



The Badger Barker



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Gator Volleyball takes on the State Tournament

The Gator volleyball team ended their season taking home the title of Consolation Champions at the 2022 Minnesota State Volleyball Tournament. Congratulations Gators!

The Gator seniors also earned the Academic Gold Award from the Minnesota Volleyball Coaches' Association, which is given to seniors who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher.



Back: Coach Lambert, Coach Stender, Cassidy Dahl, Quinn Vacura, Sierra Westberg, Honna Westlund, Riley Gust, Jade Reese, Kinsley Hanson, Jaci Hanson, Mgr. Meagan Otto, Coach Dahl. **Front:** Mgr. Macy Majer, Ada Lee, McKenzie Dahl, Hannah Bergsnev, Keyasha Housker, Tegan Landsrud, Zairyn Wimpfheimer, Mya Bennett

Varsity Scoreboard

Stephen-Argyle	W 3-0
Sacred Heart	W 3-0
Roseau	W 3-1
Northern Freeze	W 3-0
Underwood	W 2-0
Bagley	W 2-0
Fosston	W 2-0
Nevis	W 2-1
Ada-Borup-West	W 2-0
Goodridge/Grygla	W 3-0
Warroad	W 3-0
Warren-Alvarado-Oslo	W 3-0
Floodwood	W 2-1
Spring Grove	W 2-1

Minneota	L 2-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	W 2-1
Mabel-Canton	W 3-1
Lake of the Woods	W 3-1
Goodridge/Grygla	W 3-0
Red Lake Falls	W 3-0
Northern Freeze	W 3-0
Kittson County Central	W 3-0
Warroad	W 3-0
Goodridge/Grygla	W 2-0
Fertile-Beltrami	W 2-0
Northern Freeze	W 2-0
Sacred Heart	W 2-0
Roseau	W 3-0

Class 8A Sections

Stephen-Argyle	W 3-0
Kittson County Central	W 3-0
Ada-Borup-West	W 3-1
Lake of the Woods	W 3-0

Class A State

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa	L 3-1
New Life Academy	W 3-0
Ely	W 3-1

Class A Consolation State Champion



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Badger School Superintendent's News



Season greetings! 'Tis the season for the December publication of *The Badger Barker*.

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count blessings."
Eric Hoffer

Stay tuned for future announcements:

Badger High School Math Team competitive season is already in-progress within the Northern Lights Math League.

Badger High School Knowledge Bowl team started practicing for their upcoming competitive season – please stay tuned for updates in January.

There will be future events announcements for our Badger Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter forthcoming – stay tuned.

Events this Month:

- December 4 Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) will be having their holiday celebration at the Pioneer Farm 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4.
- December 3-9 The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Badger School Library the week of December 5-9. Students, parents, and family members can shop before school 8:00-8:20 a.m. and shop after school 3:10-4:00 p.m. Elementary students grades 1-6 may also shop during their regularly scheduled library visit during the week.
- December 7 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7, in the cafeteria lunch room. Parents of kindergarten students may shop at the Scholastic Book Fair after the Winter Wonderland Workshop.
- December 9 This marks the second quarter midterm grading period. Please have your children show you their grades, and if necessary, contact the teachers regarding any missing or late assignments.
- December 9 Daytime Elementary Winter Music Program will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 9.
- December 15 Preschool/Headstart December Parent-Child Holiday Event in the cafeteria lunch room
- December 19 Nighttime High School Winter Music Program will be 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 19.
- December 23-January 2 No school for eleven calendar days due to Winter Break
- January 3 School will be back in session when school resumes Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful winter break.

Thank you,

Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12

"Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."
Charles Dickens



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Honoring Those Who Serve

Submitted by: Patience Thompson, Student Council Advisor

On Wednesday, November 9, Badger School District and community members gathered to honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving our country. Badger School's Student Council members helped organize the program. As community members entered the school, they were presented with red poppies, which pay tribute to the fallen and living veterans, as well as active-duty military personnel and their families. American Legion Auxiliary members Sharon Vacura, Marian Dybedahl, and Alleen Glen graciously handed out the poppies.

Badger Student Council President Talisha Hamann welcomed those in attendance. The Posting of the Colors was performed by Veterans Bob Glen, David Vacura, Richard Blazek, and Benji Marquis. Talisha Hamann followed the Posting of Colors by singing the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

Badger High School Concert Band played *American Legion March* before the introduction of the Junior High speeches. Veteran's Day Junior High essay winners shared their "My Pledge to Veterans" speeches: Deegan Hanson (3rd), Adysen Gregerson (2nd), and Katelyn Gust (1st). Badger High School Concert Choir performed *Thank You Soldiers* (with a solo by Raegen Maahs) prior to the Senior High speeches. Senior High winners shared "Why is the Veteran Important": Jordan Davy (3rd), Hailey Lundgren (2nd), and Jordan Lee (1st). Superintendent Mr. Kevin Ricke presented the awards to the Junior and Senior High essay winners.

The Keynote speaker for this year's program was Veterans Services Officer for Roseau County, Martin Howes. Mr. Howes, along with veterans Morris Vacura and Dale Hagen presented Roger Klemetson and Benji Marquis with the Dave Frislie Eagle Award. This award honors our local veterans who have given back to their fellow veterans and the Badger community.

Starting next year, the Carol Tillberg Roll-Call will be used as a replacement for the Dave Frislie Eagle Award as a way to honor more veterans in the future. The Carol Tillberg Roll-Call will be displayed within Town Hall.

Ending the program, Raegen Maahs and Aidan Carpenter played *Taps*, followed by the Retiring of the Colors. Thank you to everyone in attendance.



