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(S) School Attendance

Not so long ago, Mr. Johnson came to school to tell at a Parent Teacher's meeting how our school gets its state money. As this depends on our school attendance, he showed how absences of pupils affect the amount of money we get.

Every day a pupil is absent for an illegal reason,

it costs the district about seventy cents. Other absences as sickness of pupil, sickness in family etc. cost something, too, but not as much as being absent for illegal reasons. Boys and girls should not come to school when they are sick because they might spread the sickness they have or they might become more seriously ill, themselves. But parents and pupils should do all they can to prevent illegal absences.

Illegal reasons are: "visiting", "away", "went fishing", "vacation", "went to city", "shopping", "work", "we died at home", "caring for baby", "digging", "potatoes", "picking apples", "garden work", "no shoes", "no rubbers", "no clothes", and "overslept."

These excuses are legal: "sickness", "sickness or death in family", "impassable roads (at weather)", "making travel unsafe", "required to be in court", "religious observance,"

Catholic Religious holidays are: Nov. 1st, Feast of All Saints; Dec. 8th, Feast of Immaculate Conception; May 2nd, Feast of the Ascension,

Episcopal religious holidays are: Nov. 1st, Feast of All Saints, February 7th, Ash

Wednesday, and May 2nd, Feast of Ascension.

Jewish Religious Holidays

are: September 14th and 15th, Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 23, Yom Kippur, Sept. 28 and 29th, First day of Succoth, April 23 & 24th, First day of Passover, Oct. 3rd and 6th, Last days of Succoth, April 29th and 30th, Last days of Passover, June 12th and 13th, Shevouth. - Robert Yining - Gr. 6

GIRL SCOUTS

I belong to the Girl Scout Troop which has started recently in Port Ewen. Our Scout Leader is Mrs. Lester Ellerbrook whom we all like. She has two helpers. Mrs. Donald Tinnie is assistant leader and Mrs. Meleski is our singing teacher. She also plays the piano. Each leader has a group of girls to teach First-aid and outdoor methods. I am in Mrs. Meleski's group and she is teaching Nature, now.

Our Girl Scout promise is:

"On my honor, I will try

To do my duty to God and my country

To help other people at all times
And obey the scout laws.

The following are girl Scout laws:

I- A girl scout's honor is to be trusted.

II. A girl scout is loyal.

III. A girl scout's duty is to be trusted and to be useful and help others.

IV. A girl scout is a friend to all and a sister to every other girl scout.

V. A girl scout is courteous

VI. A girl scout is a friend to animals.

VII. A girl scout obeys orders.

VIII. A girl scout is cheerful.

IX. A girl scout is thrifty,

X. A girl scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

We have to follow these laws. Most of us have passed the Tenderfoot tests and now are working to be second class girl scouts. I like the work of scouts because it helps me in every way and helps other girls also.

- June Freer - Grade 6.

CHILDREN'S CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

At school we have given pennies for the refugee children children from other lands.

Mr. Johnson, our District Superintendent, came to school one day and brought cans to put the money in. He also brought a poster and a play.

The period of time we had to bring in money was from April 22 to April 30, 1940.

When Mr Johnson came he told us how children in Vermont had started it. A group of children had come from Europe to Vermont. They told about conditions in Europe and the hardships the children went through. After the refugee children had told this, the children of Vermont tried to think of a way to help them.

They thought that American boys and girls would not mind giving some pennies that they would spend for candy and chewing gum. If each one gave as many pennies as he or she was years old, or if they gave just one penny, it would all help these unfortunate children.

Mr. Johnson told us one day after the cans were collected that \$130 had been collected from all his district. - Anna Winchell - Gr. 6

Writing to California

This year the 5th grade in a school in Los Angeles wrote to the 4th and 5th grades in our school. Their teacher was here last summer to visit our teacher and they thought it would be nice if we could write to the children in California.

We sent our letters first. Then they wrote back to us. We were very much excited the day they came. We were very glad to get their letters and pictures.

It is over 3,000 miles to Los Angeles. They sent their letters by air mail and it took only 36 hours for them to get here.

We wrote back to them last week. Mostly all the children are writing. We asked them to give us their home addresses so that we can write to them by ourselves this summer.

This is one of the letters they sent to us. It was written to Margaret Costello - Ruth Vining - Gr. 4

Los Angeles, Calif.

April 26, 1940

Dear Margaret:

I go to the 59th St. school. I am in the 8th grade. My teacher is Mrs. Van Aken. Who is your teacher?

I have a brother. He is 15 years old. His name is Raymond. He is in the 9th grade.

