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The Cheetah Chatter

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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to November! I hope you were able to get that extra hour of sleep this past Sunday. Now that we've gotten into the groove of remote learning I want to first congratulate you on a job well done and continue to encourage your student to be present on time, everyday. Synchronous learning for K5-5th grade starts at 8:00 am and ends at 1:40. Synchronous Learning is live learning with the teacher. The expectation is that all students are present for learning during this time. If they are not present they will be marked absent. Unexcused absences are considered truanancies. Don't be TRUANT! Parents, I urge you to make a schedule which includes a bedtime with adequate sleeping time. You'll want to add an alarm so that students can wake up with enough time to get dressed, eat breakfast and prepare for learning. Students should not be having breakfast during the instructional time and they should be dressed appropriately; no PJ's unless we are having a spirit day or a PBIS celebration. Your schedules should also include time for Asynchronous learning. This is the time between 1:40 and 3:00. During this time students are expected to continue the learning independently. We know you are all doing your very best to make the most of this unfortunate time in our world. We welcome any questions you may have for us regarding supporting your learners. The best time to ask would be during our **Parent Teacher Conferences Monday from 11:00am to 7:00pm and Tuesday from 7:00 am to 2:00pm**. Your child's teacher has assigned a time for parents to meet with them. If you have not connected with your child's teacher please give us a call at 262-664-8252. On behalf of the teachers and staff at Giese, thank you for all you've done and your continued support.

Respectfully,

Tangella King

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Principal, Giese Elementary School

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Breakfasts and Lunches

RUSD meal service will take place Mondays and Thursdays. Students will receive 3 days of meals on Mondays and 4 days of meals on Thursdays.

Meal Distribution Sites

- **Mitchell K8: Monday & Thursday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Knapp: Monday & Thursday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Olympia Brown: Monday & Thursday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Horlick HS: Monday & Thursday 10-11:30 a.m. & 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **Park HS: Monday & Thursday 10-11:30 a.m.**
- **Starbuck: Monday & Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **Gifford K8: Monday & Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **Dietary Needs:** If your child has special dietary needs and has a current medical statement completed by a physician on file with our food service office, please email dietitian@rusd.org to request meals for your child. This request should include the name and student ID# for this child, the location, day(s) and time you would like to pick up meals. Advance notice is requested to allow for the preparation of the special meals.



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Attendance/Absences

Any time of the day or night you can call to report your child's absence at **664-8255**. Please leave your child's name, room number or teacher, and reason for absence and your relationship to the student. During this remote learning time it is very important that students are present daily for the synchronous learning time with the teacher. However, if your child is unable to attend class but finishes the posted assignment within 48 hours they can still be marked as P= participated/present not absent or truant.



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CLASSROOM NEWS:

4K - Mrs. Wamboldt Rm 8

LOTS OF FUN: October was the start to another new way of learning for our little learners. It has been an amazing journey learning so many new things from logging in, Meeting in our Virtual Google Meet, Navigating to our small groups, and completing many new kinds of activities in Seesaw. We ended the month of October and will continue into November with several fun Spirit Days for our Whole Group times.

LOTS OF LEARNING: We have been learning many letters, working on reading our names, listening for sounds the letters make, and rhyming fun.

LOTS OF RESOURCES: Just a reminder to make sure to keep the resource packet in a safe

place so that items will be available for learning activities. Each week, a list of materials needed will be shared on Seesaw, Google Classroom, and Class DoJo.

LOTS OF TESTING: We did our best to assess our children's current level of development. First checkpoint report cards will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences on Nov. 2 or Nov. 3.

LOTS OF CONFERENCES: Conferences are scheduled and a reminder note was sent home. Please contact your child's teacher immediately if the time/ day does not work. Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent-Teacher conferences. ASQ screeners will also be discussed during these meetings.

LOTS OF PARENT ENGAGEMENT: A big thank you to all our families. You are making this remote learning, very successful for your child. I truly appreciate all the extra work you put in to connect the learning, especially in Seesaw and making sure your child is logged into our Live Google Meet sessions. Don't forget about all the free Parent Engagement activities you can participate in, see my Class Website for the list currently available. Plus please accept your "Ready Rosie" invite, as there are valuable learning games provided through this program. You will not be disappointed in this valuable resource made free for all our 4K families.

Thank you, again!



