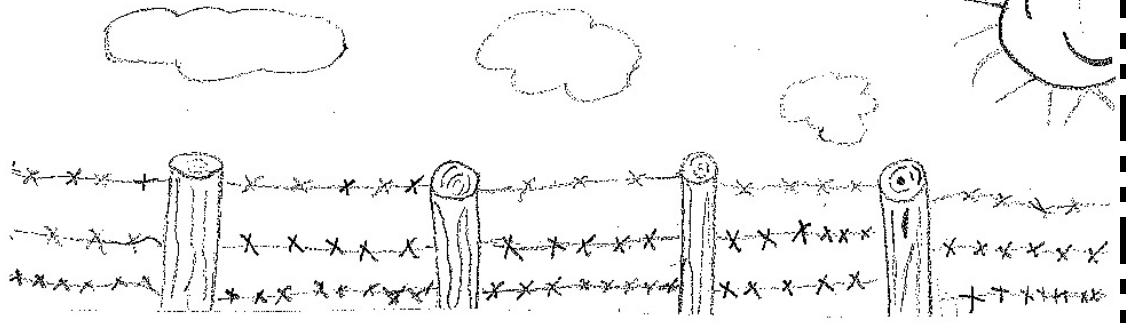


The Prairie School Post



Written by the K-8th grade students at the Atall School

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Our Atall Authors have done it again! Now they have experience in writing during a quarantine, school-at-home, pandemic situation! What follows is inspiring and heart-warming indeed. As I struggle to wrap my adult brain around life right now, these students have put it into words and managed to capture this unique time on paper. Prepare to be inspired to find the good, always.

A very proud teacher,
Mrs. Urbaniak

*Congratulations
to our very own,
Mr. Luke Erfman
Meade 46-1 & SD Region V
Teacher of the Year 2020!!!*

Teacher of the Year by Jessa Spring, 1st

Mr. Erfman got Teacher of the Year. But he never knew that we the Atall School signed him up for Teacher of the Year. We had to tell about him. It was fun. We had a party, we made cards for Mr. Erfman and we ate cupcakes. It was fun.



I Love Lambie Pies

Joni Spring, 4th

We have sheep and we absolutely love them! They have lambs!

My oldest ewe Ashly Baby, had twins (sheep are made to have twins) and they are both boys. Their names are Oscar and Jimmy! My youngest ewe Shiny had one girl, and her name is Zoe! We also have a bum who lives in the house named Piper! I am typing this with her snuggling in my lap! We have hair ewes (they don't grow wool and don't have to be sheared) and the first one lambed today and the lambs are adorable. Their names are Ice and Cream!

I have a lot of jobs for lambing. I help my mom by feeding grain, filling up water and helping fill hay nets. Emma and I also take turns checking for new babies or ewes that need help lambing. I know everything is ok when I see toes and a nose. I also help move pairs from the lambing barn up to the big barn and the lot.

My favorite thing about lambing is snuggling lambs! ❤️

The 30-Day LEGO Challenge

Ruger Spring 3rd

There was a 30-day Lego challenge on Pinterest and my mom knew I loved Legos so she asked me, "Do you want to do this Lego challenge?" And I said, "Yes" so she printed it off for me. The first day said "you were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster." The second day said "NASA needs you to build a new rocket." The day I am most excited about is day twenty-one it said, "You are hired to build a brand new bridge." In the end it asks you, "What was your favorite day?"

Lucky the Calf

Tance Spring 5th

One day, Uncle Lee brought in a calf that was VERY premature. We brought her in our house in our porch and we fed her some Nursemate. Nursemate is highly concentrated colostrum. Then Uncle Lee tried to drench her but her throat was too small for the drencher, so we had to use a smaller tube. Drenching means to put a feeding tube down their throat if they are too weak to suck a bottle. Then we put her in a tote in our back room and heated her up with a hair dryer. Now Lucky is our bottle calf and is trying to stand on her own and tries to follow us around. Our dogs love to go up to her cage and smell her.

GAMES AT HOME

BY EVERETT URBANIAK 5TH



Some games are not for inside your house, but some games are so let's get into it!

My favorite games to play inside are video games, but they can be boring. So my second favorite game is Monopoly, but it takes a long time to play here's My Top 10 Games to Play:

1. Monopoly
2. The Game of Life
3. Risk
4. Battleship
5. Tic-Tac-Toe
6. Cribbage
7. Checkers
8. Chess
9. Rummy
10. Slap Jack

Have a good day and have fun. :)

Life

Written by Emma Spring, 6th

*Life as we know it seems hard,
but God knew we could do it.*

*It took Him seven days to create
it but,
we are still whining as if He
forgot something.*

*He knows what is in store,
so be thankful that your life is
BLESSED.*

*From children to adults we all
take life for granted,
yet He made everything perfect.*

*So when you are nervous or even
feel upset,
remember He knows how it will
end; and it will be PERFECT.*

Being Homeschooled

By Alanah Spring, 6th

At first, I loved not having to go to school because it was fun and it was a change. You could do your homework outside, and eat cereal while you were doing math. My sister, Monroe and I would always do our homework on the floor. Sometimes we built forts and did our homework there. Then after a few weeks, Monroe and I started getting really bored. We had no friends we could talk to, or play with, and it started to snow that week so we couldn't play outside. Monroe and I agreed that we would never want to be homeschooled if every day was like this.

