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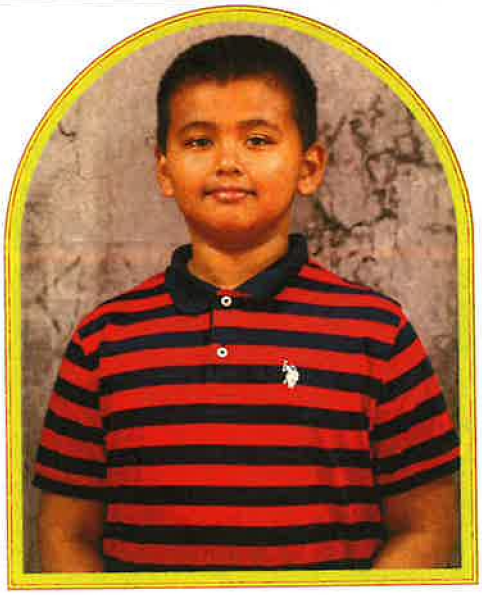
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THE RIDGE LINES

NOVEMBER STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH



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JAKE CELESTINO
GRADE 4

YOU DID IT!



KIMBERLY BLACK CLOUD
GRADE 8



GRETCHEN MARTIN
GRADE 10

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK
DECEMBER 15-19, 2025



MON	Holiday Pajamas Day: Be comfortable! Wear Christmas or winter-themed pajamas.
TUE	Jolly Sweater Day: Calling for ugliest or most cheerful holiday sweaters!
WED	Snowman Day: Clad yourselves in white or icy colors to reflect the frosty style of a snowman!
THU	Merry Hat Day: Fun Christmas themed hat, holiday headgear, or show off some crazy hair!
FRI	Red vs. Green Day: The week ends with wearing Red for Team Santa and Green for Team Grinch.

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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS . . .











CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025



















GUESS WHO



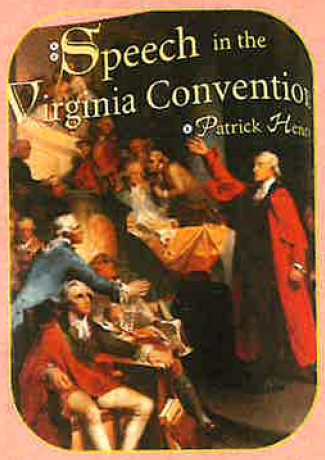


Dr. Anderson's

THE ENGLISH SPOT

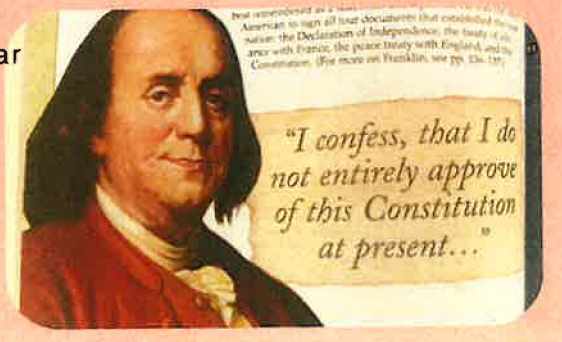
The Seniors are studying American literature. We began American literature by reading Native American origin myths. From there, American literature included journals, diaries, sermons, essays, and speeches. We will be advancing to short stories and longer works later, but, at the moment, we are contrasting Patrick Henry's and Benjamin Franklin speeches. Henry's persuasive speech called for independence from England; Franklin's persuasive speech called for acceptance of the Constitution. Although the speeches were of the same form, they differed widely in style and methods of persuasion.

Orators wishing to persuade their listeners of some action or belief cannot use the same tactics for all audiences. Audiences can be friendly to what the speaker has to say, and some audiences can be hostile. Some audiences are composed of both friendly and hostile listeners. Good orators speak to both groups.



Both Patrick Henry and Benjamin appealed to their audiences through rhetorical devices such as restatement, repetition, parallelism, rhetorical questions, and allusions. That said, Henry sways by the power of his rhetoric and style. He urges the colonists to take up arms against Britain. Henry was deeply committed to independence and appealed to patriotism and freedom. His famous quote, "Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" reflects his passionate beliefs.

On the other hand, Benjamin Franklin begins his speech calmly, appealing to hostile members of the Convention: "Mr. President, I confess, that I do not entirely approve of this Constitution at present; but, Sir, I am not sure I shall never approve it; for, having lived long, [Franklin was 81], I have experienced many instances of being obliged, by better information . . . to change my opinions even on important subjects. . . ." He acknowledges that the Constitution might have faults because, after all, it was produced by imperfect humans. Franklin stresses unanimity and unity of purpose and asserts that a general government is necessary, that no other convention could make a better constitution. He effectively establishes positive reasons for approving the Constitution and diminishes reasons for withholding approval.