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You asked about snow. We have snow in the mountains but in the valleys we have roses. It has snowed here in Los Angeles only once as far as I know but it lasted about five hours.

You asked about earthquakes. An earthquake is the ground moving. It some-times makes the windows rattle. We do not have earthquakes very often. We have not had a hard one for about five years.

Do you have "open house" at your school? We had open house on April 24th, a few days ago. Open house is for the mothers and fathers to come and see the teacher and the work the children have done that year.

Your friend,
Mary Deming

Safety Stories and Rhymes

Bicycle Safety

Now that winter is gone people are riding bicycles again. People have to be very careful while riding them.

They should have lights when they ride at night to see their way and

for others to see them. They should have horns or bells so people can get out of their way. They should have good brakes so they can stop quickly. The tires should always be pumped up well.

People riding bicycles should never hang on cars. They should not show off when riding.

Maybe some day they will have laws for bicycles like the ones they have for cars. - Ddores O'Donnell

Grade 6

Safety in the Woods and Mountains

There are a lot of people that are careless in the woods or when they're climbing mountains.

When you go on hikes or picnics you should be sure your fires are out by putting water on them or smothering them. You must be sure there are no sparks left.

There are many kinds of snakes in the woods. Some won't hurt you. It is a smart thing to know all the different kinds of snakes and which ones will hurt you

and which ones won't. Snakes hide under big rocks.

There are some kinds of poison plants. There is poison ivy which causes a rash that itches. Poison ivy has three leaves. There is poison sumach which has white blossoms instead of red.

When you go hiking up mountains, you should be careful not to step on loose rocks. They may fall and hurt somebody below. The best thing to do is always be careful and not careless.

Joan Hines - Grade 5 -

Safety at Home

Here are some safety rules for the home.

1. Do not leave your play-things in the way because someone will get hurt if they do not see them.
2. Do not let little ones near the stove because they might get burned badly.
3. If you spill water on the floor, be sure to wipe it right up because someone might slip and get hurt badly.
4. When you eat a banana, be sure to

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throw the skin away where no one will slip on it.

Joanne Andorn - Grade 5

Don't! Don't! Don't!

Don't run into the street Or an accident you might meet;

Don't run after your hat,
Not even Mickey, the cat;
You can't buy a new girl
again,

But a hat, or a cat,
you can.

June Coniglio - Grade 4

Safety on the Road

We should be very careful on the road in the winter time. We must not walk on the snow banks along the road because we might fall off and be hit by a car. We must not slide down the snow banks because we might slide in front of a car and be killed.

When we are on hikes in the summer, we must be sure to keep together walk only two abreast because a car might be coming fast and not be able to stop. We should walk facing the cars.

Anne McConnell - Grade 4

Her Bad Habit

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Judy. She had the bad habit of running with a lollypop in her mouth.

One day while she was running with a lollypop in her mouth, she stumbled and fell on a rock. The lollypop cut her throat.

She had to go to the doctor and then to a hospital. She had to stay in for two weeks. After a while she could go out. She never ran with a lollypop in her mouth again.

June Coniglio - Grade 4

STORIES

Hiking

This time of the year is good for hiking. The weather is getting nice and warm and the leaves are all out on the trees. The brooks are all running. The birds are here again.

We went hiking one Saturday and got different kinds of wood. Then we put them on a board and put the name under each one. One of the girls found a little May flower. We did not know they

were out yet.

We took our lunch with us. I had frankfurters and rolls. We built a little fireplace and coaxed them on it.

Hiking is a good sport and I like it. It is fun when others go with you. - Theresa Clark-Gr. 4

Inventors Have a Birthday

April 10th, the American inventors had a birthday party. It was called the first Inventors and Patents day.

Great numbers of people have dreamed of being inventors but they did not succeed. The men and women who have made successful inventions have to take out patents.

The first patent law was made April 10, 1790, just 150 years ago. From this law a Patent Board was set up. A small fee of about four dollars was charged for each patent. The law was changed later. In 1836 the U.S. Patent Office was set up. Now sixty dollars is paid to take out a patent. In 1904, Dr. Arthur

Korn invented a machine to send photographs by wire. Three years later he used his machine to send the picture of King Edward the VII of England from Paris to London. Out of his invention came the machines to send wire photographs today.

This is one of the many many inventions listed on the files of the Patent Office of the different things that have been invented.

(Condensed from "Inventor's have a Birthday Party," in My Weekly Reader, April 8-12, 1940).