Back: Marian Dybedahl, Sharon Vacura, Deegan Hanson, Adysen Gregerson, Katelyn Gust, Raegen Maahs, Talisha Hamann, Aidan Carpenter, Jordan Davy, Hailey Lundgren, Jordan Lee, Alleen Glen **Front:** Morris Vacura, Roger Klemetson, Marty Howes, Bob Glen, Carol Tillberg, David Vacura, Richard Blazek, Benji Marquis, Dale Hagen



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Band Musician of the Month Macy Majer

Grade: 11th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? Flute, I loved the sound it had compared to other instruments.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? Drums, I like the variety they have. It would be so much fun to be able to play a new instrument everyday.

What is your favorite song to play? *Fate of the Gods*, we played that song at the convention in The Cities my 7th grade year. Such an amazing piece!

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? *High School Musical* just like the movie. The scenes are funny and I feel like it would be fun to do.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Going down to the convention in The Cities because I got to hang out with people who I usually didn't. It was a great experience.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Don't give up, it will come to you. It may be difficult in the beginning but it will get easier, I promise!

Who inspired you to be part of band? Listening to the high school band play in 4th grade inspired me. They sounded so good, so I wanted to also be in that band.



Choir Musician of the Month Emily Burkel

Grade: 9th

What section are you in? Soprano

How long have you been in choir? 3 years

What kind of music do you like to sing? I like singing any song where I get to sing high.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Singing all kinds of different music pieces.

What are you looking forward to this year? I am looking forward to the Christmas concert and my first solo contest in November.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Don't be shy when you sing. Full send it.

What is your favorite choir memory? When everyone was singing one of our happy songs through the school on the last day of my 8th grade year.



Trivia

By: Riley Connell

- Who invented the emoji?
 - Thomas Edison
 - Min Yoon-gi
 - Shigetaka Kurita
 - Elon Musk
- Which planet has the most volcanoes?
 - Earth
 - Jupiter
 - Neptune
 - Venus
- Who founded Walmart?
 - Sam Walton
 - Marty Walls
 - Luke Bryan
 - Sheila Walmart
- Which big cat is the largest?
 - Siberian Tiger
 - Lion
 - Cheetah
 - House Cat



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Ivan Olafson

What are your favorite winter activities?

Ethan Haugen (1st grade): I like to go sledding, making snowmen, and ice skating. I like to play hockey and have fun at Malung Hill with my family. Snow fights with my family are fun.

Axel Stenberg (2nd grade): I like to build snow forts because they are fun to play in. I like to walk on trails in the woods because sometimes I see deer tracks and animals.

Aubree Mostad (3rd grade): My three favorite winter activities are making snowmen because they are fun to make! And I love making snow angels because they are so beautiful in the snow. I like going on big snow hills because you can slide down them.

Hadley Zimney (4th grade): I like to build snowmen because there are six people in my family, so we build each other. I also like to take wooden boards and pack snow with them to make a snow cave. I like to have campfires in the winter so we have light at dark!

Ayden Mostad (5th grade): I like the cool wind, I like having snowball fights, and I like sledding down hills.

Naomi Turpitt (6th grade): I enjoy sledding in the winter. I love sledding at Malung Hill because you slide very fast down the hill.



Student Opinion

By: Julia Dostal

Do you think school should have more hours a day for less days a week?

Brayden Little ~ I think we should have school four days a week on Monday through Thursday. Also, we should have one or two more hours, start at nine in the morning. I think people would want to come to school more because they have longer weekends. They also would want to get better grades because of this.

Jordyn Gilbert ~ No, I like it how it is. I think that a change would make us feel off. So, I think it is okay how it is.

Amelia Wilt ~ I think school should have more hours in the day and less days a week because I would enjoy having a longer weekend. On the day I have off, I could go to work, do homework, or do nothing all day. I would save money on gas by not having to drive to school five days a week. I also like the idea of being able to sleep in three times a week rather than two.

Landon Christianson ~ I think we should have an extra hour of school dedicated to resting or study hall so students that don't have time out of school can get their work done and get help with it.





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Senior Spotlight Talisha Hamann

Parents: LeRoy & Heidi Hamann

Siblings: Olivia, Kaitie

Nicknames: Tali, T-Scribble scribble, Tilly, T, Tal, Talalabel, Tall-E

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Fried Rice

Color: Yellow

Hobby: I love reading.

Quote: “ You can be a king or a street sweeper, but everyone dances with the grim reaper” ~ Robert Alton Harris

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? I would wish for the ability to fly, no one to ever go hungry, and equal rights for everyone.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? I would want to change people’s hearts because there is too much hate in the world.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take Bryza and travel to the Dominican Republic.

What do you think you’ll be remembered by most? I hope I’ll be remembered as someone who was willing to help anyone.

What is the craziest thing you’ve done in high school? I like laying on the floor in random places and no one questions it any more.



Senior Spotlight Mason Scharf

Parents: Sara Rothenberger, Casey Scharf

Siblings: Grant, Jordan, Salome, Emile, Mason, Conor, Will

Nicknames: Scharf, Sharky

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Burgers

Color: Black

Hobby: Playing games/riding dirt bike

Quote: “Be you and own who you are... the people you want in your life will love you for you.” ~ Baylen Levine

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? See my stepdad again, get enough money to give to my mom to set her up for life, and meet all my relatives that I never got to meet.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? Peace

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would go to the west coast with Brogan.

What do you think you’ll be remembered by most? Making everyone laugh.

