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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

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AC-T Principal News By Mrs. Sarah Voyles

As we move into the 4th quarter, let's spend a little time reflecting on the great things going on at AC-T.

Our Iowa Assessment scores are back and I am very pleased with the results. The results are included with this newsletter for you to view. To reward the students for all of their hard work the 2nd-6th grade students spent the day before spring break at the Wellness Center with a much-deserved break. Thank you to all of the great teachers at AC-T who work so hard to encourage students everyday throughout the school year.

Students at AC-T again participated in the BV County Soil Conservation Poster contest again this year and we had 24 students who earned an award. There were 1,497 posters entered in BV County, so we feel very honored to have so many winners at AC-T.



Leah Bean, Jessa Prins and Kooper Bean each earned 1st place and will be entered into the state level contest. A special award was given to Leah Bean this year as her poster from last year was sent on to the national contest in Denver, CO where she received an Honorable Mention award for all of the 3rd grade posters entered throughout the country! Congratulations to each of the students on these honors.



There were two groups of students who entered a project for History Day. Andrew Anderson and Angel Pineda entered a video and Makinzie Miller and Berkley Johannsen entered a project board. Both groups did a fantastic job researching and presenting their materials. Congratulations to Makinzie and Berkley for being chosen to present their project at State History Day on May 8th in Des Moines.

One School, One Book is a program that was introduced at our Parent Literacy Night this year. The goal of the program is to encourage every family in the whole school to read the same book and work on activities at school around the book. This year each family received the book The World According to Humphrey that is told from the point of view of Humphrey the hamster who is a class pet. Humphrey learns a lot about all of the students when he gets to spend the weekend with the students! We have heard many

positive comments from families about the book and hope that families continue to read with their children to build that life-long love of reading!



As we round out the school year, I am thankful for all of the support our school receives from the community. We have had three fantastic fund raisers to our PACT group and couldn't be more thankful for the generous donations. Through the class reunion, raffles, and the equipment sale, PACT will be able to provide many great opportunities for our students. I want to thank all of the volunteers of PACT who work so hard during the year. If you would like to learn more about PACT or would like to get involved at the school, please contact the school.

Let's have a fantastic finish to the 2016-2017 school year!

Notes from Mrs. Wildeman, School Counselor

On Thursdays during the 2016-2017 school year, I get to work at AC-T Elementary. I enjoy seeing the staff and students! I teach guidance classes to all K-6th grades, and provide individual sessions for counseling and social skills training to three or four students on average each week. The Elementary School Counseling Program at Sioux Central and Albert City-Truesdale focuses on the academic, career, and social/emotional development for every student. The school guidance curriculum aligns with the American School Counselor Association's standards and includes lessons about: Academic - academic self-concept, improved learning, school success, achieving goals, relating school to life experiences; Career - career awareness, employment, career information and knowledge to achieve goals; Social/Emotional - self-knowledge and application,

interpersonal skills, and personal safety. As needed, I consult with the principal and teachers about the unique needs of students.

Guidance lessons for fourth, fifth and sixth grades have covered gossip, rumors, bullying and conflict resolution. Lessons for second and third grade have been about The Seven Habits of Happy Kids (Sean Covey), the Six Pillars of Character, and self-esteem and strengths. Kindergarten and first grade have learned more about working with others, the Six Pillars of Character, feelings, and healthy choices.

If you would like to learn more about school counseling, you can visit these websites of the American School Counselor Association <http://www.schoolcounselor.org> and Iowa School Counselors <http://iowaschoolcounselors.org>.

Nurse Notes

Welcome to Spring! It's certainly been a busy winter in the Nurse's office...

~I continue spending time in every class each week, discussing health-and-wellness issues. Some of the more recent topics include bike safety, wound care, caffeine use and sources of good energy, eating a good breakfast, and seat belt safety.

~Even though the weather has been improving, we are still seeing lots of stomachaches, sore throats, coughs and fevers. Please remember that if your child has a fever, they must be *fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications* (such as Tylenol or ibuprofen) for 24 hours in order to return to school. This is not only for the protection of other students and staff, but in order for your child to heal fully and be ready to learn when they come back to school.

~Washing your hands is the single best thing you can do to prevent illness. Many schools and daycares practice washing hands upon entering the building or classroom; why not do this at home as well? It is a quick and easy way to stop the outside germs from being spread all over your home!

~A reminder...Head lice exist wherever there are children. We do our best to prevent students from sharing any hair articles, hats or hoods, and provide separate space for each child's coat and personal items. Please do the same, and continue to check the head of every child in your home, every week, for at least 15 minutes.