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KINDERGARTEN - Ms. Snorek Rm 16; Ms Schmitt Rm 17; Ms. Mielke Rm 18

Now that we are using the tablet devices, we are meeting daily. It is important that your child is participating with the class or doing the make up work so your child will be prepared for first grade. Your child may need some assistance in navigating their tablet at first. We encourage you to have your child take over navigating more and more each time. The Kindergartner should be able to locate RAZ Kids, IXL, See Saw, as well as getting into Google Classroom as time progresses. Some Kindergartners will grasp it faster than others depending on their experiences with other electronic devices.

For Language Arts: We are currently learning about the letters in the alphabet. We are learning how to write the letters. We are also learning about the sounds generally connected to the letters, and how to place these sounds together to create words.

For Math: We are focusing on how the numbers are in a sequential order. It is important that we can write the numbers, understand the quantity each number represents and how they work with one another so we can be prepared to add and subtract.

Each month, we are focusing on explaining one of our grading standards. This month, the standard is from Math, known as K.CC.3 - Write numbers from 0-20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0-20 (with 0 representing a count of no objects). This means the students are learning how to properly write numbers and can show how many objects are in a given set. This is a foundational skill to prepare the students to add and subtract.



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FIRST GRADE - Mrs. Ferguson Rm 19; Ms. Kossman Rm 20

First Grade Learns and Shows Gratitude This Month!

The school year is off to an incredible start! Students are reviewing letter sounds and moving toward blending more challenging words. In Reader's Workshop, we are establishing reading habits to become avid readers, and building upon grammar rules learned in Kindergarten while building vocabulary. In math, we've begun our module on time and measurement, while continuing to practice addition and subtraction math facts.

Children can use online math and reading websites at their leisure.

Morning Meeting

Did you know **Morning Meeting** is an important part of your child's day? Morning meeting is a fun, effective and research-based tool used to build class and school community through activities and sharing. Children learn to build healthy relationships with others while strengthening character traits (respect, grit, gratitude, courage, kindness, compassion, honesty, loyalty... and so much more).

This month, we've been discussing gratitude. What is gratitude? What are we grateful for? How can we show gratitude? What can we do when someone shows gratitude for something we do? Who are you grateful for?

Please have your child logged in by 8am so they may participate in **Morning Meeting**.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all of you who met with us virtually. It certainly was a different way of discussing your child's growth and what to expect with this new way of learning! We appreciate your partnership in the new endeavor of learning. At any time please feel free to reach out to us!



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SECOND GRADE - Mrs. Estrada Rm 22; Ms. Hammad Rm 23

It has been a great time for learning this past month! Students have been learning about the main topic and key details in reading and applying this skill on RazKids. In addition, students have been learning about place value and learning addition strategies in Math. In Foundations, students are continuing to learn important skills that will help them become engaged readers. Finally, students learned about bats and pumpkins in Science and constructed informative writing pieces during Writing.

Please remind and help students find a quiet place to sit. Students should not stand up and walk around their homes/daycare centers during class. It is important that they are in an environment where they can focus. In addition, please consider creating a study carrel for students. This will help them stay focused and help them avoid distractions.

Please make sure students are confident with accessing and using these apps/websites:

Google Classroom

IXL

RazKids

Seesaw

Prodigy



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THIRD GRADE - Mrs. Underkofler Rm 34; Mrs. Walquist Rm 35

Thank you so much to the families that attended parent-teacher conferences. It was great to meet you and discuss your student's progress and plans for the rest of this school year. If you missed your appointment or didn't get a chance to sign up, please contact your teacher through dojo or email.

If your child is absent, please send a message to us as soon as possible (again through dojo or email). Your student has 48 hours to make up the work and be marked as present.

To see your student's missing work go to Google Classroom, click on the hamburger menu (three horizontal lines on the left side of the screen) and click the To Do notebook, from here you can see work that is assigned (but not overdue) and then click on the missing button (middle upper part of the screen) to see work that has not been turned in and is overdue. The done button will show you what work your child has completed. Please help your child keep up with their work by checking this at least once a week.



