flip it!" And the last part of the morning is when we have milk break. Before you know it the day is over.

JOHN'S WONDERFUL VALENTINE'S BOX

By John Jandro, gr. 4

My Valentine's box was an astonishing rusty, old toilet. It had a flusher and pipes. I brought it to school for a competition. Sadly, I lost. We had to follow the categories of Most creative, most colorful, and cutest. Mine was not good enough for the categories. I still have 5th grade to compete. I have some wonderful ideas in mind for next year.

Community Celebration Honorees Interviewed Celebration Date Set for Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Plans are already underway for our seventeenth annual Community Celebration of Place; Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song, which will be held on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. here in the Nerstrand Elementary School gymnasium. Our Woodlands students have already begun the process by interviewing our two elders to be honored, David Isaacson



and Marilyn Hanson. They will take the information they learned at the interviews and weave their unique stories into songs which will be performed for the honored guests on April 24th. Students were intrigued by the stories the elders had to tell!

The tradition was started in 1998, when singer, songwriter, troubadour Larry Long, spent a week with our students and staff to teach us the process of interviewing the elders, and weaving their stories into songs. Since then, we have been able to honor 36 area elders with unique songs highlighting their lives. It's amazing how we all benefit from listening to our elders! We've learned that even the most "common" among us have dramatic stories to tell—and there's always a life lesson to be learned from these wise people! What a great way to make a community connection! With the help of our music specialist, Melodi VanRoekel, the Woodlands students and teachers, along with Lori Arndt, will be working hard in the weeks to come to prepare for this special night! Plan now to attend!



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