~As you look ahead to the next school year, make your appointments now for those summer doctor, dentist and vision exams, and ask your doctor or nurse about any immunizations your student may need (there are requirements for PK, K, 7th and 12th grades). If you wait to call for those appointments this summer, you may have a hard time getting in; and, the worst way to start a new school year is by scrambling to get those things done at the last minute when the offices are busy! The requirements for immunizations can be confusing, so it is best to ask your doctor or nurse which ones your student needs, if any, and make sure they are given at the right time.

Please feel free to contact me anytime; I am happy to partner with you in ensuring that our students are as healthy as possible!

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Can you make your child “smarter” this summer? By Mrs. Sievers

Through my years of teaching and working with children of differing ability levels, I have heard parents comment, “Oh, they are so lucky, their kids were born smart.” But in reality, genetics count for only about half of our intelligence. Environment and other factors account for the rest. I tell students that our intelligence is “Use it or lose it.”

So here are some tips to keep your child’s intelligence growing all summer.

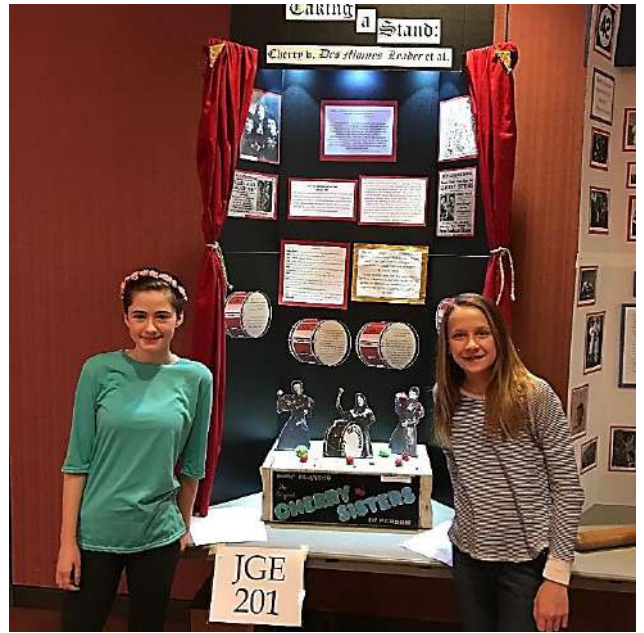
1. Ask relatives to give experiences instead of gifts. A trip to a museum, a concert, a sporting event, etc. can spark interest in something new and increases vocabulary. This is more challenging living in a rural area, but it can be done! Many of these events cost less than the latest video game and don’t take any storage space.
2. Set aside time each day for media-free time. This means parents as well as kids. Talk, play a board game, eat, take a walk, color, do a puzzle, but enjoy some “unplugged” time where no one is staring at their phone. This will be challenging at first, but you will all get better at it if you practice.
3. For younger kids – put your recyclables into an “inventor’s box”. They will have fun creating with paper towel rolls, Kleenex boxes, etc. And tape, lots of tape! Have them tell you about their creation or even write directions for how to use it.
4. Encourage a hobby. Collect something. Learn more about a sports team or player. Take a music lesson, swimming lessons, a painting class. Try a new recipe together. Go fishing, hiking, bird watching, canoeing. Join 4H or Girl/Boy Scouts. Everyone should be an “expert” at something. If your child is interested in something you don’t know much about – learn together.
5. Use the library for more than just the computers. Some tech time at the library with friends is fun. Offer your child a little extra time if they also bring home something to read.
6. Talk in the car! Try not to get in the habit of turning on the DVD player on short trips. For younger kids, talk about what you see – count how many cars you meet in a mile, or what color the house was you just passed. For older kids – talk about one thing good in their day, or something that disappointed them. Have them help you read a map – don’t just ask Siri –look it up on a map too! Sing along with the radio. Tell them about the memory a certain song has for you.

None of these suggestions has to be expensive. But they do require a little time and thought. Give one a try, and watch your child’s brain grow!

Albert City – Truesdale Students Qualify for State History Day!

By Berkley Johannsen

Makinzie Miller and I have had the privilege to work on a National History Day project on the vaudeville act The “Cherry Sisters”. We have chosen to do a project board on the subject. We went to Buena Vista University with the music and TAG teacher Mrs. Sievers on March 30th. We have had a few people that used to be judges at the NHD competition take a look at our project and give us a few tips, and we talked to the local lawyer Nola Jensen. We appreciate all of the resources and the people that took their time to help us. We will be going to Des Moines on May 8th to compete in the competition against project boards all around the state. We will stay the night and go to the competition in the morning and be at the competition all day.



