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**Field Trips:**

- Preschool will visit the Eastford Town Library on December 19, 2016.
- 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 16 through May 19, 2017.

**Virtual Field Trips:**

- Dec. 15 - (1 & 2) - *A Live Interactive Puppet Show! Little Red Hen and the Grain of Wheat*
- Jan. 13 - (K & 1) - *Museum Storytelling- WI*
- Jan. 18 - (K & 1) - *A School Day in 1872- NE*

**Eastford Readiness Program** – Currently has fourteen (14) students enrolled for the Eastford School Readiness Program. Two (2) of these students are partial day students. We have 3 additional student slots available.

**Readiness Council Update:** The Council will meet on December 5. We set our meeting dates for the year at the last meeting.

**Principal Goals:**

- To improve student achievement in English Language Arts as evidenced through performance rates on Spring NWEA Comparative Data exceeding the State average on the SBAC from the Spring of 2016.
- To improve student achievement in Mathematics as evidenced through performance rates on Spring NWEA Comparative Data exceeding the State average on the SBAC from the Spring of 2016

**Grants**

- Lori Reynolds was awarded an educator grant that provides online access for fact fluency practice to 35 students.

**Professional Development:**

- Melissa Lessard will attend a workshop on *The Best New Young Adult Books Grades 6-8*.
- Christine Kopplin will attend *Picture Exchange Communication System Level 1 Training*.
- Stephanie Bulan will attend a workshop on *What Children Need: Supporting Social Emotional Competency in the Early Years*.
- Tammy Hull will attend a workshop on *Promoting Creativity in the Early Childhood Classroom*.

**Special Events:**

- We hosted a *Books and Bagels* event on November 29 for preschool through grade 6 students in special programs and their families. Mrs.

Barlow read a book to students and demonstrated types of questions to ask during read alouds with children. Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Kopplin and Mrs. Ames worked with students on a mitten craft which will be donated to local families in need during the cold winter months. We had 34 students with family members attend the event.

- The PTO is sponsoring a magic and juggling performance by Scott Jameson on December 23.

**Community:**

- Volunteers from the Congregational Church of Eastford offered an after school Thanksgiving Placemat craft for students in grades 3 and 4.
- Volunteers from the Congregational Church of Eastford will offer an after school Holiday Greens Swag workshop in December to students in grades 5 through 8.

**Fundraisers:**

- The Annual Goods and Services Auction raised close to \$11,000 this year!
- Student Council is offering childcare for parent conferences with adult supervision.