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# The Cheetah Chatter

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Happy 2019 Families,

We are ready for a wonderful start to the new year. We will recap our PBIS expectations (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe) and gear up for our winter MAP test sessions. All students in grade Kindergarten through 5th grade will test. It is very important that your child is present daily to test. This test measure growth from the Fall MAP Testing Session and it also gives us a district wide comparison. Soon we will begin preparing for our Forward Exam. Grades 3 through 5 will take the Forward Exam. The Forward Exam will test students' yearly growth and it also gives us a State-wide comparison. Forward test results were shared with parents of current 4th and 5th grade students during parent-teacher conferences. If you have additional questions about testing please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you to all of the families who drive their kiddos to school for taking the necessary extra precautions in the roundabout. Remember: There is no stopping or standing in the roundabout. That means we are asking parents not to wait for kids to go in. If you must see them in- you must park your vehicle on Byrd Ave. if you are bringing kids into the building you **MUST** park your vehicle. Also, kids should exit the vehicles on the right (passenger side) not the driver's side and finally, cars should pull up to furthest right lane to drop students off; the left lane is for continuous traffic. These precautions are solely for the safety of all of our kiddos. Thank you for your cooperation.

As the Wisconsin weather begins to rev up, we'd like for parents to keep two things in mind:

1. Students need to be dressed for the weather. All students go out to recess daily when the temperature is above 11 degrees. We can not LEGALLY allow them to remain inside because it is cold; we are bound to take them outdoors. Dress Appropriately.
2. Parents have the option of keeping students home due to weather. That being said, once students have exceeded the number of absences (and/or tardies) allowed by the state, you WILL receive a truancy letter. The letters are automatically generated based on your child's attendance. If you receive a letter please meet with our social worker so that we may document your response to the notice and so that we may document the reasons appropriately.

On a final note, we tearfully must share with you that after 28 ½ years of service to Racine Unified School District and to be exact 28 ½ years of service to Giese Elementary School, our secretary, Mrs. Arndt, is retiring. She has been a staple to the Giese Learning Community and she will truly be missed. Please join us as we wish her a very comfortable retirement and a heartfelt thank you for her many years of service.

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Giese Elementary, I wish you all a safe and restful winter break. If you are celebrating this time with family and friends -Happy Holidays. We will see you in 2019. Happy New Year!!!

Respectfully,

Ms. Tangella King, Principal  
Giese Elementary School

## FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

Hope you have a restful and joyous holiday vacation.

**LEARNING:** The children in 4 year old kindergarten have worked hard learning many new skills in school learning to write names, read letters and numbers, and work out problems with others. We enjoy seeing them have proud moments when they learn something new and try something difficult. Your efforts to make school important to you and your child shows in their positive attitude toward their learning and behavior. Continue to practice at home.

**THANK YOU:** A big thanks to all the families who joined us for our WINTER WORKSHOP. We appreciated and enjoyed having the extra adult help to make the afternoon a success. Hope you enjoyed the extra time to see your child at school.

**WEATHER:** Just a reminder to label your child's belongings, especially since we get lots of clothing that is similar (i.e. black gloves, black hats, black snow pants, etc.) In the classroom, the temperature fluctuates, so multiple layers to put on or take off help make the day comfortable. Also, during the winter months we have recess daily as long as the temperature and/ or wind chill is higher than 10 degrees. Recess is about 15-20 minutes, so please make sure your child is prepared with boots and snow pants, especially when snow is on the ground. Also a change of clothes including socks in your child's backpack can be helpful if your child gets wet from the snow or other accidents.

Hope you and your family have a Happy New Year!

## KINDERGARTEN

As we think of January and the coming winter months, please make sure your child has the necessary items to play in the snow and cold (snow pants, mittens, boots, etc.). Having an extra set of warmer clothing in case he/she needs to change is encouraged. Your child may also need an indoor jacket or sweater for those cooler days.

We will be beginning to place letter sounds together to read words. Yes, we are beginning to read words. We do a finger tap to help us to read three letter words. We tap our pointing finger to our thumb and say the first sound. We then tap our middle finger to our thumb and say the second sound. We tap our ring finger to the thumb as we say the third sound. We then stick our fingers together and slide our thumb under the fingers and say the sounds together. Please encourage your child to properly tap their fingers as they begin to read words.

In Math, we are learning how to add. We are still learning about numbers and shapes as well. With the shapes, we will be learning the difference between 2D and 3D shapes.

During January, we will be having our MAP testing again. We will be testing in our classrooms. Please make sure your child gets adequate rest and arrives on time, so your child is ready.

### **FIRST GRADE**

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had a joyful holiday!

We encourage you to make sure your child is well prepared for winter recess. Hats, mittens, snow pants, warm coats and boots are a must. An extra pair of socks is always good to have. (**Please label everything!**) The children love to play in the snow and without proper clothing they end up wet and unhappy for the remainder of the day! The children may not go in the snow if they don't have **BOTH** snow pants and boots. As the days get colder you may also want to have an extra sweater or sweatshirt for your child to put on if they get cold in the classroom.