History Day by Andrew Anderson

History Day is when schools from Prairie Lakes area can have their TAG members make either a video, presentation or a poster. Angel and I are in TAG and we picked to do a video. A group from each category, video or poster wins. If you win you go on to State. Two projects from each county in Iowa that participates go to State, which is held in Des Moines. If you win at state two projects from each State go to Nationals at Washington D.C. History day is held at B.V.U. in Storm Lake, Iowa March 30th during school. Our project is about James B Morris an African American who took a stand against segregation and decimation. Taking a stand is the theme so ours fits perfectly. He owned a newspaper that took a stand against the Ku Klux Klan. He was also a founder of the Negro Bar Association now called the National Bar Association a group of African American lawyers. When we first got to History Day we set up and then there was a welcome and rules ceremony. Next we watched other people's presentations while we waited to be judged. When it was time we gave the judges are bibliography and then played the video. Afterwards they asked us a few questions like if James B. Morris was still alive today what he would be taking a stand for today. Then we watched some other plays before we ate lunch at the collage. Next we watched a movie while we waited for the judges to make their decisions. Then they told us who was going on to state and other awards. Even though we did not get to state we still had lots of fun. Next year what I would change would be to practice answering questions more. But all and all we had fun and learned a lot.



The Kindergarten Leprechaun

by: Mrs. Taby Frederick

On March 17th the Kindergarten class was investigating a mischievous visitor in our classroom. Each year on St. Patrick's Day, there is a leprechaun that sneaks into the school and

plays in our classroom. Not only does this leprechaun play, but he also leaves us a huge mess. We found out that his name is Lucky. Lucky left us clues and notes all day, as we tried to see if we could find him, but he is too quick! We wrote Lucky a letter and he brought us back a note with his favorite snack, Lucky Charms! Due to the excitement and engagement in this mystery, we all made

leprechaun traps to try and catch him!

Unfortunately, Lucky is so quick that we did not catch him. If anyone has any luck with catching the leprechaun, the Kinders would love to see him! Since we were unable to catch him, we made Lucky cards and are sending them to Ireland!



We hope to hear from him soon!

The Kinders had a blast learning about and looking for the leprechaun. Our day was filled with fun activities that involved many learning experiences. St. Patrick's Day for sure is one of their favorites!! It is always fun in Kindergarten!



Fourth Grade News by Ms. Dirks

We have been very busy in 4th grade this year! The students have been working extremely hard on many different activities.

We have been studying the different regions of the United States and have already learned about the East and the South. Recently, students have been researching about a state in the South, and they have been turning their research into paragraphs. These paragraphs will then be made into posters along with pictures of the state bird, state flower, state flag, and state outline.



During math, the 4th graders have been working hard on fractions. They have learned different strategies to find equivalent fractions and the adding/subtraction of fractions.



The 4th graders have also been able to do some great activities with the 3rd graders. They did a biography unit together where they read about a well-known person and did a report. The 4th graders then read and did another biography on their own. Dr. Chris Bean came to the 3rd and 4th grade to review about the heart and do dissections! A great time was had by all!



News from the 6th Grade

Get To Know Our Sixth Graders

Reagan Wolff

By Angel Pineda

Hi, my name is Angel. I'm interviewing Reagan Wolff from my sixth grade class. Reagan is twelve-years old and has been going to Albert City Elementary School since preschool. His favorite subject outside of school is hunting deer. His favorite subject in school is P.E. Considering the fact that his mom teaches the P.E. class. Reagan thinks he will like middle school in Sioux Central more than elementary school here in at Albert City-Truesdale. He says he would like Sioux Central better because he would like to see more teachers, everyday than just one teacher. He said his favorite thing about going to Albert City-Truesdale is being with his friends. When I first moved here Reagan was one of my best friends. He is funny and we have a lot of things in common. Reagan has two siblings. Laine is his brother's name and Jordan is his sister. Reagan has helped me a lot at Albert City-Truesdale. Even though we have only a few months left at Albert City-Truesdale, those few months are going to be great!

All About Angel Pineda

BY BRAEDEN CORMANY

Meet Angel Pineda, he is 12 years old. His favorite sport is Football. I asked him what his favorite book is. He answered "A Dogs Way Home". Then I asked him if he had any siblings. He said yes, two of them. Their names are Arissa and Anna. He is currently in band and plays the alto sax. He lives on the north side of Albert City. I asked him if he had any pets. He said yes a cat and her name is Kitty. Last of all his favorite color is orange. Personally, I think Angel is a good friend. The End.

