

Falcon Flyer

Fall 2019



ST. GREGORY
FALCONS

Gym Update
#ProtectTheNest



Note from the principal...

It was great to see so many of you at conferences last week. We had almost 100% participation. Your effort to be here sends an important message to your child that you care about their education and you want them to be successful. **Thank you** for making parent teacher conferences a priority.

Speaking of Student Success...Are there other ways you can help your child be successful in school? I am glad you asked. In my opinion and experience, what follows are some of the most effective things you can do to help your child reach their full potential.

- ★ Read with your child **EVERY** night. Take turns reading to your child and having them read to you.
- ★ Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.
- ★ Pray with your children at meals and bedtime. Share your faith with them and talk about what God means to you. Attend Mass/Services together as a family whenever possible.
- ★ Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork. Give them a chance to struggle and face the consequences of their actions when they forget their homework or make a bad choice.
- ★ Allow your children to fail. It is important to teach our kids failure is okay because from it we learn and grow. Too often we rush in to “save them” instead of letting them work through the emotion. Through the experience of failure in childhood our children gain resilience to face bigger challenges in adulthood.
- ★ Create a consistent after school routine including homework, play, and meal times.
- ★ Be positive, speaking well of school and learning. Encourage your child to talk about all the fun things they have done or are going to do at school.
- ★ Stay involved and communicate with your child’s teacher with any questions or concerns. Ask for ways you can support your child’s learning at home.

Hopefully, you already do most of these things on a regular basis, but if your child is struggling these are some pretty simple things to put in place. Thanks for all you do as parents to support your children and their teachers. Your support is much appreciated! Be sure to contact me if you have questions or concerns. May God bless your family in a special way as we begin 2nd quarter. ~Susan





Gym Update #ProtectTheNest

On October 10th we had the Protect the Nest Gym Update Ribbon Cutting. We were lucky enough to have Father Albert come over and bless the gym. Members of the sixth through eighth grade bands performed, Student Ambassadors helped lead ribbon cutting, and all the students in the school got to cut their own "ribbon" while Mrs. Martin and Father Albert cut the official ribbon.



Many members of the community, parents, and members of the Protect the Nest committee joined us for this special event. Everyone received cookies and had time to look around the gym at the updates. The whole event was even live streamed on our Facebook webpage!

Once again, we'd like to thank everyone who donated their time, talent, and treasure to help make this dream a reality.





Second Quarter Dates

Nov. 2nd

Trash Pick up after NWMSU Football Game
Trivia Night at 7pm

Nov. 3rd - 9th

4th - XSTREAM
5th - Home Basketball Games at 5:30 pm
7th - 5th Grade Day in the Lunchroom
No Preschool
Basketball Games at N. Nodaway at 5:30pm
8th - No Preschool
Home Basketball Games at 5:30pm

Nov. 10th - 16th

11th - Veterans Day Service at 9am
No Preschool
Red Wheel Sales Begin
Home Basketball Games at 5:30pm
12th - Basketball Games at S. Holt at 5:30pm
13th - Midterms
14th - Basketball Games at Mound City at 5:30pm
16th - Trash Pickup after NWMSU Football Game

Nov. 17th - 23rd

18th - 23rd - Basketball Tournament at NEN
19th - Red Wheel Sales End

Nov. 24th - 30th

25th - Home Basketball Games at 5:30pm
26th - Mass with FFF
Activities with FFF after Mass
Home Basketball Games at 5:30pm
27th through 29th - No School/No SACC

Dec. 1st - 7th

2nd - XSTREAM
3rd - FFF Advent Meeting at 8:00am
Home Basketball Games at 5:30pm
5th - 4th Grade Day in the Lunchroom
Girls Basketball Game at Clarinda Lutheran at 5pm
6th - Mass with FFF

December 8th - 13th

12th - HOLIDAY FUN FEST (12 - 4p)
13th - FFF Advent Meeting at 8am

Dec. 14th - 21st

18th - Christmas Program at 7pm
20th - Mass with FFF
Early Dismissal at 12:30pm
End of 2nd Quarter

Remember to take down your yard sign and store it for the winter!



Come cheer on the Falcons!



Don't forget that students get into the home basketball games for **free!**



The Christmas Program will be at the Lee and Nina Schneider Performing Arts Center.