What is the craziest thing you’ve done in high school? Won a last second football game to go to the Fargo Dome.





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Ramp-Up Topics for December

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Students will be introduced to using a planner and ways they can organize their work and stay on top of their assignments. Most successful students need to be very well organized and a planner is a great tool to use for that purpose. Parents can ask to see their students planner at home and ask them to show how they organize their school work and other activities.

GRADE 7: What are some past, present, and future careers? Seventh graders will realize they need to have a solid learning base in middle and high school to better prepare them for the many ever-changing career opportunities. Many careers become obsolete, while others are being created daily. It is very possible a seventh grader today may work in a career that has yet to be established. Students will begin to make the connection of the importance of earning a postsecondary degree to help them prepare for their future careers.

GRADE 8: Eighth grade students will focus on peers, problem solving, and postsecondary. Why are peer relationships so important throughout middle and high school, and what impact could they have on postsecondary education and career choices? What things, like social media, influence our peer choices and decision making process now and in the future? Students will also discuss and identify positive academic behaviors they can establish in high school to help them in their postsecondary experiences.

GRADE 9: Ninth graders will be reviewing an important topic they have previously discussed in Ramp-Up to Readiness – SMART goals. Goals should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely. Students will learn that keeping these goals realistic to their situation will help them meet goals more frequently. Students use SMART goal methods when they complete their Readiness Rubrics throughout the school year.

GRADE 10: What motivates me? Sophomores will be taking an in-depth look at both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and how they can use their understanding of them to get through difficult times now and in college.

GRADE 11: During December, juniors will explore the different types of financial aid and will be introduced to the FAFSA4Caster as a way to help them find out what types of aid may be available. Scholarship money is available to students to attend college, so students will learn where to find information about scholarships and how to apply for them. Juniors will also be looking at ways to avoid the dreaded “senior slump” by reviewing their high school class options for their upcoming senior year.

GRADE 12: Seniors will be spending more time learning about their financial aid options, including grants, scholarships, work-study, and student loans. Students will also be looking at strategies to avoid the dreaded “senior slump” when it comes to finishing their high school careers and preparing for postsecondary education or careers.

Superior Music Ratings

Congratulations to the following students for earning Superior ratings yesterday at the MSHSL Vocal and Instrumental Solo Contest at Roseau School on November 15: Tryg Olson (vocal solo), Alex Lunde (vocal solo) Emily Burkel (vocal solo), Bethanie VonEnde (flute solo), Aidan Carpenter (vocal solo and trumpet solo), Paige Rybakowski (vocal solo), Arianna Grugal (vocal solo), and Landon Christianson (vocal solo).

In addition to the superior ratings, Arianna Grugal and Tryg Olson each received a perfect score on their performances!





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Northern Valley Career Expo

Submitted by: Janice Mostofi, Career Advisor

Sophomores from Badger High School were among the 1,800 students attending the 10th annual Northern Valley Career Expo Wednesday, October 26, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. The Expo introduced students to career opportunities available with Northern Red River Valley employers as they are beginning to plan for their future. Students attended two career seminars from the following career fields: business, management, and administration; human services; health sciences; engineering, manufacturing, and technology; agriculture, food, and natural resources; and information technology. Students also toured a showcase floor where regional employers set up hands-on career exploration activities designed to educate attendees about in-demand career opportunities and related training, inspire attendees to become future employees, and introduce career paths students may otherwise not know about. Post-secondary schools with related programs were also in attendance, linking education to careers. The annual event is organized by a regional committee representing education, economic development, and workforce organizations in northwest Minnesota and northeast North Dakota.

Here is what some of the students had to say about the Career Expo:

Taylor Davy ~ I learned that engineering can be critical to people's lives and how things affect human health. I enjoyed the floor time and wish there were even more hands-on things there and more time. There are many careers connected to agriculture and that it is a big branch of life.

Julie Dostal ~ I had a session on health sciences that I really enjoyed. The speaker did a slide-show game that showed three hints pertaining to a health science career and we all guessed what the career was. After the class sessions, we had a floor session where we could explore different career choices.

Jaden Kukowski ~ I enjoyed seeing all careers. I learned that it is not easy to decide a career.

Alex Lunde ~ My favorite part of going to the Career Expo was being able to talk to some of the people who were at the booths and to try out some of what they had going on. It was interesting to see what qualifications were needed to be in that specific profession. There were so many booths and not enough time to see them all in 30 minutes.

Ivan Olafson ~ I liked the Expo because the classes I picked were about my interests. One of my classes was aerospace. They gave a great presentation on what the University of North Dakota offers for that major.

Paige Rybakowski ~ What I liked about the Career Expo was the opportunity to learn about what career you're interested in by listening to the presentations. I liked the hands-on experience learning how to do CPR on a human and a dog. The communication with other colleges and people from other schools was good too.

Masen Swenson ~ The Expo was very fun because I got to learn more about what I want to do when I get older. The electrician class that I took was very fun because the person that was teaching the class was very into it and was ready for the class. The aerospace class that I took was very interesting, but something that I would not go into because it sounds very expensive and something that I am not very good at.

Bethanie VonEnde ~ I learned about construction and how they do heating in buildings. I liked all of the medical information that I got about many different career paths in that industry. I thought it was really cool that you could walk around on the "floor" and see all the different careers and what they involve.

Bailey Wojciechowski ~ I enjoyed learning how to care for hurt people. There were lots of opportunities for career choices. I learned how to do CPR. I learned how the people work in their career and how they do things. I enjoyed how the people showed what they did for a career.





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Campus Comment

By: Noah Gust

If you could live in any movie, what movie would it be?