A Little About My Friend, Jazmin Durazo Yaquez By Emily Salazar

I was shopping in Target when I saw Jazmin. I decided to stop and say "Hello." I told her about the bad snow weather we were having but she said she loves the snow. I also noticed she was shopping with her mom, three brothers, aunt, and her uncles. She was wearing a pink shirt and found out she loves that color. She is 11 years old. She is going to have her favorite meal for dinner. PIZZA! She loves to play basketball and wants to be a teacher when she grows up. She doesn't have any pets but she likes dolphins. A fun thing to do with Jazmin is talking in Spanish with her with no one knowing what we are saying. Welcome to AC-T Jazmin.

Ms. Hallie Ehlers

by Taylor Melby

One day I was at the park with my two kids Alley and Nixon. Alley is two years old and Nixon is six months. I was pushing the stroller and then Alley wanted to go to the park a couple blocks down. She wanted to go so bad that she got out of the stroller and started to run as fast as her little legs could go. When I got her she was half way down the block. Finally, when we got to the park Nixon started to cry so then I sat on the bench and gave him a baby bottle. When I was feeding him the women next to me looked so familiar like we went to college together. Then the women next to me said "you look familiar". I said the same thing. I asked what her name was. Her name was Hallie Ehlers. We went to the same college South Dakota State University. I asked her what she is doing this days. She is a student teacher at AC-T. She has

been at AC-T for 9 weeks to help Mrs. Spragg the third grade teacher. We talked for 30 minutes at the park catching old times and new times like she went to Colorado to ride horse and see the mountains. She also went to Washington D.C. to see all the museums. When she was in Colorado she ate steak and a lot of fruit. She has one dog and two horses at her farm. We had a great time seeing each other and it was fun to hear all the stuff she has done since college.

Mrs. Staci Lewis

By Trevor Ehlers

Hi my name is Trevor, I'm going to tell you a little bit about Mrs. Lewis. She is my aunt actually fortunately. Her home town was Storm Lake, Iowa. She now lives in Albert City which I like because it is nice having an aunt in your home town. She has not ever lived in another state and it is her first year at a school being part of staff. She wanted to come because she thought it was a great opportunity to be involved in a great school. She has four people including her in her family. She has four siblings also, one brother and 3 sisters. When she was a kid she wanted to be a teacher or a daycare provider and her dream came true. She was born on July 25. She has been enjoying being at this school so far and she is planning on staying here!

EGGS by Gregory Anderson

On March 8th AC-T had someone from the Iowa Egg Council here to visit. Her name was Jennifer Loudermilk. She did a presentation. She taught us about how many calories are in junk food and how many calories to eat. I learned a lot. She also taught us how to make egg pizza. We got to try it. It was delicious. We are so glad she came to AC-T

THE AC-T RAP **BY MAKINZIE MILLER**

AC-T can be lots of fun!

Though in the hallways we're not allowed to run.

We have a lot of great teachers.

Sometimes they have an assembly and we sit in the bleachers.

Recently we had the Iowa Assessments test.

I can't wait to see my results, I really tried my best.

Oh, and we can't forget about our amazing lunch.

My friends and I always sit in a bunch.

Then after lunch we have recess.

My friend plays the Queen so I play princess.

But then after a while, school comes to an end.

It might be kind of hard to comprehend.

But AC-T will always be my best friend.

World Read Aloud Day **BY SARAH CHRISTENSEN**

Every year on World Read Aloud Day the whole school gathers in the big gym at our school. Each grade is paired up with another grade, and the older grades read a story to the younger grade. The two grades that get paired pick somebody to read to. After you finish one book you have to go get another and another book until it's time to go back to class then the rest of the day is normal. I enjoyed reading to the second grader, most the books I read were really funny. It made me and the second grader laugh.

Wax Museum by Reagan Wolff

I think the wax museum was fun. All 5th and 6th graders were in the wax museum. The teachers thought of this were the fifth grade teacher Mrs. Stepec and Mrs. Elsen. What I really liked about it was that we were getting a couple hours out of school. And we got to meet a bunch of people. I was David Beckham. David was a famous soccer player for Manchester United. David is now a model for H&M. Anyways, other people thought it was fun too. People from all over Albert City came to it and some people got invited from 5th and 6th grade. The wax museum was in February 2017. The teachers are thinking of doing this event next year so come over to AC-T and enjoy the Wax Museum!!