Please have students there by 6:45pm





Peace Poster Contest



Congrats to Evelyn for being selected as the 6th Grade Peace Poster winner for St. Gregory Barbarigo School. Her poster will move on to the District competition for the Lions Club. All of the Peace Posters will be on display during the month of December in the Nodaway News Leader's office window on the square. Thank you to the Maryville Pride Lions for hosting this competition for our students.



8th graders sponsored the annual **Stocktoberfest**. St. Gregory's was able to donate more than ever to the Ministry Center, with a total of **1820 pounds** of food and **\$1,713** in cash. Thank you to all Falcons for your generosity!

CRUNCH FOR A CAUSE



The Student Ambassadors would like to thank everyone for coming to the Crunch for a Cause evening at Taco John's. We were able to raise **\$776.85!**



FUNDRAISER FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The teachers would like to thank everyone for coming to the Professional Development Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch. We were able to raise **\$1,005.32!**





Check this out!

Please notice the icons on the upper right corner on each page of the newsletter. These icons are linked to the school's Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. The falcon head in the lower right hand corner is linked to the school's website. All you have to do to do is click on the icon and it will take you to the corresponding website!

Falcon Alerts

Sign up for FALCON ALERTS and get important information about St. Gregory's School sent as text messages directly to your mobile phone, wireless PDA or pager. You can find the link on our school website under the 'Welcome' tab and then go to **FALCON ALERT**. If you would like to be added to athletic alerts, please go to welcome tab again and click on sign up for falcon alerts and then click on update message preferences (see below). Once you click update, then please follow the instructions.

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**EMERGENCY INFORMATION
SCHOOL CLOSINGS
EARLY DISMISSALS
SCHOOL EVENT REMINDERS**





Winter Weather Information

Winter weather will be here, so we want to take this opportunity to remind you about how decisions are made and communicated when the weather is severe. The safety of our students is our top priority, and we always follow a set of guidelines in conjunction with Maryville R-II to make decisions about whether St. Gregory School will be open or closed.

The administration must make a decision that is the best for all students. We realize, at times, our decisions may not fit with your individual circumstances. Therefore, we encourage and strongly support you in making the decision that is best for your child(ren). You are always the best judge of your child's health and safety. When school closes, many families have issues with child care. As a result, we try to keep school open if it's safe to do so. However, as previously stated, parents can always make the decision to keep their child(ren) at home in bad weather.

How can I find out if St. Gregory School is closed?

On days when the weather is bad, listen to any local radio or television station for information about school closing. The following stations will be contacted when St. Gregory School is closed:

KXCV (90.5 FM)	KNIM (97.1 FM)	KJO (105.5 FM)	KQ 2 (TV)
KSJQ (92.7 FM)	KCTV5 (TV)	KFEQ (680 AM)	KSFT (1550 AM)

If you have signed up for our Falcon Alerts you will also receive a text message about school closings, late starts, or early dismissals. An email will also be sent out from the school office.

When school is closed, are other activities canceled as well?

When St. Gregory School is closed for the day or dismisses early, it also means that all activities scheduled after school or that evening are canceled, including all after school athletics and meetings.

Will school be dismissed early on days when the weather is bad?

St. Gregory School will dismiss early if Maryville R-II dismisses early due to weather. Except in extreme weather cases, SACC will be offered until 5:30pm.

We appreciate your understanding of the difficulties in making this decision, and your support in helping your child get to school safely on winter days. Please know that the safety of all of our students is our first priority when making all weather-related decisions.

Please read below for information on 2 hour late starts on winter weather days.

2 Hour Delay Information for St. Gregory School

If St. Gregory School should choose a 2 hour delay for starting the school day these procedures will be followed.

Before school care (SACC) **will not** be offered when a 2 hour delay is implemented. After school care will be offered until 5:30pm.

Drop off for Preschool-8th grade students will begin at 9:25am and the school day will start at

9:55am. **School doors will open at 9:25am and drop off for all students begins at this time.**

Dismissal will be at regular time.

The following media will be accessed to inform parents of the delay: Falcon Alert –via text message

KNIM (97.1 FM)	KXCV (90.5 FM)	KJO (105.5 FM)	KSJQ (92.7 FM)	KFEQ (680 AM)
KSFT (1550 AM)	KQ2 TV	KCTV5 (TV)		





Preschool North News

What an amazing start to the year we have had! Our preschool “littles” have grown so much these last three months, and we are so proud of the many accomplishments they have made.