Please check with your child to see if they are in need of school supplies, especially crayons, pencils, erasers and dry erase markers. A classroom supply that we are always in need of is tissue! With the cold weather our noses are always running!

Keep practicing addition and subtraction facts. **Read** with your child every night also! Remember to practice reading their sight words.

MAP testing will begin the week of January 14th. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest! We know how hard your child has been working in the classroom and we want them to show it on their MAP test! Thank you for your support!

### **SECOND GRADE**

Thank you for your support with the swimming lessons. We have completed our six sessions. The students enjoyed themselves and learned a lot about water safety. We will be completing our winter NWEA MAP tests for reading and math. We are anticipating the results reflecting the growth that the students have made so far this school year. Please continue to encourage reading at home and practicing basic math facts. Doing this will

continue to have a positive impact on the students. Your child has access to their Raz-Kids and Xtra Math accounts at home as well. Please contact us if you are unsure about how to log-in. Continue to reinforce positive school behaviors with your child, as we will continue focusing on these skills at school. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing Holiday season with family and friends.

### **THIRD GRADE**

We will be MAP testing the second week in January. Please make sure your child gets a good nights sleep each night that week.

In reading we are finishing up learning how to read non-fiction books.

In math we will be working on x8, x0, x1, then fractions on a number line. Please continue to practice basic math facts each night.

Be on the look out for your child's spelling/Words Their Way sheet coming home. Part of homework is to complete the contract on the back and practice spelling words each night.

Continue to have your child read each night. They can earn a FREE ticket to Six Flags Great America if they read 6 hours between now and the beginning of February.

The cold weather has arrived, please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, and mittens. It's a good idea to have a sweatshirt in the classroom as well.

## **FOURTH GRADE**

We hope everyone has a great holiday break and is ready to learn when welcome come back in January.

Math-We will continue working on multiplication and then revisit fractions.

Science-We will continue with chapter 10, which deals with matter. The chapter test will be sometime around the middle of January.

Reading/Writing-Continue encouraging your child to read at home every night. Even 10-15 minutes per day will help with fluency and comprehension.

Social studies-When we finish science, we will move on to studying the states/capitals, people and places of the southern United States.

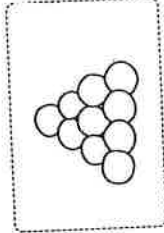
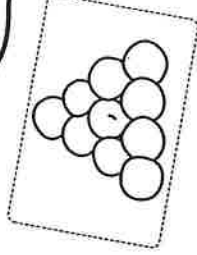
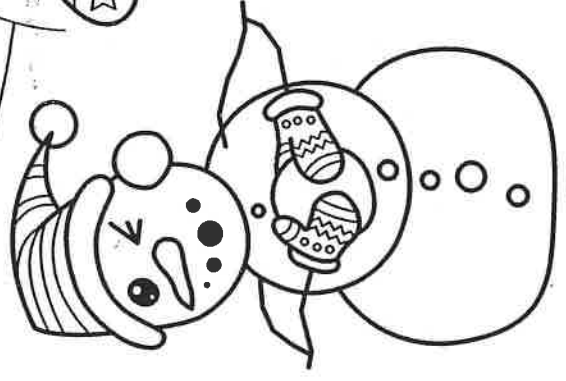
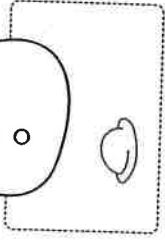
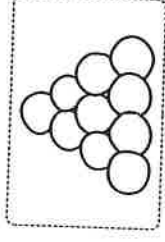
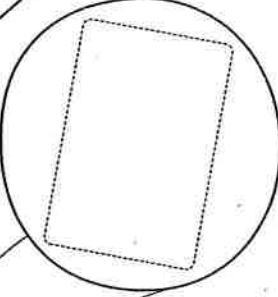
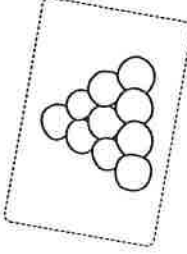
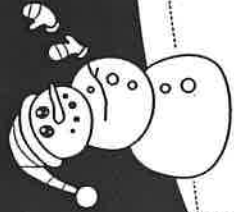
\*\*Make sure you are checking with your child about homework. Many students are not doing it or not turning it in.

\*\*If you have questions, the easiest way to contact us is either by using Class Dojo or calling Giese.

## **FIFTH GRADE**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have a lot of work ahead of us in 2019. We will be MAP testing during the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please talk with your child about the importance of this test and help us to prepare them. Winter is well upon us. The temperature inside and out varies. Please have your child come prepared for inside and outside weather. Boots and snow pants are suggested while playing in the snow. Any donations of Kleenex are well received since we are always running low.

# HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



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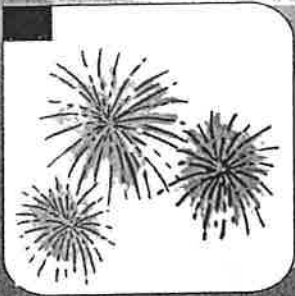
GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

Bonus Box Tops should not be added to this collection sheet. They should be submitted separately.

FOR COORDINATORS ONLY Total # of Box Tops on this sheet:



**2**  
**Popcorn Chicken**  
Dinner Roll  
Steamed Corn  
Applesauce

**3**  
**Pizza Dippers  
w/ Marinara Sauce**  
Green Beans  
Orange Wedges

**4**  
**Nacho Cheese Tater  
Bites w/Mini Pretzel**  
Side Salad  
Diced Pears

**7**  
**Chicken Drumsticks  
w/ Dinner Roll**  
Fresh Broccoli  
Mashed Potatoes  
Grape Juice

**8**  
**Macaroni and  
Cheese w/ Pretzel  
Goldfish**  
Steamed Carrots  
Banana

**9**  
**Cheeseburger**  
Baked Vegetarian  
Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Fresh Apple Half

**10**  
**French Toast Sticks  
w/Syrup  
Sausage Patty  
Hash Brown**  
Applesauce  
Dragon Juice

**11**  
**Cheese Pizza**  
Fresh Broccoli  
Fresh Cauliflower  
Diced Peaches

**14**  
**Rotini & Meatballs  
with Garlic Bread**  
Side Salad  
Grape Juice

**15**  
**Sweet & Sour  
Popcorn Chicken  
with Brown Rice**  
Cucumber Slices  
Baby Carrots  
Diced Pears

**16**  
**Waffles with  
Sausage Patty  
Hash Brown**  
Apple Half  
Dragon Punch Juice  
**Lucky Tray Day!**

**17**  
**Personal Cheese  
Pizza**  
Baby Carrots  
Fresh Celery Sticks  
Oranges Wedges

**18**  
**Chicken Nuggets  
w/Cheez It Crackers**  
Baked Vegetarian  
Beans  
Fruit Mix

**21**  
*I have a dream...*  
**Martin Luther  
King Jr Day**

**22**  
**Chicken Patty  
Sandwich**  
Steamed Peas  
Apple Juice

**23**  
**Chicken Gravy and  
Mashed Potatoes  
and Dinner Roll**  
Diced Peaches

**24**  
**Beef Soft Tacos**  
Refried Beans  
Apple Wedges

**25**  
**Hot Dog**  
Baby Carrots  
Fresh Broccoli  
Warm Cinnamon  
Apples  
**National Hot  
Dog Day!**

**28**  
**Cheeseburger**  
Seasoned Waffle Fries  
Fresh Pear Half

**29**  
**Popcorn Chicken  
w/ Vegetable LoMein**  
Fresh Baby Carrots  
Fresh Apple Half

**30**  
**Beef and Bean Burrito**  
Celery Sticks  
Steamed Carrots  
Orange Juice  
Jurassic Graham Snacks  
**Treat Day!**

**31**  
**Chicken Tenders  
w/ Cheez It Crackers**  
Fresh Broccoli  
Vegetarian Baked  
Beans  
Apple Juice



**Served Daily**  
White Skim Milk  
White 1% Milk  
Chocolate Skim Milk

**More info...**  
Let's Roll! Join us in the cafeteria on  
January 25<sup>th</sup> for National Hot Dog Day!

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LIBRARY WEEK		<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR	<b>2</b> School Resumes B-Ball practice A-DAY	<b>3</b> Cheer Practice B-DAY	<b>4</b> C-DAY	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> MAP TESTING Gr. 3,4,5 A-DAY	<b>8</b> B-DAY	<b>9</b> Kohls Wild Theatre Assembly 1:30 C-DAY	<b>10</b> Cheer Practice 3:00-4:30 A-DAY	<b>11</b> Giесе vs. Goodland Basketball @ Knapp 6:30	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> LIBRARY WEEK	<b>14</b> MAP Testing Gr. 1,2,3 C-DAY	<b>15</b> A-DAY	<b>16</b> B-Ball Practice B-DAY	<b>17</b> Cheer Practice C-DAY	<b>18</b> End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Basketball Bye Week A-DAY	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> No School Winter Break Day	<b>22</b> B-DAY	<b>23</b> C-DAY	<b>24</b> Cheer Practice A-DAY	<b>25</b> Seannan Puppet Show for K Basketball (4:30) @ Knapp B-DAY	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> LIBRARY WEEK	<b>28</b> C-DAY	<b>29</b> A-DAY	<b>30</b> B-DAY	<b>31</b> Cheer Practice C-DAY		