Literacy Night! By Jenna Abbas

Hello I'm here to talk to you about our Literacy Night here at AC-T. The first thing they did was eat some meat and cheese subs and a variety of cookies. Then the Literacy Committee had a short talk about what was going on and what they were doing. Some of the people on the Literacy Committee are Ms. Dirks, Ms. Wolff, Mrs. Werner, Mrs. Balder and Mrs. Nicholson. The book they are reading is The World According to Humphrey By: Betty G. Birney. Humphrey came to visit us! It was a really fun night and I really hope the families enjoy reading the Humphrey book.



Hurricane Announcements!

The Spring Concert will be May 2nd at 7:00 pm.

The Little Hurricane Relays will be held May 24th, 2017 at the football field in Albert City with all grades participating in the afternoon. The rain date is May 25th.

6th Grade Graduation will be May 25th at 6:00 pm.

Last Day of School will be May 26th with a 1:00 pm dismissal. Awards ceremony will be held at 8:30 am.



PACT (Pride of AC-T support group) needs volunteers for the next school year!
If you are interested in helping with various events at school with serving or providing food please contact Principal Sarah Voyles or Kayla McCarthy for details. Thanks!



AC-T Survey

By: Erin Daly

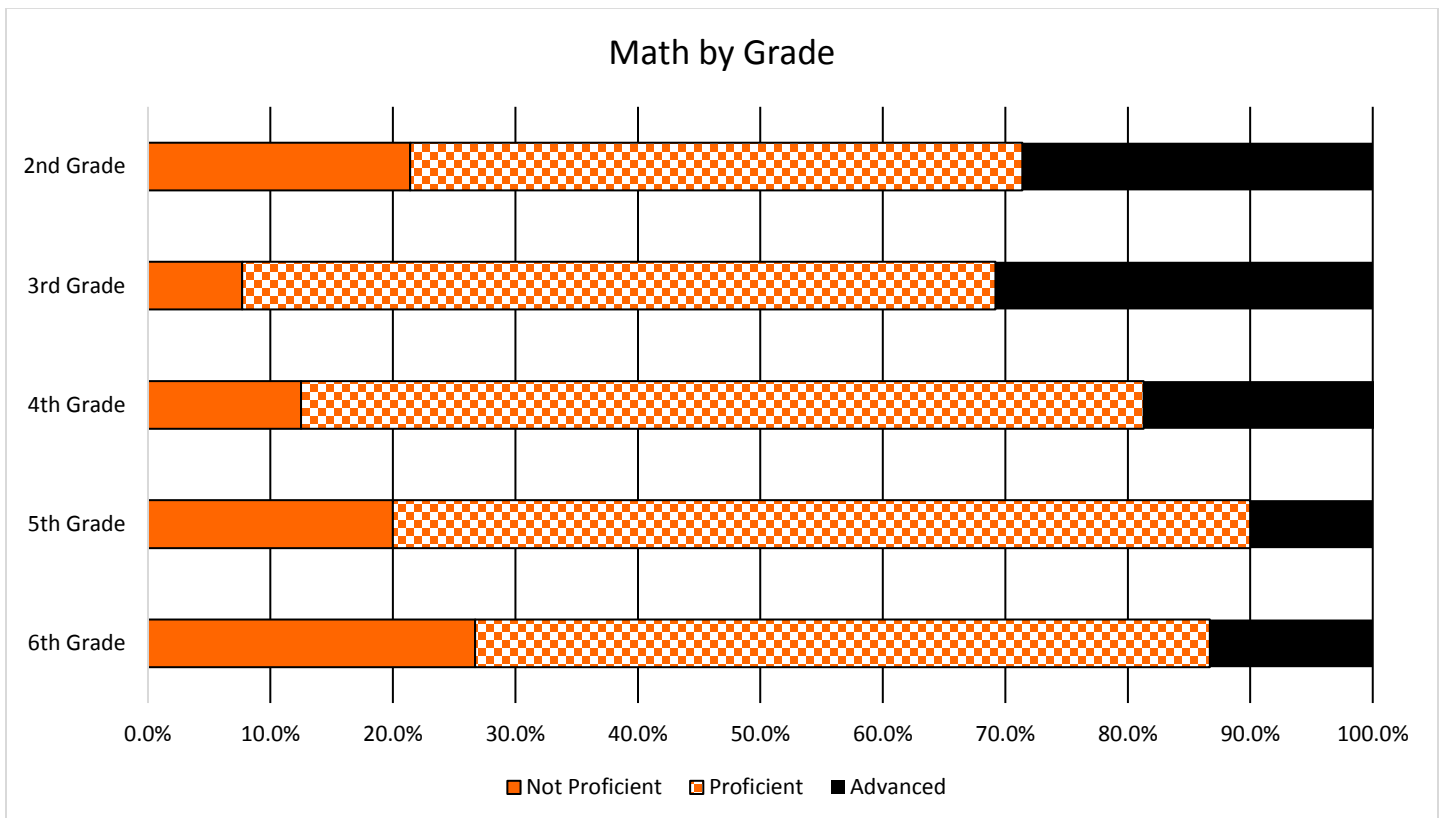
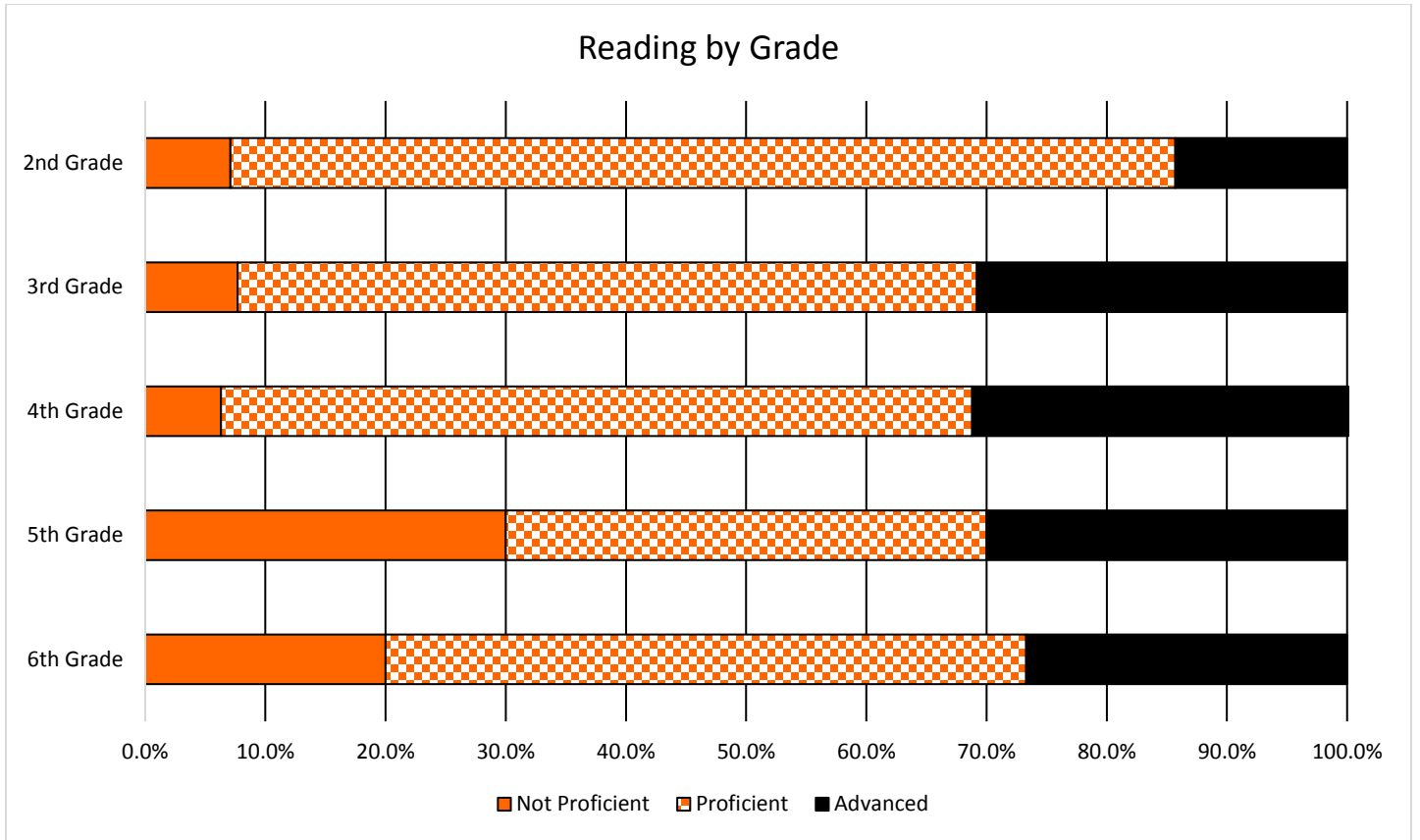
I interviewed several students and staff about what makes you like AC-T.