Ava Warne (7th grade): If I could live in any movie, it would have to be *The Princess Bride* because it's a funny movie and has a good plot.

Peyton Lee (8th grade) I would live in *Where the Red Fern Grows*. I would live in this movie because I like the time, setting, and the story of the movie. This is one of my favorite movies, and I think it would be a lot of fun to live in this movie

Tiana Jacobson (9th grade): *Cars*, it would be interesting to see what it's like to be a car. The adrenaline rush you get from the race would be fun too.

Aidan Carpenter (10th grade) I don't watch movies that often. I don't remember the last time I just decided to watch a movie by myself. So I don't know if I can even answer this question honestly. I don't even think I'd choose to live in a movie anyway.

Arianna Gurgle (11th grade): I would live in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. I think it's a great movie. Plus, I would get to learn spells and magic.

Riley Gust (12th grade): *Talladega Nights* because it's race cars. I like to go fast.

Ms. Thompson (Social Studies teacher): If I could live in any movie, I would choose *Halloweentown*. *Halloweentown* is about three siblings who learn that a place called Halloweentown exists and they end up traveling there. The movie revolves around my favorite holiday (Halloween) and has a fall/autumn feel to it—which is my favorite season. I think it would be interesting to meet the creatures that live there (talking skeletons, ghosts, goblins, etc.) and it would be fun to see some of the magic involved.



Random Riddles

Findmotivation.org

By: Riley Connell

1. How do you inspire an artist?
2. What can you hold in your right hand but not in your left?
3. How much dirt is in a hole 10 feet deep and 4 feet wide?
4. What is coming but never gets here?
5. Where do fish deposit their money?
6. What has five eyes but cannot see?
7. What did the dog say to the flea?

I.C 2.D 3.A 4.A

Trivia Answers



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Santa Letters Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a Gleaner combine and a new grain cart with tracks, a red one. I want duals on the front and back. I have been good. I've shared my farm equipment with my sister. I will leave candy canes for your reindeer and cookies for you. Love, *Beckett Byre* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please can I have a laser gun and a vest that can hold bullets. I've been good, I helped my dad put on shovels for the plow for the field. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Kein Kjos* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring me a sit on tractor and a Barbie house. I've been good, I helped Grandma bake and mom do dishes. I will leave you and your reindeer chocolate chip cookies and cinnamon with sprinkle cookies. Love, *Kylah Przekwas* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I've been helping my mom by staying away from the lawn mower so I don't get splashed by the grass. I want a real horse with a barn because I've been wishing for it for a long time. I will leave you reindeer cookies and some milk. I will leave you a thank you card. I will leave pretzels for your reindeer. Love, *Everlee Sletten* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I help my grandma clean her laundry and I help my mom clean up her house. For Christmas I want a Mario remote control car and I want street cars. I will leave you cookies and milk and I'll leave you some treats too. Love, *Braydon Phillips* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been good. I help my mom clean the living room. I want makeup for Christmas. I will leave you cookies. Love, *Coraline Jensen* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been good. I helped my mom clean up toys and pillows. I helped Grandma rake up leaves. For Christmas I want legos and a police officer car. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for you reindeer. Love, *Emery Walsh* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been good. I help my mom water her flowers, I help my dad do cattle. I want dinosaurs for Christmas because I like them. I also want Paw Patrol toy trucks. I will leave you cookies and milk, and I will get the reindeer carrots. Love, *Bennett Didrikson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been really good. I help my grandpa and my uncle fix the cars. I would like a hot wheel race car and a monster truck. I am gonna leave cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer and you. Love, *Weston Sovde* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been busy cleaning my living room for my mom and making my Grandpa's bed. Please bring me Paw Patrol trucks and monster trucks. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and apple juice. I will leave the reindeer carrots. Love, *Breydan Fichter* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been busy helping mom fill and empty the dishwasher. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Paw Patrol lookout tower and Paw Patrol pups named Skye, Rubble, Chase, Marshall, Zuma, and Ryder. I will leave you milk and reindeer cookies and carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Isabelle Lane* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I help my grandma do laundry and helped my grandma carve pumpkins. For Christmas I want remote control cars and I want a toy Luigi from Mario. I will leave you cookies. Love, *Khalil Olson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I've been good at home. I've folded clothes for my Grandma Alice. I would like a bubble gun and a toy pistol for Christmas. I will paint you a picture of me. Love, *Zoltan Copeland* (Kindergarten)





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Santa Letters Grade 1

Dear Santa, I would like a helleopter. Kohlter Berg (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I helped my Dad clean my room. I helped Mom clean the kitchen. I want a dump truck for Christmas. Hope you like the cookies. Joseph Carlson (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I helped Grandma rake leaves and I helped Trent learn to wire connected. Can I please have Baby Alive and legos, Barbie Dream House, Gymnastics Barbie. Hadley Forst (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, Thanks you Santa for giving presents to us. I have been good doing dishes. Ethan Haugen (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, Can I have a Barbie House please. I will give you milk and cookies. Azalea Haugen Johnson (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I am good. I help my dad and my mom. Can I have 5 bollrs and 5 toy trucks. I help my 2 sisters and I protect my brothers. Dagoshen Jean (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I helped grandma with my cousins with cereal. Doll with the dog bowl. Ariel Jones (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been good. I let new friends in the games. Can I have growing doll. Hannah Kjos (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I am good. I clean the car. I clean my toys. I want a pet L.o.L. Cora Langaas (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been good. I have my dad do my rake leaves. Can I have a stuffed dog. I want a toy cat. I want a toy animal cat. Elena Lindemann (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been good Santa. I been doing good santa. I want an remote control Olaf. Please santa. Isabel Mather (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want 5 RC cars. I will leave you cookie Santa. Decland Moore (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I hope you are great. I been good all day. My mom and dad help me a lot. Santa where do you live? Can you please give me a slime for Christmas. I will be good. Zoey Sanden (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I want to share my toys with Gage. For christmas present suffe I want Baby Alive IO, legos, Barbie Dream House, Gymnastics Barbie. Aspen Stenberg (Grade 1)