The fall season has ushered in so many fun activities and events for our kiddos. Some of these include: pumpkin carving, leaf hunts, apple tasting, a trip to Amazing Acres, and of COURSE...our Fall Party!





Preschool South News

This wonderful group of preschoolers is mastering new skills and trying new things each day. I'm so proud of their growth and eagerness to learn. These are the new skills they're most proud of:

Aly- I make hearts and cool things in the red center.

Maddox- I'm really good at blocks.

Evan- I can make a spider out of paper.

Chloe- I read picture words.

Antonia- I can paint nicely.

Emmaline- I play nice with my friends.

Grace- I can find letter G and do good in the blocks center.

Sampson- I can build good in the blocks center.

Reece- I make stars and stuff out of play-doh.

Kash- I can paint pumpkins and do stuff by myself now.

We're looking forward to more fun in 2nd quarter with holidays, holy days, and birthdays, along with lots of play and learning.





Kindergarten News

Our Kindergarten class is hard at work building our skills learning about community helpers! As a class we participated in D.A.R.E. with Officer Ian Myers!



We have also LOVED all things fall!! Enjoy the pictures!!





Our class has a bright future dreaming of what we will be when we grow up!

Anna a mom because they feed babies and help take care of kids.

Frank a firefighter and train conductor because I like trains and firefighters.

Stella a vet to take care of all kinds of animals.

Molly a veterinarian to see all the cute animals and give them medicine if they are sick.

Hensley a babysitter to take care of cute babies.

Dinah a vet and zookeeper to take care of giraffes.

Thatcher a dirt bike rider because they are cool.

Hayden a monster truck driver to drive in stadiums and do flips and tricks.

Racen a farmer so I can drive a skid loader.

Isaac a Chiefs football player so I can tackle the Raiders!

Austin a Bearcat football player because I LOVE football.

Ainslee a vet person to help dogs when they get shots.

Josie take care of bugs because I like bugs.

Grace a fashion designer to make clothes for those who don't have any.

Austyn a princess because one time I took a trip and saw a castle and want to live in a castle.

Brielle a hairdresser and make-up artist because I like doing hair and make-up.

Tucker a farmer because they harvest corn and take care of cows by feeding them corn and hay.

Jack a Seattle Seahawks football player. I am a fast runner and I like wearing football gear.

Kamryn a zookeeper and mommy because I like taking care of animals especially penguins and a mommy to take care of babies.

Ryan a fisherman because I like fishing from docks and boats.

Piper a veterinarian I like taking care of the cute animals and looking for bugs in their hair.

Carson an army guy because they fight bad guys and save the Earth.

Ridge a Spoofhound football player I like running the football and I like kicking the football.

Kami a princess because they have beautiful dresses.





First Grade News

Come check out
the hallway by our
room!

We have our
scarecrows and crows
hanging up for all to
see!



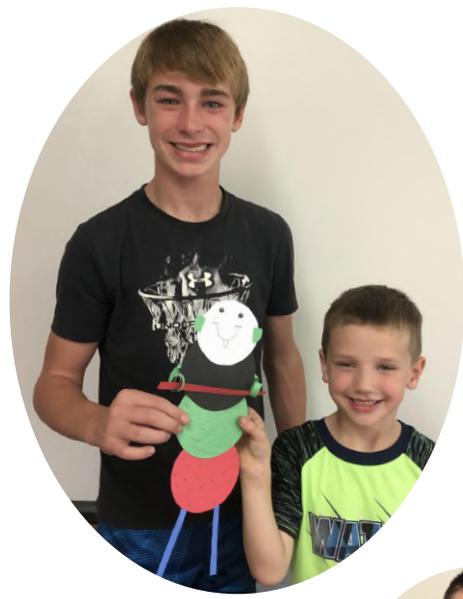
Our Praises to God

- I praise God for my friends. I am thankful for my family. - Ryleigh
- I praise God for my family. I am thankful for my teacher. - Katherine
- I praise God for my cat. I am thankful for my sisters. - Brinley
- I praise God for my mom and dad. I am thankful for my sister. - Torri
- I praise God for my mom. I am thankful for my dad. - Easton
- I praise God for trees. I am thankful for my grandparents. - Landon
- I praise God for my dad. I am thankful for Jesus. - Patrick
- I praise God for my sister. I am thankful for my family. - Marleigh





MONSTER FRIENDS made with our 8th grade STEAM buddies





Second Grade News

Second graders explored their creative side with S.T.E.M. activities this quarter.