This is what they said: Berkley said, "I like AC-T because the food is very good." Janessa said, "I like the teachers because they're nice and help me out." McKinley said, "It's a good school and very fun." Mrs. Moe said, "I like it because it's like a family." Mrs. Voyles said, "What's not to like at AC-T?" Ms. Ehlers said, "I like it because it's so small and everybody gets along." Mrs. Balder said, "I like AC-T because I get to work with the teachers to help the kids succeed." Will said, "A lot of fun kids here." Lindsey said, "The food and good teachers." Taylor said, "Good teachers and all the fun we have." I like AC-T because I have a lot of good friends. Why do you like AC-T?

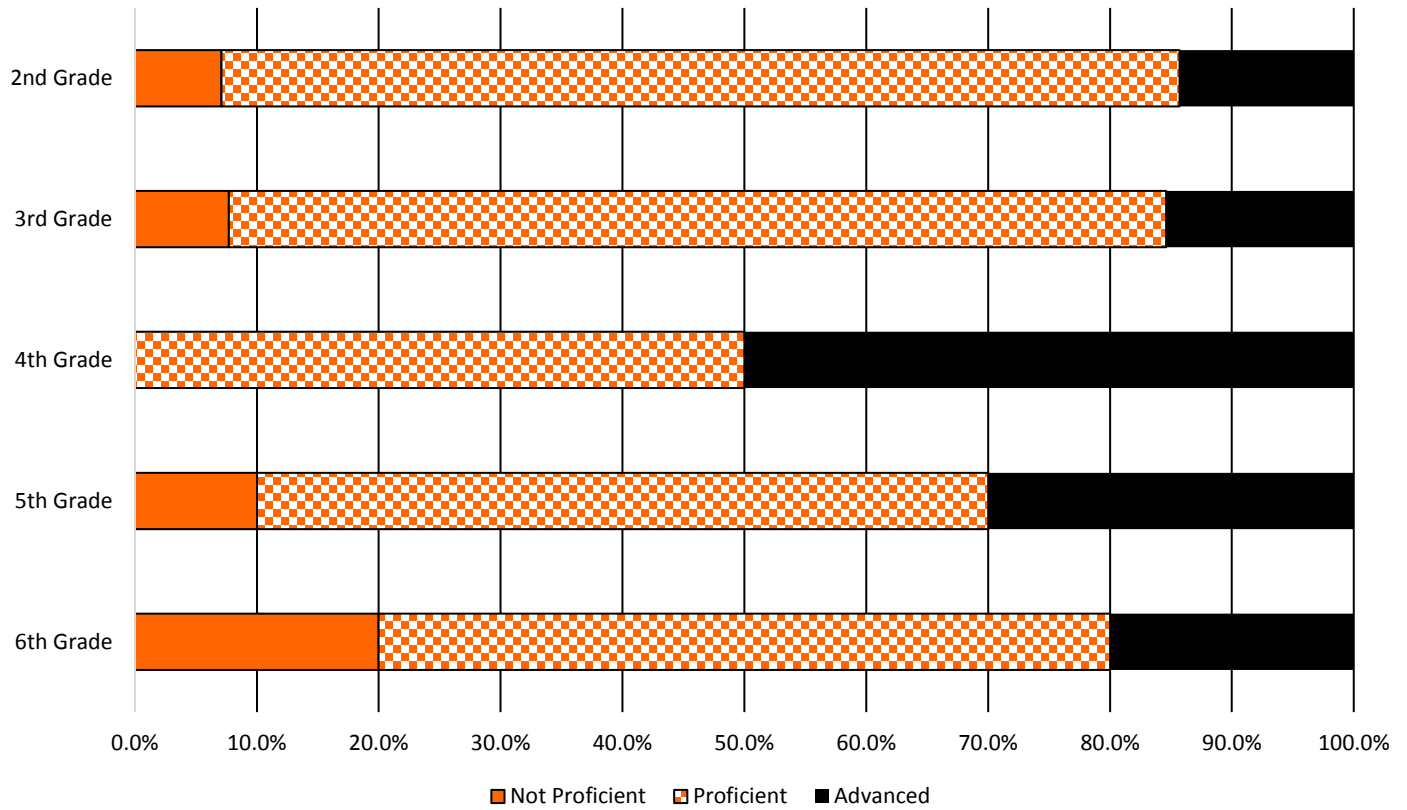
This is Taylor Melby By Preston Harder

Let me introduce you to Taylor Melby at AC-T. She has a four wheeler, a Honda Recon, and she loves to ride trails. Her favorite imaginary pet would be a white tiger that talks. If she ever got a truck it would be a Chevy or a Dodge. Taylor's favorite color is blue. Her favorite dirt bike is a Kawasaki. The Green Bay Packers are her favorite football team. Taylor would like to be a lawyer when she grows up. Right now she works as a babysitter. This is the story of Taylor Melby.