Ruth Webster - Grade 6

Audubon Club

Some of the pupils of Rooms 2 and 3 have started an Audubon club. They have just received their bird charts from the Audubon Society.

The names of the birds they are to study are the Crow, the Red-Headed Woodpecker, the Herring Gull, the Towhee, the Wood Thrush, and the Cedar Waxwing.

There are two pictures of each bird and a story about them. One of the pictures is colored and one is not. The girls and boys will color the pictures.

In this way they will learn about the colors of the

birds in their surroundings.
- Jack Geather - Grade 6

Australia, the Strange Continent

If you have ever studied anything about Australia, you know that it is a strange country. Australia was one of the last countries to be explored. The English were among the first to settle in Australia. The first Englishmen thought Australia no place for farming because they explored only the dry coasts and thought all of the continent would be dry.

Finally when the people did settle down in Australia they started raising sheep. This brought them quite a bit of money.

The sheep-raising industry grew and grew until there were 30 sheep for every man, woman and child in Australia. These sheep ranches sometimes covered many acres of land. The sheep ranches moved into the drier parts of Australia and cattle ranches were started on the coast where the sheep could not get along as well as in a drier climate.

This made Australia begin to grow for sheep could be raised in the dry parts and cattle in the parts where there is more rainfall. Now Australia is making a good living because each year tons of beef, mutton, wool etc. are exported to other countries.

Where there is enough rainfall, farming is carried on, but sheep-raising and cattle-raising are the most important industries.

In Australia are plants and animals found no other place in the world. In this strange country there are three hundred varieties of the eucalyptus tree. There is also more than a hundred species of kangaroos. Australia has no lions, tigers, elephants or giraffes such as are found in Africa. This is because Australia is separated from all the other continents by bodies of water.

- Elbert Lincoln - Gr. 6

An Australian Sheep Run

A sheep ranch is called a run. All the buildings are called a station. The sheep have no barn. The weather is very warm and there

is little rain. When it does rain their wool sheds water.

There are small fields called paddocks which are fenced off. Each morning there are men called boundary riders that go out to patch up holes in the fence.

Shearing sheep is done in a long shed. The shearers stand in a row, each holding a sheep. Then the shearing begins.

When it is over, the sheep are branded with black paint to show who owns them.

The sheep are then dipped in tanks of strong smelling liquid to rid them of ticks and fleas.

- Jonis Fowler - Grade 6 -



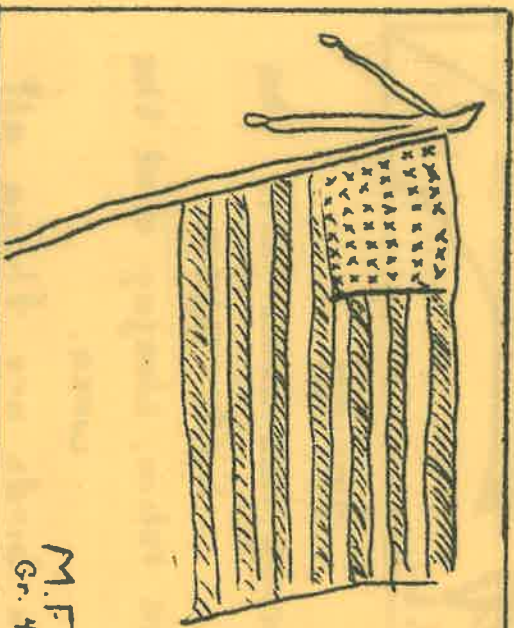
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Arbor Day Program

We had a nice Arbor Day program on May 3rd. The program was about an hour long. We had exercises, recitations and songs about trees and about Spring. Some of the parents and some little brothers and sisters came.

Irma Eggleston. Gr. 5.



M.F.
Gr. 4

How To Treat Our Flag

We should be very proud of our flag and know how to treat it with respect.

Here are some rules that tell how to treat our flag.

1. When you carry the flag have the pole leaning a little forward, not leaning back on your shoulder, unless it is a little flag.
2. If the flag passes when you are watching a parade, stop talking and face the flag. If you are in Scout or other uniform salute the flag until it has passed.

People wearing ordinary

clothes show honor "by standing "at attention", with heels close together and with their right hands over their hearts. A man or a boy takes off his hat and holds it over his heart with his right hand.

3. When one other flag is shown with the American Flag, the American Flag should be on your left as you look at them. When our flag is shown with a number of other flags, our flag should be in the center and a little above the others. This place is the place of honor.

4. If you hang the flag in a window, have the stars in the upper left-hand corner as you look at the flag from outside. A flag hanging across a street or in some other open space should have the stars to the east or north.