Here are their favorites:

Rowen- megaphones

Kody- All S.T.E.M. activities

Branson- marble maze

Chloe- megaphone, because I love them

Cole- marble maze

Dominic- megaphones

Ryker- marble maze

Emma- Saving Bob the worm

Vilhelmina- marble maze

Braxten- marshmallow tower

Ryver- marble maze

Raelyn- marble maze

Beckett- marble maze

Rylee- marble maze



What has been your favorite thing you've done in THIRD grade so far this school year?

JR- Learning Science!

Jayden- Art Projects!

Ryder- Playing with friends at the lego table.

Kori- The circle art project.

Jonah Ruth- Researching different Saints.

Jonah- Art Projects.

James- The fish art project.

Cate- Technology Class!

Reagan- Working on our Chromebooks.

Hayden- Math!

Easton- Playing football with the fourth graders at recess.

Evan- Playing football with the fourth graders at recess.

Braleigh- The Michelangelo project in art.

Will- Going to PE and coloring in art.

Carson- Watching our caterpillars become butterflies.

Gavin- Running laps in PE.

Kelby- When we drew Frankenstein in art class.

Kyle- The circle project in art class.

Emily- Working on the Chromebooks.





4th Grade is on God's Team



Fourth Grade is off to a fantastic start to our school year. From learning how to pray the rosary to singing math raps, our year has been beyond exciting.



“Our favorite thing about fourth grade is playing games to help us learn and being the leaders of our weekly Mass.”

Fifth Grade

The best thing about middle school is...

- Chewing Gum (TM)
- Band & Gum (JS)
- More Freedom (CH)
- Changing Classes (CS)
- Band (DB)
- Changing Classes (GS)
- Having more responsibilities (VK)
- There are more teachers (KQ)
- Changing Classes (VB)
- Lockers (LS)
- Chewing Gum (LA)
- Having more teachers (HZ)
- Lockers (JP)



I think it is safe to say that the 5th graders are loving middle school life! Between the lockers, changing classes, chocolate milk at lunch and gum privileges, LIFE IS GOOD!





Sixth Grade

First quarter has ended, it has been an awesome 9 weeks! We have celebrated many fun and crazy National Days (scarf day, pizza day, homemade cookies day, etc...), thank you for your continued support. For me, a highlight has to be the Book Reports the students completed. One student brought in a wheelchair and silently used her chromebook to describe the main character of the book. We had several creative posters and a wonderfully done slide show. Several students rewrote the ending of their books. All the students did great. As we look forward, the second quarter promises to be just as fun and even busier. We have celebrations, events, and lots of learning to do. Always, if you have any questions, please let me know.



Seventh Grade



The 7th graders enjoyed carving pumpkins as a project to go along with our Witch of Blackbird Pond book. This is a long standing tradition that we look forward to every year! I must say that I have some very talented carvers!!



The 8th grade thought by giving us the color "pink" for Stocktoberfest that it would prevent us from winning..... Boy were they wrong! We were thrilled to be the overall winners & happy to donate to such a worthy cause!





Eighth Grade

You would think being the "big kids" would mean work, work, work,...but we've made time for some pretty fun experiences as well!

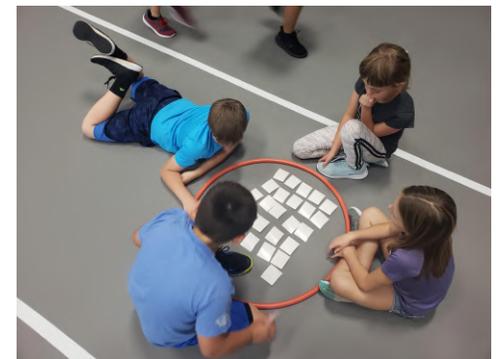
We traveled to KC to watch a series of short story plays, then we toured Arrowhead Stadium. Go Chiefs!



Geocaching... Who knew there were so many hidden treasures in Maryville?!

PE & Athletics

In PE we have been working hard on our fitness! We have completed several fitness weeks in hopes we can improve our Fitnessgram scores. We have also played many games and activities where teamwork is essential. This is one of our main goals and objectives this year.