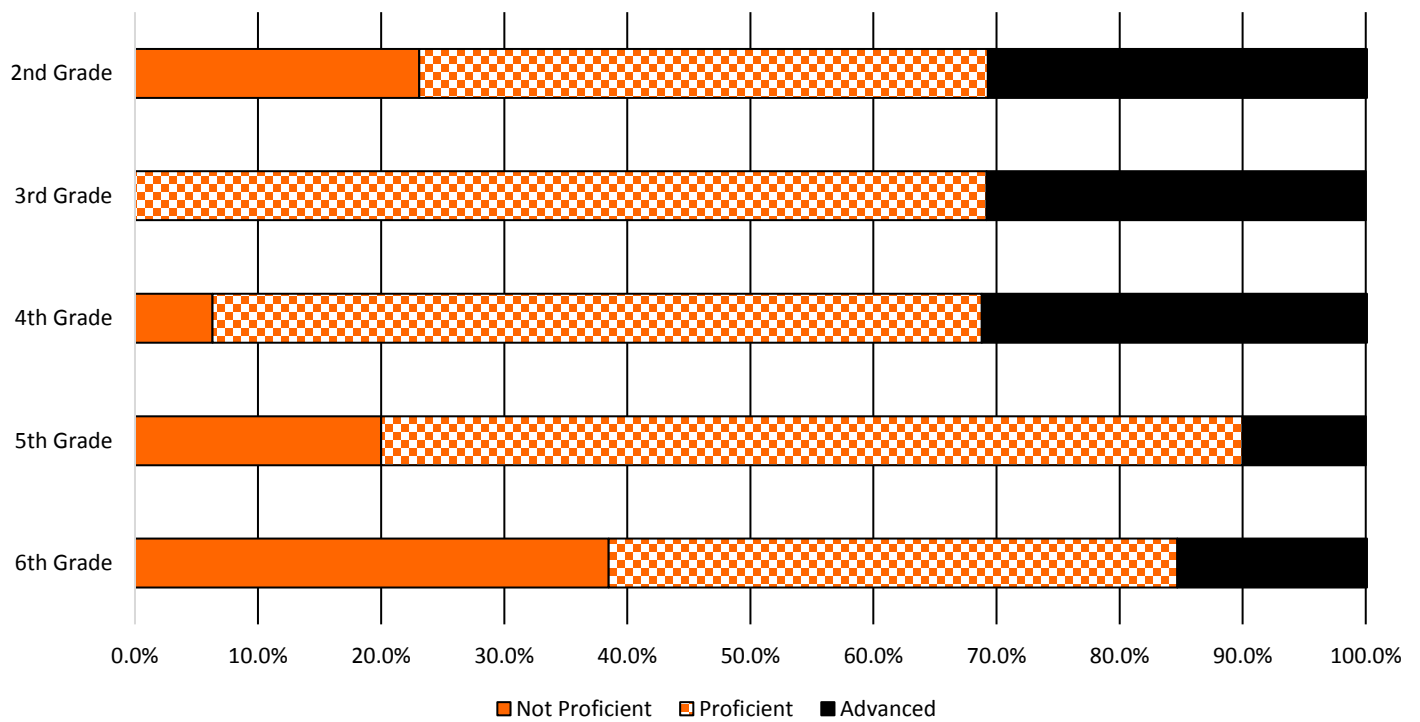
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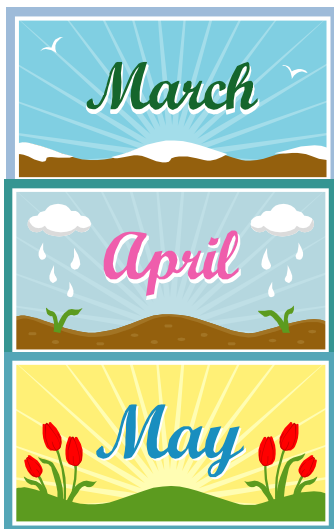


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