### **Central Elementary Board Report**

Current Enrollment -PK - 76 23-24 K Preregistrations - 100 K - 98 1st - 123 2nd - 119

## **BLT Update -**

## **End of the Year Data Review**

It was fun and exciting to celebrate our data review this spring!! Please look at the slideshow linked above to see details about this year in all areas, but here are some very basic highlights that go a little farther back to compare to the 2020 school year and see the growth. In reading specifically, this information shows just what an impact that our new CKLA curriculum has had on the early reading skills of our students!! They are more accurate, more fluent, and are comprehending what they are reading!

CBM - Assesses students' reading accuracy and fluency on passages				
	Spring 2020-2021	Spring 2021-2022 (CKLA Implementation)	Spring 2022-2023	
First Grade	43%	50%	51%	
Second Grade	44%	42%	64%	

aReading - Assesses students' broad reading abilities including vocabulary and comprehension. This is only given in 2nd grade at CES				
	Spring 2020-2021	Spring 2021-2022 (CKLA Implementation)	Spring 2022-2023	
Second Grade	59%	64%	76%	

It has been an amazing year and we are excited to continue the hard work we have been doing at Central Elementary!

# June Items for the Good Central Elementary School

#### Preschool

We have had a busy and fun last month of preschool. Two of our classrooms had student teachers this semester and they wrapped up their time with us the first week in May. Instead of saying, "Good-bye," it was "See you in the fall!" as both will be returning to Central in different roles in August. Ocean animals have been a recurring theme this semester so we ended the year with a unit on dolphins. After learning about dolphins, we spent some time looking at the similarities and differences between dolphins, whales, and sharks.

The PM class worked hard on their songs for the Preschool Music Program and we had beautiful weather for one of our favorite days - Park Day at Wamego City Park.



## Kindergarten-

Kindergarten has had a very, very busy last month of school. We did our taking care of the earth unit in knowledge. We had a visit from a trash truck and our civic duty of going and picking up trash to help the earth. We then moved into our extremely fun hands on unit of colonial times and learned all about different trades. The students all got to be blacksmiths, carpenters, masons, and bricklayers. They got to weave paper, and make shoes. During this month we went on our field trip to the Topeka Discovery Center thanks to PTO for making this happen. It is such a fun field trip. We also participated in park day. In skills we made it into Skills 9 the students are independently in their own books, working on worksheets that are really checking for understanding of the text they are learning. In math we worked on teen numbers with our hide zero cards and counting to 100. Composing and decomposing numbers within 10. This has been an extremely fast and fun month of school.

#### First Grade-

First graders had an exciting month of May! In CKLA Skills we reviewed skills learned throughout the year. We reviewed pronouns he, she, it, we, they, I, and you. Students distinguished common from proper nouns in oral sentences. Stated whether an action took place in the past, present, or future based on the verb tense in oral sentences. Students also were able to segment and blend words with up to seven phonemes! In Knowledge we finished up learning about Lewis and Clark's expedition. Student's learned that Lewis and Clark were able to complete two of the three tasks given by Thomas Jefferson; collect samples of animals and plants, and make friends with Native Americans. Our classes enjoyed the Children's Theater where the high school drama class presented The Rainbow Fish. All classes enjoyed our Mystery Readers, Mr. McKim, KSU baseball players, Emilee Ebert, and Peyton Hardenbarger. We took a day trip to the Topeka Zoo where students were able to explore and see all the animals' habitats. We got outside and enjoyed Play Day put on by Mrs. Ten Eyck. First grade ended the year with a fun countdown that included activities like no pencil day, camping day, and a fun kickball game!



<u>Second Grade-</u> The end of the school year is always exciting for second graders because they get to research different habitats around the world. These include the arctic, rainforests, savannah, deserts, oceans and mountain regions. They research plants and animals from their assigned habitat and then they get to experience learning about other habitats and present about their own research. Family members were also invited to come in and experience a tour of the habitats led by their second grader.

But the learning didn't stop there. They continued to reinforce skills that were previously taught and have a bit of fun along the way. Playing games is a great way to get students engaged in practicing a skill.











## Play Day-

Play Day was held Friday, May 12th at Wamego City Park. Throughout the day students participated in various activities and stations. PTO donated snow cones from the Friendship House. At the end of each session students participated in a color run! Everyone had a great time!











#### **BCBS Healthy Habits Grant-**

Amanda Marfield, USD 320 Occupational Therapist, was awarded the Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Habits Grant for \$2000 for the 2022-2023 school year. This grant was used to purchase materials to support positive mental health of students including social emotional curriculum for Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions and materials to support self-regulation. We were able to purchase an Interoception Curriculum bundle, The Incredible 5-Point Scale book, and 6 sets of the Little Spot Curriculum. In addition, we were able to purchase a variety of self-regulation materials including weighted lap pads, compression vests, noise canceling headphones, visual timers, and fidgets.

These materials will be available to students to help support self-regulation throughout their school day.





#### **Bike Rodeo**

Thanks to the help from the Wamego Police Department Pottawatomie Co Sheriff's Office and the Pottawatomie County, Kansas Health Department we hosted another successful bike rodeo this week at Wamego Central Elementary!

Students learned about bike safety, hand signals, and proper helmet fit! Over 50 helmets were fitted and given out! All you see a child wearing a helmet around town be sure to tell them good job on







#### **Plant the Seed Award**

Mrs. Musselman, one of our amazing Kindergarten teachers won the Plant the Seed Award from Kaw Valley Greenhouses. Teachers were nominated for truly going the extra mile for their fellow colleagues and/or students. Mrs. Musselmand was selected from Central Elementary and received a small succulent combination planter and a \$100 Kaw Valley Greenhouses Gift Card. Congratulations Amie Musselman!!





#### **Korbin's Memorial Golf Unit**

On April 18th Central Elementary celebrated Korbin Tinkel's birthday by kicking off the first annual Memorial Golf Unit! All the 2nd graders spent the morning at Wamego Country Club, learning about the sport Korbin loved! The weather was beautiful  $\checkmark$  Thank you to Wamego Country Club, Korbin's Clubs, and First Tee for supplying Central Elementary with the equipment needed to complete this unit!