Volleyball is complete and our Falcons made a lot of progress and developed their skills. Thank you to everyone who made it out to one of our home volleyball contests.

Basketball practice has begun and we would like to invite you all to our first home game scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th at 5pm.





Music News:

A big thank you to Mrs. Plackemeier for being the long-term music & band sub while Mrs. Dropinski was on maternity leave. Also, thank you to Dr. Chris Gibson for helping with the bands as well!
You both did great!



1st grade sings "Bow Wow Wow"



7th grade with their music board games



3rd grade practices notating using popsicle sticks

Band News:

Congratulations to the 6th-8th grade band for a fabulous performance for the ribbon cutting of our newly renovated gym.



Upcoming Performances:

11/11 - School Veterans Day Performance @ 8:45am in the church. [6th-8th band & 4th-7th grade (vocal)]

11/11 - National Anthem for Basketball game @ 5:30pm. [6th-8th Band]

12/18 - Christmas Concert @ 7pm. MHS Auditorium [PreK-8th Music & Band]





Technology

Parents - all the icons on this page are hyperlinked.
Simply click on them and your child can use the website!

Kindergarten and First Grade Websites		
		
		

Kindergarten and first grade have been working to improve their mouse skills. Both classes have also learned about logging on to the computer. First Grade has also learned to log onto SpellingCity and their Google Drive.

1st through 8th Grade Websites	
	

The second, third and fourth graders have all worked on improving their Google Slides skills. Second graders created a party invitation! Third and fourth grade also did a short typing review on the Dance Mat Typing website.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh graders have been working on their digital drawing skills creating Shapegrams. The fifth graders have learned about tracking travel bugs and the sixth graders actually launched their own travel bugs. The 7th graders learned some basic photography editing skills using the PIXLR Editor website.

3rd through 8th Grade Websites	
	

7th Grade Photo Editor	Whole School
	

The eighth graders have been busy taking photos and working on the yearbook! They also got to go on a Geocaching Trip around Maryville!





Falcon Faith Family Update

In the first Falcon Faith Family meeting students were placed in their faith families. They also picked their family names. In the second meeting students did service projects and got to play at recess together with their faith families. At the October meeting the entire student body made cards for Mrs. Klaas. We attended several Friday Masses, a weekend Mass, and participated in the Living Rosary together.

The Student Ambassadors (SA) and Student Ambassador Assistants (SAA) gave tours to prospective families at the Open House Night in August. They also helped with the childcare for the General PTO Meeting.



The Student Ambassadors designed the new T-shirts, ran faith families, had officer elections, and raised money working at Taco John's Crunch for a Cause.



Officer elections and those elected were Monica as Secretary, Dayton as Historian, Lucas as Vice President, and Ryesen as President. Ryesen and Lucas have helped plan all the Faith Family meetings. Dayton and Monica interviewed students and staff for the Falcon Flyer and helped create the Falcon Faith Family content for the Falcon Flyer.

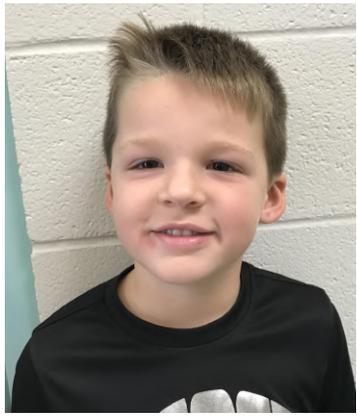




What is your favorite FFF activity we've done so far this year?



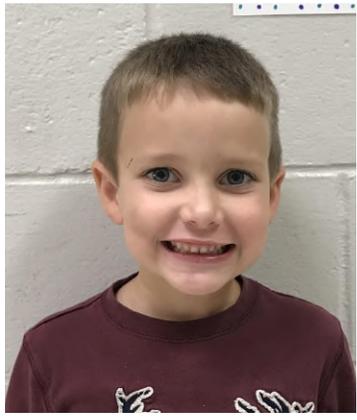
Picking up trash.
- Grace, Preschool



Write things.
- Kash, Preschool



Playing Duck, Duck, Goose.
- Grace, Kindergarten



The recess.
- Frank, Kindergarten



Playing Duck, Duck, Goose.
- Patrick, First Grade



Picking up trash.
- Easton, First Grade



Picking up trash.
- Beckett, Second Grade



Playing at recess with the bigger kids.
- Rowen, Second Grade



Playing outside.
- Kelby, Third Grade



Having a faith family.
- JR, Third Grade



Recess outside.
- Jade, Fourth Grade



Going to church.
- Kyler, Fourth Grade





What is your favorite FFF activity we've done so far this year?