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Santa Letters Grade 2

Dear Santa, Thank you... I want a toy unicorn and I want a rander. How is your rander doing. Love, *Annalie Yonke* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you I love what you got me last year. I hope you got me a play-station-3 and a red light saber. And I have been good. Love, *Elliot Mather* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the new Paw Patrol city tower. I want a hoverboard ples and a dog htat you are control. Love you Santa and I have been good this year? Love, *Eric Jones* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the toys. I want a rolup blanket and I want a skuter and a picture of a Husxey. I want a baby doll and a robot and a fone and I really really want a cat and a dog. Love, *Benna Hasson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the flying toy. This Christmas I want a new stuffed animal and a squishmallow. How is it doing at the north pole. Love, *Janiya Jenson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the nerf gun. I would like a one wheel board and a dirt bike. Thank you. Love, *Toby Thompson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for presents. I wish for one elf please Santa. I want a 3 wheeler please. Love, *Sawyer Jenson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gift from last year and I really want a big squishmallow and a pink elf please and a hoverbord and a baby doll and a Amaricin girl doll with pink hair. Love, *Parker Stoppelman* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the stuf from last year. This is what I want. A big farm set with cows and habals an a lodr tractor with tralers and a football. Love, *Axel Stenberg* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the last yere. I want a gator plush. Love, *Oliver Briese* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the stuff from last year. I want a new tablet this year please. I also want a real big stuff animal for Christmas. Love, *Leo Duray* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the thing that you gave me last yer. Can you gave me toy shep and can you gave 100 toy gots. Santa how are your randr. I love you Santa. Love, *Liam Wojciechowski* (Grade 2)

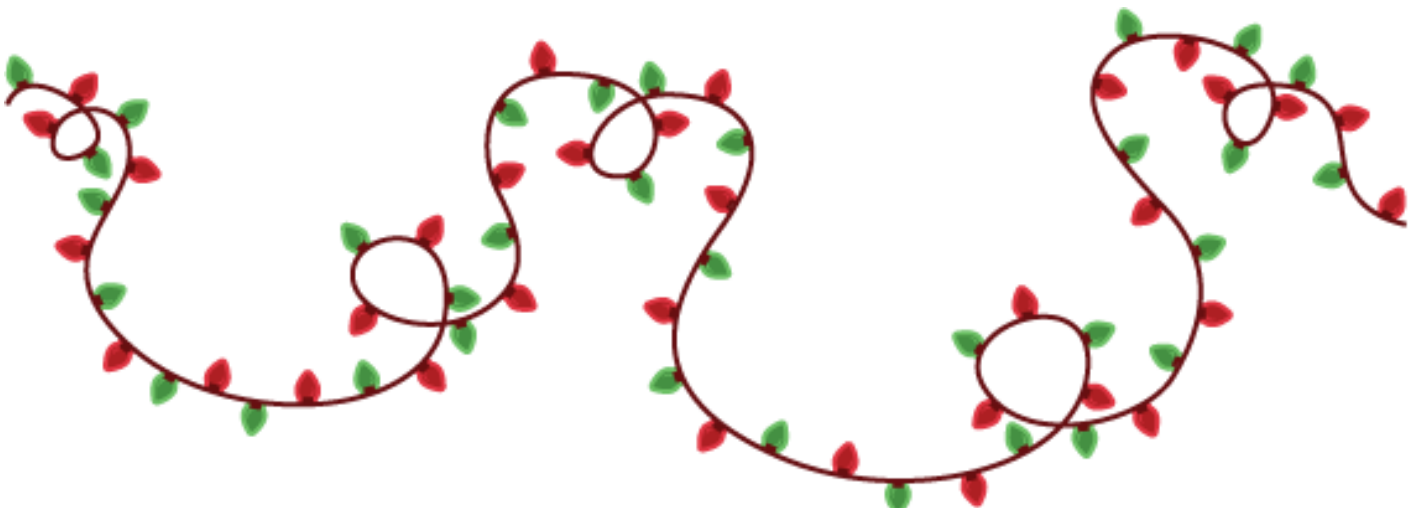
Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me a toy pool Santa. Can I wish for a nother Stanley ortament please. Can you saprize me this time. One more thing how is it going at the north pole? Love, *Ellie Hanson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the ranbcorn and tise yere I wude like a nuthr elf and a nuthr rander. Thank you Santa. I love you Santa. Love, *Shelby Lee* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for giveing me a present last year! I want a lot of toy horses and I also want a lot of toy cows. How is Sparkle and Coco? I miss Sparkle and Coco. Love, *Brielle Byre* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa forgiving me makeup and a new brush. I love you Santa for giving me those presits. Please cen I have a new tablit. Please cen I have a new bike and a new pillow. Cen I have a iphone 13 please. Cen I have that please Santa. Love, *Giuliana Sovde* (Grade 2)

Dear Snata, Thank you for the gifts last year. I am a good boy. I want a Mario game. May I have treats too? Love, *Liam Sanden* (Grade 2)