Considering that the colonists won the Revolutionary War and that the Constitution was approved, both orators were persuasive.

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WEEK 16 & 17

Teacher's Corner

During my blessed three years at Selfridge Public School, I have accumulated so much for which to be thankful. First, I am grateful to the Lord for granting me the opportunity to share my knowledge and skills. Second, I have been surrounded by wonderful co-teachers and staff who have shown me genuine kindness, as well as students whom I will surely never forget.

Thank you for welcoming me, supporting me, and allowing me to grow—not only as an educator, but also as a person. These three years have been filled with lessons, laughter, challenges, and meaningful moments that strengthened my purpose as a teacher. I will surely use the remaining teaching years to be productive, a well-loved teacher and a friend to everybody.

Reminders

It's wonderful that the school is promoting a love for reading with storybooks, making learning a fun and fulfilling everyday experience. Reading is fun for my students because it offers an engaging escape into new worlds, stimulates their developing minds, and provides valuable emotional and bonding experiences.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Christmas Spirit Week Dec.15-19
- Monday-Holiday Pajamas
- Tuesday-Jolly Sweater Day
- Wednesday-Snowman Day
- Thursday-Merry Hat Day
- Friday-Red vs Green Day

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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK 16 & 17

UFLI WORKS












LOVE OF LEARNING

Christmas concert








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WEEK 14 & 15 NOVEMBER 17- 21,24-25, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



This week, our students enjoyed creating Dream Catchers as part of Native American Heritage Month. They also had a blast at our Dance Party Lyceum, celebrating positivity and school spirit.

We loved spending time together during our Family Fall Meal. Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make it such a warm and joyful gathering.

As we head into the break, we want to thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your family a joyful and memorable Thanksgiving Day!

Wonder of the Week!



What does thankfulness look like, sound like, and feel like in our classroom?



This week, we explored how gratitude can be shown through our actions, our words, and the way we treat one another.



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WEEK 14 & 15 NOVEMBER 17- 21,24-25, 2025

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EVENTS

Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 26-28



CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

We focused on using kind words, helping hands, and respectful voices throughout our day. Students were reminded that even small choices can make a big, positive difference in our classroom community.





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WEEK 13 NOVEMBER 10- 14, 2025
















HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

This week was filled with meaningful learning, creativity, and joyful moments that reminded me how special our classroom community truly is. Our students were so engaged during our Dream Catcher and beading activities, taking time to learn the cultural significance behind each craft.

The Dance Party Lyceum added a whole new level of excitement to our week. The students danced, laughed, and celebrated together, creating an atmosphere full of positive energy and school spirit.

Our Family Fall Meal was another highlight, bringing families together in such a warm and welcoming way. Seeing parents and children share this time, connect with one another, and enjoy good food reminded me how important our partnerships are.

As we head into the Thanksgiving break, I am filled with gratitude for each student and every family. Your continued support, kindness, and involvement make all the difference. I hope you enjoy a peaceful, joyful, and memorable Thanksgiving surrounded by the people you love most.



3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

WEEK 16 December 1- 5, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Welcome to our December edition! We're officially 16 weeks into the school year, and our students continue to amaze us with their hard work, kindness, and curiosity. As we move into this festive month, our classroom is buzzing with learning, growth, and holiday cheer.

This month, we'll be wrapping up important skills, celebrating student accomplishments, and enjoying a few fun seasonal activities along the way. Thank you for your continued support and partnership—December is always a magical time, and we're excited to make it meaningful for our 3rd and 4th graders!

Wonder of the Week!

Why does snow have unique patterns?

Snowflakes are made when tiny drops of water freeze in the clouds. As they fall, they pass through warm and cold air. These changes make each snowflake grow in a different way. That's why every snowflake has its own special pattern–just like fingerprints!



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STUDENT of the Month!











HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

December in our classroom always feels a little extra magical, and this year has been no exception. From the moment the first snowflakes touched the playground, our room filled with an excitement that only children can bring. And of course, the arrival of our Elf on the Shelf, Gigi, added a sparkle that we all needed. Each morning, the students walk in with bright eyes, eager to discover where Gigi has landed next.

Amid all the holiday joy, our learning has continued to grow beautifully. One of the highlights of my work this month has been our UFLI Lessons. These moments are some of my favorites—seeing a student connect a sound, read a word independently, or proudly notice their own improvement is the kind of gift that stays with me long after the school day ends. Their determination, even during this busy season, is something I cherish deeply.