Cleaning up trash.
- Channing, Fifth Grade



Going to church.
- Halle, Fifth Grade



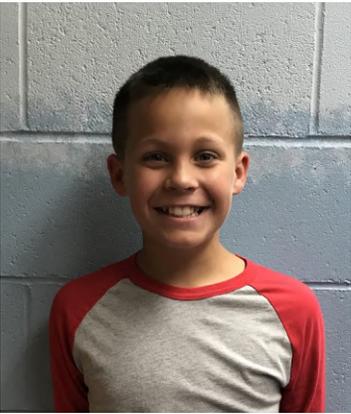
Recess.
- Brett, Sixth Grade



Picking up trash.
- Julie, Sixth Grade



Picking up trash with Mrs. Plackemeier.
- Lucas, Seventh Grade



Playing outside.
- Kaleb, Seventh Grade



Picking up trash with the younger kids.
- Quenton, Eighth Grade



Picking up trash and having recess.
- Cooper, Eighth Grade

Mrs. Martin

Favorite Things

Sports Teams: Bearcats, Mizzou, Chiefs, Royals

Restaurant: Carson's

Movie: Wonder

Quote about Mrs. Martin: "She's a great principal and a great leader of the school." Derek, 8th grade



Motto: "Be kind, positive and encouraging to everyone you meet because you never know what they are dealing with that can't be seen."

MS. BYERS

FAVORITE THINGS

SPORTS TEAMS: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

HOBBIES: READ, GOLF, HIKE

COLOR: BLUE

QUOTE ABOUT MS. BYERS: "MS. BYERS IS NEW TO OUR TEAM HERE IN THE OFFICE, BUT WE ALREADY CAN TELL SHE IS KIND HEARTED, HARD WORKING, AND WILL FIT RIGHT IN."
MRS. REED, CHURCH SECRETARY



MOTTO I LIVE BY: "ADAPT, IMPROVISE, OVERCOME."





Mrs. Bostwick

Favorite Things

Color: Purple

Season: Summer

Snack: Chex mix

Quote about Mrs. Bostwick - "She makes learning fun." Mrs. Gastler, teacher



Motto: "Worry less, pray more."

Mrs. Zweifel

Favorite Things

Fast Food: Chipotle

Teams: Bearcats

Season: Fall, Spring, Summer

Quote about Mrs. Zweifel: "She is so kind to volunteer so much of her time to help St. Gregory's be the best it can be. She is a blessing." Mrs. Reed, Church Secretary



Motto: "It will be fine and then it will be over."

Mrs. Hooppaw

Favorite Things

Fast Food: Tacos

Restaurant: Applebee's

Drink: Cherry Limeade

Quote about Mrs. Hooppaw: "She makes my world go around." Mrs. Parmen, teacher



Motto: "The Lord is my strength, my personal bravery and my invincible army."

MRS. HALL

FAVORITE THINGS

BOOK/MOVIE: HEART OF DIXIE

RESTAURANT: A&G, EL NOPAL

DESSERT: CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

QUOTE ABOUT MRS. HALL - "SHE'S PATIENT AND KIND!" GRACE, 5TH GRADE



MOTTO: "DO THE RIGHT THING, TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT, LIVE LIKE JESUS!"

Mrs. Brayman

Favorite Things

Drink: Mountain Dew

Team: Iowa Hawkeyes

Dessert: Ice cream

Quote about Mrs. Brayman: "She is good at playing dodgeball." Trevan, 8th grade



Motto: "Live every day like it's your last."

MRS. PLACKEMEIER

FAVORITE THINGS

TEAMS: ROYAL/CARDINALS

SEASON: SUMMER

DRINKS: WATER

QUOTE ABOUT MRS. PLACKEMEIER: "SHE HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR." LUCAS, 7TH GRADE



MOTTO: "REMEMBER THE PAST, PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, LIVE FOR TODAY."

Mrs. Miller

Favorite Things

Movie: The Sound of Music

Color: Green

Season: Summer

Quote about Mrs. Miller:

"I like her spunky energy and work ethic." - Mrs. Stiens

Motto: "Any hour spent in the saddle is not wasted!"