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Santa Letters Grade 3

Dear Santa, I would like to go to Texas for a day or two. I want Fun Time Freddy and his puppet called Bon-Bon. Which toys do the elves make the most? Love, *Mason Hill* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year is getting close. May I have a Gineoutasaurus? Can I have an Nintendo switch and maybe a bunny, or maybe have a horse or some cows? Thank you Santa. Your friend, *Eli Haugen* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I want a mini truck and a little fake dog? Can I please have some candy and a minicat and a notebook? I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa Claus. From your boy, *Tucker Rinde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus, I would like a Dan TDM plushie, an Iphone12. How are the reindeer? I miss them! And give Adrian a present. I miss you Santa! Love, *Gavon Pulczynski* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, May I have Vikings pajamas and I need a bike helmet, because I don't have one. I would like a new Minnie Mouse toy. Love, *Shalyn Kukowski* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you? I only have 3 things. I hope I get a bunny, and I hope I get a slime kit. I hope I get an art kit. How are your reindeer? Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me please. Love, *Collin Matthews* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I can only think of 2 presents I would like. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Please can I have a bow, and can I have a huuting tree stand. Thank you for all the presents. Your friend, *Blair Przekwas* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I know I've been bad sometimes and good. Now here is my list. Can I have a phone and a piano please. Love *Avani Washington* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope your reindeer are ok. I really will love a cat. I hope you are ok. I hope you got rested up. Thank you. I love you Santa! Love, *Mia Kjos* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This is my favorite time of the year. I hope your reindeer are rested up. I know this might be a little much but...can I please have an iphone, pajamas, and some new clothes? Your favorite person, *Layla Otto* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I don't want much for Christmas. I just want some pokemon cards and dirtbike gloves and a belt. I have a question. What are your reindeer names? Love, *Brentley Williams* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I don't have much on my Christmas list. All I want is Oculus Quest. How are your reindeer doing? Love, *Carter Kjos* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, Can I please have a small football? Say hi to the reindeer and one more thing please Can I have a basketball? Love, *Owen Olson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I want a Blue Heeler dog, a belt, a buckle, and new cowboy boots. Thank you and how are you? *Carter Jenson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? OK let's get back on track. It would be lovely to get a puppy and a cat. Maybe a bunny!! Thank you *Chesnie Berg* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, It doesn't really matter because I have family and friends but the only thing I want is a small guitar, so I can play because I always wanted one. Love. *Trey Rinde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I don't want to ask for much but I would love a new toy for my puppy Baily, so I can play with her. That would be great! Could I have a new blanket because my old one is going to fall apart soon? I would really love some new Slime. Thank you! Love *Aubree Mostad* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I love Christmas. It is my favorite holiday! I dont want to be greedy. But this is what I want this year. I want a baby puppy!! Beacuse my other dog is a big dog so we can't let him in the house. That is all I want this year!! Oh and say hi to Mrs. Claus for me!! Your favorite person, *Alexi Berger* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I really want a car that kids can drive or have a virtual reality that comes with games or a smart watch, so I can call friends or parent on. Please and thank you *Zaya Bieber* (Grade 3)





BUILDING READERS®

How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Badger Independent School District #676

Help your child overcome reading struggles with five simple strategies

If your child is having trouble with reading, it can affect every school subject. Confidence is a key element of reading success, so help your child keep a positive outlook. Here's how:

- 1. Avoid comparing your child** with others. Students develop reading skills at different rates—and that's OK. Help your child focus on strengths.
- 2. Ask the teacher** for suggestions of how you can support your child with reading at home.
- 3. Match goals** to your child's abilities, then plan small steps to meet them. Help your child brainstorm ways to overcome obstacles. Nothing breeds success like success.
- 4. Create a reading routine** that your child finds enjoyable.
- 5. Keep up-to-date** with your child's reading progress in school. Don't let problems escalate.



Don't let cold weather increase time spent in front of screens

Experts recommend parents set limits on children's recreational screen use. But it's easy to rely on screen entertainment when it's too cold to play outside.

Brainstorm and make a list of fun reading-related alternative activities.

On cold days, have your child choose an activity from the list.



Story starters spark writing

To help your child practice writing, share irresistible story starters:

- **It's the year 2122.** What are your future relatives doing?
- **You're a space explorer.** What does your ship look like, and where are you going?
- **It is raining** cats and dogs—real ones! What do you do?



Have some literacy fun with a snowman!

There's just something about a snowman that seems to inspire writers. And December is the perfect time of year to check out one of these wintry titles:

- **Sneezy the Snowman** by Maureen Wright.
- **The Greatest Snowman in the World!** by Peter Hannan.
- **Beware, The Snowman** by R.L. Stine.
- **The Case of the Sneaky Snowman** by Carolyn Keene.

After sharing a few of these stories with your child, build a snowman together—either outside out of actual snow, or inside out of paper, cotton balls or marshmallows.

What kinds of adventures might the snowman have? Strengthen storytelling skills by asking your child to create and share a few snowy snowman tales with the family.

Regular attendance has a direct impact on reading skills

Research shows that missing school has negative effects on reading and learning. This winter, recommit to ensuring your child is in school on time every day. Then, begin 2023 with routines that support attendance. Stick to a regular sleep schedule and gather items for school the night before. Routines like these makes mornings easier and prevent tardiness.



Source: "Attendance in the Early Grades: Why it Matters for Reading." Attendance Works.



