



BOBCATS



Addville Elementary

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Raising Readers: What Parents Can Do

Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. Parents can create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and a passion for reading within their child. Below are a few things that can be done at home to create readers.

1. **Read together every day.** This can be at breakfast reading the morning news, sharing a story in the evening, or reading a book at bedtime,. A daily reading routine creates a reading habit and excitement for reading.
2. **Talk and build vocabulary.** Having interesting conversations with your child builds vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world.
3. **Point out print.** Read and talk about the words around you—signs, recipes, cereal boxes, instruction manuals, schedules, news, maps, menus and much more.
4. **Visit the library.** Take advantage of all the books, materials, story times, programs, and resources in the library.
5. **Be an active reader.** Use expressive voices for characters, make sound effects, and point things out in the text and illustrations to make reading fun.
6. **Ask questions when you read.** Ask open ended questions while reading about the story such as 'What comes next?', 'what is going on in the picture?', or 'what clues tells you what is going to happen?'
7. **Try different approaches to reading** such as having them read to you, act out a favorite part of a story, take turns reading, read outside during nice weather. You can make reading more memorable and create long lasting memories through reading.

Reading is an important skill for life but it can also be enjoyable and a life long joy. (nea.org)

Strategies for Improving Math Skills

At times Math can seem overwhelming for students. You can do some activities to enrich and relate to math in every day life. Below are some strategies that you can help improve your child's math skills without being a whiz at Math yourself.

1. **General Math:** compare prices (which costs the most, how much more), read the days, dates, and number of days left on the calendar, let your child count out change to buy something.
2. **Computation:** Count orally by 2's, 5's, 10's, Complete connect-the-dot pictures, count objects and determine if there's an odd or even number, Give your child verbal math problems such as take 5 and add 6. multiply by 2, etc.
3. **Geometry:** Look for different shapes (circles, triangles, squares & rectangles) and identify them, fold paper or napkins in different shapes, Use items to construct shapes
4. **Measurement:** Let your child help measure ingredients, weigh fresh produce when shopping, measure objects in length, height. Use vocabulary such as wider, heaviest, less, more, etc.
5. **Problem Solving:** Encourage solving answers to real-life situations—we have 1 can of pop, how many more do we need to have one for everyone in the family?, 7 children share 49 pieces of candy. How many does each get?

With your help, encouragement, and practice your child will become comfortable with math and succeed. (<https://www.nwea.org/>)

30 Day Attendance Winners



On Thursday, January 30, five students with 30+ hours in BOBCATS were drawn as winners of these Valentine Bath Towels: Stella Gordon, Willow Woods, Brantley Woods, Grayson Roberts, and Brinlee Elliott were the luck winners.

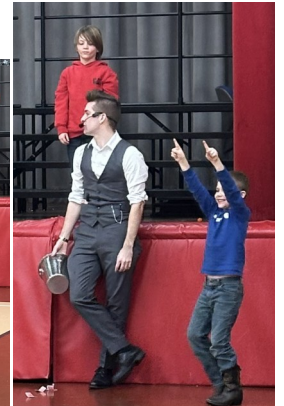
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Treasure Your Family Event

Magic Show featuring Brendon Trojan

On January 13, 2025, the culminating event for the **Winter TYF** for Ad-daville families was held at 6:00pm. TYF is a program inviting participating students and their families in the afterschool and/or the summer school programs to sign up to participate in various activities together which is designed to build better family relations by providing positive experiences that they do together. Families that sign up are given a calendar of activities to do together and document through pictures. Level 1 receives prizes for their participation. Level 2 families receive the level 1 prizes, a choice of a grand prize and are invited to a special event. Families have enjoyed this program greatly and we have seen many smiling faces.



STEM Activity



Students in BOBCATS enjoyed their STEM activity. One project, students worked together to build a bridge that would withstand a sphere to drive across it. Another project in STEM was to create a picture with pointillism in which students use dots of color and a coordinated grid and follow clues. A very fun activity for the 3rd grade.



Character Gold Activity

On Mondays, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 learn valuable lessons by focusing on character challenges and success. They practice different situations by role playing how to diffuse and then exit a situation. They study how to treat others and acceptance. On Thursdays, April 10th, BOBCATS had their End of Year Character GOLD Celebration. The Character Gold instructors provided children that participated certificates and had snacks at the celebration.



ADDAVILLE BOBCATS FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Get Into the Game—READ!



On Thursday, March 6, 2025, students and families of Addaville elementary and BOBCATS afterschool program enjoyed an evening of fun during their literacy night. As families entered the building, they stopped by the cafeteria to have some pizza, pop, chips, and cookies before heading to the activities. In the gym the children enjoyed a high energy packed game of laser tag while dodging in and out from behind camouflage tents to find their target and avoid of being hit. Another game was set up in a hallway where students competed against each other trying to tap all of their lights first. Near by in the library the parents and students visited the book fair and to choose some reading material to take home. Parked out side of the building was a gaming truck where students could play online games. The families enjoyed the night of fun.



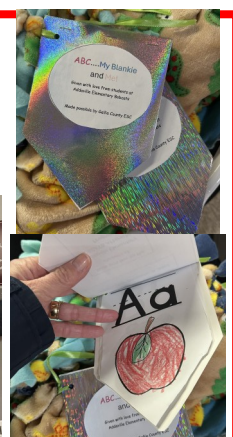
ARCHERY

Eric Clary with the Conservation Club instructs an Archery Activity with the BOBCATS. He provides the necessary equipment, instruction, and supervised target practice. The students learn correct posture and stance, how to hold the bow correctly, and the proper release of the arrow. Students learn which eye is dominant to sight with and use this knowledge to set their sights on the target. Students are able to practice shooting at the targets. The culminating activity of Archery, the students participate in a friendly competition. Students love this activity and the challenge of hitting the bullseye.



Holzer OB Blanket Donation Community Project

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, some students of Addaville BOBCATS visited the Holzer OB Department to give them student made baby blankets and ABC books that were made during BOBCATS. The baby blankets were tied by the students and were very colorful. The ABC....My Blankie and Me! Book was colored by the students. Each baby blanket had a booklet tied to it for the new born and their families to take home. The donation was much appreciated.



Some Bunny Time

With Easter being around the corner, Angel Pritchard's Farm, Cassandra and Josh, brought some of their rabbits to the BOBCATS program for the children to hold and pet. While the children were watching the rabbits and taking turns holding them, Cassandra and Josh

talked about their rabbits telling them what they eat and how to take care of them.

Josh dressed up as the Easter Bunny which the kids loved.



Prize Wheel

On Thursday, April 10th, BOBCATS had prize day which included a prize wheel. The kids with the best attendance were able to choose from a selection of Easter Treats which included 3 huge Easter baskets and 4 other extra special Easter treats. All students received an egg-shaped Tic-Tac-Toe boards with markers and treat bags.



Easter Egg Hunt

The last days of the BOBCATS program was packed full of special activities from the Prize Wheel, Kona Ice, and the Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds.

Students hunted candy filled eggs and enjoyed opening to see the rewards. Some students even found a prize egg or two.



Kona Ice Treat

Enjoying some Kona Ice on the last day of the program. YUM!!