As I reflect on this month, I'm filled with so much gratitude—for the laughter, the learning, the tiny breakthroughs, and the way our classroom feels like a family. December reminds me that growth doesn't just happen academically; it happens in the way students support each other, celebrate each other, and show kindness in small but powerful ways.



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WEEK 17 December 8- 12, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



As we step into Week 17 of our school year, I want to extend a big thank you for your support during our recent snowy days. Your dedication in helping your children complete their learning packets at home truly makes a difference. It warmed my heart to see how many students stayed engaged, responsible, and excited to learn—even while bundled up indoors!

This week, we're back in the classroom and ready to keep the momentum going. The snow may be piling up outside, but inside we're building skills, curiosity, and confidence one day at a time. Thank you again for your partnership and for always stepping up to keep learning moving forward, no matter the weather!

Stay warm, stay safe, and here's to another great week of growing together! 💙

Wonder of the Week!

Why does fresh snow make everything so quiet??

Fresh, fluffy snow has lots of tiny air pockets. These pockets trap and absorb sound, so noises don't bounce around as much. That's why the world feels peaceful and extra quiet after a snowfall.

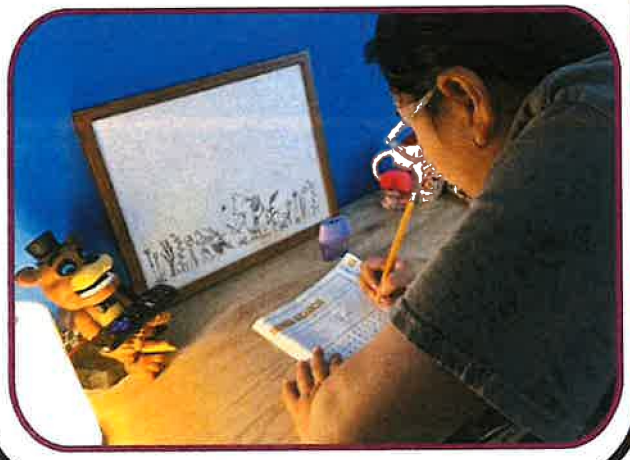


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WEEK 17 December 8- 12, 2025

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EVENTS

Dec. 15- Sioux County Farmers Union Gift

Dec. 16- Gratitude Gift Shop in Mclaughlin

Dec. 17- Early Out 1:00pm Professional Development

Dec. 19- School Dismisses @1:00 pm Christmas Break

CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, we celebrated the smart and responsible choices our students made—both in school and at home! Even during our snowy days, many of our learners chose to stay focused, finish their packets, and practice responsibility. These small decisions show big character!



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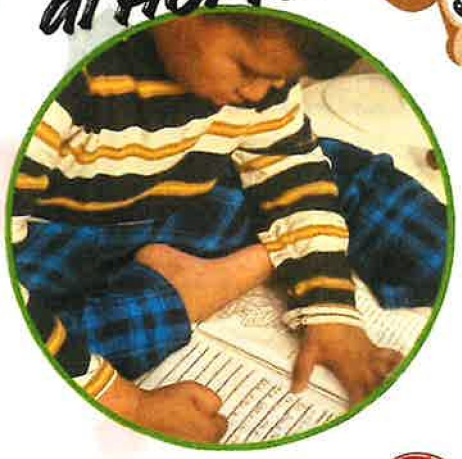








LEARNING at HOME!







HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

From my corner of the classroom, Week 17 has been a beautiful mix of learning, laughter, and little moments that remind me why teaching is such a joy. Even with snowy days in the mix, our students came back showing responsibility and pride—especially those who worked hard on their packets at home. Your support truly shines through their effort.

This week, our UFLI lessons have been full of excitement. I love seeing students use their decoding strategies with confidence—it's like watching the pieces of reading finally "click." In math, our Spring Math practice has pushed students to challenge themselves, try new strategies, and celebrate small wins along the way.

And of course... Gigi, our Elf on the Shelf, has added an extra layer of magic to our classroom. The students' reactions each morning—those giggles, those gasps, and the wild guesses about what she'll do next—fill our room with joy. She's become a tiny reminder that learning can be fun, curious, and full of surprises.

Through routines, practice, snowy days, and elf adventures, I'm grateful for a classroom full of learners who continue to grow every day—and for families who support that growth at home.



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AROUND SCHOOL





Christmas Concert Rehearsal



Decorating



Impatient for the last bell of the day, the 7th and 8th graders take a break from division in the math room.





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--ANDY MCINTYRE