We started doing zoom daily (kinda like facetime). Zoom helps us contact our teachers if we need help, and we get to contact each other. It is awesome seeing everyone's faces, even if it's not in person. I don't know what we would do without zoom. Monroe and I would probably go crazy.

I know it's hard not seeing each other, but we can all get through this if we all stay safe and not get sick. If we all do this, then maybe we can see each other quicker. Hope all of you are doing well! I'll see you next time.



Spending time in our class "zoom"

Ways to Stay in Touch

Written by Emma Spring, 6th

My favorite way to stay in touch with family and friends is letter writing. Some people don't like writing letters, but I think it is a lot of fun to send things in the mail and receive some too. A lot of older people I write to say that not a lot of kids my age send or hand write letters but it is wonderful when some do. I also love looking at the date of when the person wrote the letter and, when it went through the post office.

My Top Five Recommended Ways to Stay in Touch

- Writing letters*
- FaceTime or Zoom*
- Talking on the phone*
- Emailing*
- Texting*

Why is writing letters my favorite?

Mainly I love getting mail and sending it plus, it is really cool, and it is wonderful to express yourself in writing and communicate in this unique way!

Hope you try to stay connected with your family and friends, and hope you send some letters! (Maybe you'll even find one from me in your mailbox.)

Today in History – April 29, 2020

By Dustin Williams, 8th

Today, 250 years ago, a great discovery that will never be forgotten was made. James Cook, a British explorer, sailed for the Royal Navy in England. He made many voyages to many distant lands. Not one more famous than the discovery of *Terra Australis* (In layman terms Australia.) Australia is the only continent that is also a country. It is also a hotspot for culture and tradition.

One thing that comes to mind about Australia is the Sydney Opera House. It is a massive building that can hold thousands of people. It has amazing acoustics and is very prestigious. It is known throughout the world.

The tribes that were discovered in Australia are known as the Aborigines. They are what we would call in America, Native Americans. Native Australians maybe. They have an almost African like culture but, they have some very prominent differences. The didgeridoo for example; it takes the air from you blowing and merges it with the vibrations of your voice to give a chest rattling sound.

Australia is one discovery that will never be forgotten. No matter how much time goes by.

A Dog's New Life

By Dally Jensen, 8th

(Written as Charlie - the chocolate poodle and newest member of the Jensen Household)

Hi, I'm a chocolate poodle and this is my new life. It all started on my first day and I had no idea what was happening. The ride home was rough for I didn't know what was going on. This new human held me until we got to the place they stopped. He's nice but I wasn't sure about him at first. That first night he tried to put me in a wire box but I cried. So he felt bad for me and let me sleep with him which was much better. Then Monday came they said they had to go to school and work. So they put me in that wire box and the house got real quiet. I didn't like that and cried and cried! The Mrs. was gone a few hours, then came and took me out. Then later that afternoon she said we had to go to school to get the boy. I didn't know what she was talking about and I didn't want to go for a ride again. But boy was I excited when the boy got in the car with us! I was so happy to have him home again. They did the same thing the next three days, I don't like that word school and that boy leaves. I think I need to go there. What the boy calls weekend is sure fun, he's home with me. Then one day he said he was doing school at home. I didn't know what he was talking about. But he didn't leave me. But he was busy with paper stuff. I thought I would be fun

to tear the paper stuff up but he kept telling me no. I don't like that word NO. With the boy at home I learned how to ring the bell to go outside and go potty. The boy was so happy with me learning that. Then one day we went to the school but no kids were there just a teacher. He got books and a silver looking thing. I don't like those books and silver thing. The boy is always busy with them and tells me no. I can't chew on them like I want to. I'm sure happy when he's done with them so he can play with me. I'm hoping before long he takes those books and silver thing back to the school. So he can just play with me!

Him

A prayer/poem by: Dustin Williams, 8th

*He is us,
He is our blood,
For he gave his blood for our sins,*

*Now think,
We are at home,
Thinking about our safety,
He will deliver us,
There is no doubt,*

*He has taken some,
Left others,
They are with him now,
There is a reason,*

*In life and in death,
He is us,
In his name, Amen.*