5. The flag should always be clean and in condition when shown. It should always be taken down before dark. Always be careful that the flag does not touch the floor or ground.

Adolph Munson. Gr. 4

(Condensed from "My Weekly Reader"

Memorial Day

This year we are having another Memorial Day parade. It will start from the school and go to the cemetery. Many organizations from Port Ewen will march. This program will be given at the cemetery:

Invocation - Rev. Frank Coultant
Song - "God Bless America"
Recitation - "Your Flag and

My Flag

Song by pupils of Rooms 2 and 3, "Tenting on the

Old Camp Ground.

Address - Mr. Roscoe Ellsworth

Benediction - Rev. George Berens

Taps

At the cemetery we should behave as we

would in church because

this is a service in memory of the soldiers who died for their country. It is thoughtless and rude to whisper, talk or laugh while the service is going on. We should stand still and not walk around.

We should pay attention to the speaker and stand near enough to hear what he says. We should be glad to pay respect to our soldiers who did so much for us.

- Barbara Smith - Grade 4



W.L.

Spring

Spring has come with the birds again,

The robin, bluejay and the wren.

The birds are flying all about,

While people go fishing for some trout,

I saw a robin in the garden today

Singing his song so happy and gay.

Yesterday I saw a wren feeding her little young again,

Dorothy Hornbeck - Grade 5

Spring is Here

The birds are singing, the sunshine's bright,

Green grass is growing in clear sight,
Pretty flowers will soon appear,

What is the reason?
Spring is here!

Apple blossoms and
cherry, too
Bees are buzzing the
whole day through,
Butterflies flying along
the way,
Yes— Spring is here
to stay!

Janis Fowler - Grade 6

Ted

I have a dog whose name
is Ted.

I keep him in our old
wood shed.

When he goes out he
has to be led
Sometimes he even pulls
my sled.

- Wilbur Matthews - Gr. 6

Little Men

On the roof, over the roof
Little men go,
On the roof, over the roof,
On tip-toe.

That's what the rain sounds
like to me
But the little men I
never see.

Beatrice Knoll - Grade 4

Rain

The rain goes pitter-

patter on my window panes;
It sounds to me like little
feet passing quickly by;
It seems to me that child-
ren are running in the yard;
The rain goes pitter-patter
on my window pane.

The rain goes pitter-patter
on the roof;
It sounds like someone
banging on it;
It seems to me that some-
one's walking on it;

The rain goes pitter-patter
on the roof.

Margaret Costello - Gr. 5

Over the Hills

Over the hills fly many
a kite;

High in the air on a long
long flight,

Children all dressed in
bright array

Fly their kites on a
bright Spring day.

Anna Winchell - Grade 6

Spring

Spring has come at last,
Birds flying here and there,
Flowers growing everywhere,
Even the grass is coming
up.

But what Father doesn't
like

Is that it has to be cut,

- Ruth Buddenhagen - Gr. 6

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We shall plant our flowers
On a happy May day,
While the birds are singing

So happy and gay.
Jacqueline LeFever - Gr 5

My Pigeon

I have a little pigeon
in a little coop
When he flies, he makes
a loop.

He makes a turn and goes
straight down
Then he lands with a
bump upon the ground.

Social News

Teachers' Conference was
held at Highland on May 10th.
Joanne and Toni Andorn
went to Winona Falls in
Pennsylvania on May 12th.
Joan and Jackie Hines went
to Malden and stayed at
their aunt's for the week-
end of May 10th.

Joan and Julia Schultz
went to Albany and Berne
to see their aunt and
uncle on May 10th.

Gerald Hanley went with
his family to Fleischmann's
to see his uncle on May
11th.

Anne McConnell went with
her mother and with.

Mrs. Philip O'Reilly to
the P.T.A. conference at
Poughkeepsie on May 18th.
They took some of our
Safety and Health posters
to the Conference.

Jack and Rita Genter's
little sister has started
to school here.

Rita Genter and family
went to Albany on May 5th.

The Girl Scout's food
sale at Card's Drug Store
on May 4th was a good
one. They made \$6.00 and
wish to thank all those
that helped them.

Ruth Buddenhagen went to
Long Island, Sunday, May 5th,
where she visited relatives.



Teacher: Really, Johnny, your
handwriting is terrible!
Johnny: Well if I wrote better
you'd be finding fault with
my spelling.

Percy: Dad, do teachers get
paid? Dad: Why, of course.

Percy: That's not fair when
we do ^{the} all the work.