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FOURTH GRADE - Mrs. Lewno Rm 36; Ms. Mentink Rm 37

Thank you to everyone who attended Fall Parent/Teacher conferences! It was great to meet with families and make plans for an even more successful second quarter. If you were unable to attend your conference, please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher to make an appointment. An important reminder: Students have until the following Monday morning to complete their work. Please remind your student to get their work done by the end of each week! Any missing work can be found in Google Classroom. Finally, if you are having any issues with technology (internet connection, camera or mic not working, etc.), please contact the RUSD help desk at 1-844-989-2943. Have a great Thanksgiving!



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FIFTH GRADE - Ms. Panyk Rm 38; Mr. Lay Rm 39

Thank you so much to all of the families that attended Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you were unable to attend please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher to set something up. If your child is going to be absent for the day please remember that you are to let their homeroom teacher know through Dojo or email. There is no need to call the office to report an absence. If

they are out for the day they will have 48 hours to complete any missing work. All work can be found in Google Classroom under the classwork heading. If you need help finding this please reach out to your child's teacher. If your child needs help with something or has questions they can set up an appointment during their teacher's after school office hours. Office hours will be held from 1:40 - 2:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be no office hours on Wednesday due to regularly scheduled meetings. If something comes up on the other days we will let you know. Thank you for all that you do for your child, we really appreciate you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



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MUSIC - Ms. Schacher Rm 32

Hello Giese cheetah families! We have been working hard in music this month. Students in 2nd and 3rd grade learned about half notes, and students in Kindergarten and 1st grade practiced finding high and low sounds. I do think that 4th and 5th graders had the toughest job of all, learning about how to analyze different aspects music such as tempo, mood and dynamics.

They are all doing an awesome job and showing great progress!

In October, all families in grades 2-5 received a class dojo message about an exciting opportunity to join a 100% virtual choir. Mr. Senzig, the music teacher at Gifford Elementary is directing the choir and would love to have students from all over Racine join in! If your child is interested, please contact him or myself to get everything set up.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Schacher



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PE - Mr. Wadzinski Rm Gym

This past month, the students were working hard on learning different types of jumps. They were taught 15 types of different jumps that they can use for when they have a jump rope. The students did a really good job at it. Ask them to show you the jumps they did. How many can they remember. We ended the month with learning about the bones in our body. We did a "Build a Skeleton" Workout. They learned that adults have 206 bones in their body. Finally, we finished off October with a Halloween "This or That" workout about halloween pictures. Keep us the great work Giese Cheetahs!!



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ART - Ms. Anna Rm 31

No News this Month!

Keep on creating :)

Check back next month.



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SCHOOL COUNSELOR - Mrs. Howard and SOCIAL WORKER- Mrs. Podskarbi

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We worked hard and talked about courage and empathy this month. We read stories and had great discussions. We also talked about how powerful kind acts are and how far they can go. We are still in our Leukemia/Lymphoma Fundraising time. Links are in Google Classroom. Thank you everyone!!

<https://www.rusd.org/giese/counselors-corner>

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NURSES - Nurse Jordan and Nurse Suzi

No News this Month!

Stay Healthy :)

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IXL Champions

Congratulations October IXL Champions!

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September 28 - October 2, 2020

1st Place- Ms. Lewno's 4th gr = 10,006 questions answered

2nd Place- Ms. Mentink's 4th gr = 9,910 questions answered!

3rd Place- Mr. Lay's 5th gr = 7,993 questions answered!

Awesome Job!!! Keep up the Great Work!

IXL Champions

October 5th-9th

1st Place- Ms. Lewno's 4th gr = 12,771 questions answered

2nd Place- Ms. Mentink's 4th gr = 11,793 questions answered!

3rd Place- Mr. Lay's 5th gr = 10,846 questions answered!

Awesome Job!!! Keep up the Great Work!

IXL Champions

October 12th-16th

1st Place- Ms Panyk's 5th gr = +57 growth & +2293 questions

2nd Place- Ms. Mentink's 4th gr = +24 growth & +2890 questions

3rd Place- Ms. Lewno's 4th gr = +13 growth & +2344 questions

Awesome Job!!! Keep up the Great Work!

IXL Champions

October 19th-23rd

1st Place- Ms Panyk's 5th gr = +62 growth & +2857 questions

2nd Place- Ms. Walquist's 3rd gr = +51 growth & +3070 questions

3rd Place- Ms. Mentink's 4th gr = +42 growth & +2021 questions

Awesome Job!!! Keep up the Great Work!



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