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Elementary School • December 2022

Boost reading comprehension

Students need strong reading comprehension skills to do their best in school. And the older they get, the more complex school reading becomes. To boost understanding, encourage your child to:

- 1. Read aloud.** This slows down reading and helps your child “process” words.
- 2. Read to relax.** Encourage your child to read enjoyable books for fun.
- 3. Reread.** Reading things more than once can help your child understand new concepts and learn new vocabulary.
- 4. Supplement reading.** Look for interesting materials, such as news articles, related to what your child is learning in school.
- 5. Discuss reading.** Ask your child questions that encourage thinking. “Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?”



Dictionary games strengthen vocabulary

A dictionary is an effective tool for building your child’s vocabulary—especially if you make it fun to use. Either a printed dictionary or an online version will do the job. Take turns leading these games with family members:

- **Definition First.** Read only the definition of a word. Have players try to guess the word. The person with the correct guess gets to pick the next word.
- **Which Is It?** Find an unusual word in the dictionary. Say the word. Then, read two definitions: the correct one and a definition of another word. Ask players to guess the correct definition and to use the word in a sentence.



Q: Part of my second grader’s homework is to read every day at home, but my child often refuses to do it. How should I handle this?

A: This is a concern to discuss with your child’s teacher. Share your ideas about possible causes of your child’s refusal. The teacher will have suggestions that make reading time easier, such as taking turns reading aloud. Work together to find strategies that will turn your child into an eager reader.

Bookmarks make reading special

Making bookmarks can get your child excited about reading. Plus, they make great gifts for friends and family. You’ll need:

- **Construction paper** cut into long strips.
- **Colored pencils, markers or crayons.**

Have your child decorate each bookmark with pictures, photos or favorite quotes from books.

For lower elementary readers:

- **Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse** by Marilyn Singer. These poems based on fairy tales have a special feature. They can be read down the page or up the page for different meanings.
- **Art and Max** by David Wiesner. Max doesn’t know what to paint. Arthur suggests that Max paint him—a suggestion that Max takes very literally!



For upper elementary readers:

- **Word After Word After Word** by Patricia Maclachlan. A writer tells fourth graders that everyone has a story to tell—and together they discover how right she is.
- **Romeow and Drooliet** by Nina Laden. This clever adaptation of Shakespeare’s classic *Romeo and Juliet* features a cat and dog as the star-crossed lovers.

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National Honor Society

Submitted by: Shannon Dostal, NHS Advisor

National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes high school students in grades 11 and 12 that go above and beyond academics. The purpose of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to enter service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in secondary high school students.

To be eligible to become a member, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22, as well as two letters of recommendation attesting to the student's character, leadership, and service to their school and community. Students also must be present at the induction ceremony. Once students have been inducted and are officially members, they must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA.

This year returning members Brogan Beito, Riley Gust, Keyasha Housker, and Raegen Maahs welcomed new members with a traditional candle lighting ceremony on November 17. New members are Jordan Davy, Arianna Grugal, Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Macy Majer, Ashton Pickhartz, Gabe Warne, and Amelia Wilt. Talisha Hamann entertained the audience performing a vocal solo. Dinner was prepared by Jody Randall and Angela Monsrud and was served by sophomore honor students.

Badger National Honor Society sponsors events each year including community blood drives and the school's Read Across America week. For these events, NHS members work to plan, prepare, and provide a positive experience to all those who attend under the guidance of advisor.



Shout Out To...

Christine Modahl & Sharon Heggedal for visiting the kindergarten classroom on Halloween. Cruella de vil (Christine Modahl) and #1 dalmatian dog (Sharon Heggedal) joined the class to read stories to the boys and girls.

Connor Rothenberger for painting all the elementary flats white for Ms. K and the Art club!

Grandma Paulette Christianson for sharing her artistic talents with our students.

Everyone who participated in our American Education Week activities. Thanks for making the Badger School a great place to be!

Brooke VonEnde, Roseau County Miss United States Agriculture, for adopting the 2nd grade classroom this year and for sharing information about cattle and farm life.

National Honor Society Banquet Shout Out To...

Landon Christianson, Taylor Davy, Jodie Davy, Julia Dostal, Kaden Halvorson, Alex Lunde, Jami Lunde, Bethanie VonEnde:

HUGE thank you to those who helped set-up, serve and clean-up!

Tali Hamman for singing.

Senior members: Riley Gust, Raegen Maahs, Keyasha Housker, and Brogan Beito for preparing the ceremony.

Jody Randall & Angela Monsrud for the amazing meal!

1. Easel-y
2. Your left hand
3. None
4. Tomorrow
5. In a river bank
6. The Mississippi River
7. Stop bugging me

Random Riddles Answers



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Gator Sports

By: Taylor Davy

For changes in schedule go to www.badger.k12.mn.us and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

December

Boys Basketball

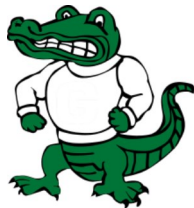
- 1 @ Fertile-Beltrami
- 6 @ Stephen-Argyle
- 9 @ Red Lake County Central
- 13 @ Warroad
- 15 Blackduck @ BGMR
- 20 @ Mahnommen-Waubun
- 22 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 29 Goodridge-Grygla @ BGMR

Girls Basketball

- 2 Warroad @ BGMR
- 5 @ Kittson County Central
- 6 @ Thompson
- 12 @ Northern Freeze
- 16 Clearbrook-Gonvick @ BGMR
- 20 @ Red Lake
- 28-29 @ Pelican Rapids Tourney

Wrestling

- 3 @ Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational
- 6 @ Fargo South Triangular
- 9-10 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 17 @ Valley City Invitational



January

Boys Basketball

- 3 @ Roseau
- 5 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo @ BGMR
- 13 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 16 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 21 @ Target Center vs Stephen-Argyle
- 23 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 24 Clearbrook-Gonvick @ BGMR
- 27 @ Grygla-Goodridge
- 30 @ Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball

- 6 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 9 @ Stephen-Argyle
- 12 Grygla-Goodridge @ BGMR
- 13 @ Roseau
- 17 @ Fosston
- 20 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo @ BGMR
- 21 @ Mahnommen-Waubun
- 26 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 30 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 4 Triangular @ BGMR
- 13 @ Minnewaska Invitational
- 14 @ Alexandria Invitational
- 21 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 24 @ Fosston Triangular
- 28 @ Larimore Invitational

Dates to Remember

By: Kaden Halvorson

December

- 3 Home for the Holidays
- 3-9 Scholastic Book Fair
- 4 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 4 ECFE "Pioneer Farms" 5:00-7:00 pm
- 7 Winter Wonderland Workshop, Kindergarten
- 9 2nd Quarter Midterm
- 9 Elementary Winter Concert 2:00 pm
- 11 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 Preschool Parent- Child Holiday Event
- 18 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 19 Math League Meet
- 19 High School Winter Concert 7:00 pm
- 23-30 No School ~ Winter Break

January

- 1-2 No School ~ Winter Break
- 8 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 9 School Board 7:30 pm
- 10 Spelling Bee, grades 5-8
- 11 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 15 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 16 No School ~ Staff Development
- 18 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 20 End of Quarter 2
- 20 Early Out ~ students dismissed at 12:30
- 22 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 23 Math League Meet
- 25 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 29 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 31 ECFE



BADGER AREA ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

To Register Send name and address by email to
badgermn.t.c@gmail.com RE: 2022 Light Contest

Registration Deadline is Friday December 16

Judging will start December 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Make sure your lights are on!!

Prizes for Residential and Commercial

Residential prizes:

1st place: \$200 2nd place: \$100 3rd place: \$50

Commercial prize: \$200

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Holiday Shop at the Scholastic Book Fair!

Saturday, December 3rd

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Badger School Library

(During the Holiday Bazaar/Santa Day)

Other Book Fair Dates

December 5th - 9th

Open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Shop December 9th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
after the Elementary Winter Concert.

*All proceeds will be used to purchase books for the library
and elementary classrooms.



BADGER ART CLUB HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY VENDORS AND ACTIVITIES!!

Vendor Sale, Clothing Drive, Library
Book Sale, FCCLA Snacks and Treats
9AM-1PM

Santa Photos with a donation of a food
shelf item 9:30am-1PM

VENDOR LIST:

Mariah Espe Chrystal Jewelry and décor
Abby Trinko Hair Bows
Judy Otto Mary and Martha Dealer
Emily Gust
Rolland Stoe Reclaimed Barn wood Décor
Jeri Puttbrese Air Freshners
Amber Wojciechowski Gluten Free Goodies
LaRae Frislie hand made potholders, towels and crafts
Tamra Olson Tupperware, nails, liveway
Tory and Breanna Pearson earrings
Diane Monsrud Lefse, old fashioned Christmas Candy
Kaitlyn Walsh Norwex
Lyndele Hamann Art and crafts
Roselund Women Holiday Store for Children to
purchase gifts
Rose Iverson Canned Goods
Linda Wojciechowski Lefse and Scandinavian goodies
Katie Rhen Scandinavian Christmas pieces, yarn crafts





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Badger T&C

Badger Town and County, providing community togetherness, engagement, and growth for over 80 years.



Mission

The mission of this organization shall be to take up for consideration and action events and activities that provide for the betterment and advancement of the community and its residents.



JOIN NOW!

Consider joining the Badger Town and Country. Anyone ages 18 and up can join for a small yearly dues of \$10. If you join the Badger Town and Country by Dec. 6, 2022, your dues for the upcoming 2023 year will be waived. You and your spouse will also be invited to the January FREE membership dinner.

To join contact us via email: badgermn.t.c@gmail.com; send a message on the Badger T&C Facebook page; or come to the next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm at the Badger Community Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December
Christmas Light Contest; Officer Elections
- January
Membership Dinner
- February
Sledding/Bingo; Valentines Activity
- March
Mardi Gras Fundraising Event
- April
- May
Fall Fest Discussion
- June
Mother's/Father's Day breakfast
- July
BUSH race planning
- August
Movie in Durgin Park
- September
Badger Fall Fest
- October
Family Movie at the Hall
- November
Thanksgiving



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Kindergarten Korner

By: Julia Dostal

Kein Kjos

What is your favorite season? Fall because my birthday is in the fall and I can rake leaves and jump in them.

What is your favorite movie? *Sonic 2* because Sonic is super fast in the movie

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, because you can play and do math.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A firefighter and a farmer so I can help my dad farm and I can protect people from fires.

If you could be any animal, what would you be? A lion so I can protect myself.

What kind of games do you like to play? Firehall. It's when you build a firehall out of red blocks.

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas because I like getting presents and I like the Christmas tree.



Coraline Jenson

What is your favorite season? Winter because I like playing in the snow and making snow angels.

What is your favorite movie? *Encanto* because I like when Isabela builds with flowers.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like play time and playing kitchen.

What do you want to be when you

grow up? A vet because there's lots of puppies.

If you could be any animal, what would you be? A puppy because they have soft fur. I would be a Dalmatian.

What kind of games do you like to play? Candyland because I like the candy on the board.

What is your favorite holiday? Halloween because I get candy, we carve pumpkins, and I get to dress up.