

# HIGH ROAD SCHOOL OF WRIGHT CITY

## CELEBRATING ONE MONTH OF SCHOOL!

Well, we did it! High Road School of Wright City, as of Friday September 15, 2023, has completed one full month of the 2023-2024 school year! As we look back on this time together, one might say we had a difficult kick-off to this school year. However, as the weeks progressed, and continue to do just that, we have become more hopeful, confident, and have begun to see a change in some of our students that has us excited for the second month of our school year!

When it comes to our CASE (**C**onsiderate, **A**ccountable, **S**afe, **E**ngaged) calendar, we've had some exciting events take place in our first month, one of which was twin day! From staff to students, and a combination of both, there was some humorous twinning that occurred throughout the building!



As for how lead teachers and assistants took on new challenges and conquered obstacles, everyone quickly realized that *teamwork makes the dreamwork*! Below is a bird's eye view into how each classroom at High Road School of Wright City delivered their first month of this school year's instruction, and how that has impacted their specific rooms.

## **BEST ONE**

*In the first month of the school year, BEST1 placed a strong focus on consistency in routine and social skills, as they tried to bring their students together after the Summer break prior to the start of the school year. Additionally, this classroom placed an importance on having their students follow schedules and interact with peers. All in all, this classroom's first month of instruction was a success!*

## **BEST TWO**

*BEST2 started the school year in a different room, but worked hard with their students in order to introduce a new, remodeled side of the building that they would soon find themselves in. Eventually, it was all-hands-on-deck for the move to a new room. Students enjoyed having more space, and getting to have new desks, new chairs, a new smart board, and other items to help them with their educational journeys! Overall, BEST2 has placed an importance on coming together in social skills, and participating in more group-led instruction time with reading, social studies, science, art, and physical education lessons!*

## **ACADEMIC ZERO**

*History has been an important part of lesson plans for Academic Zero. Colonial America has been explored and linked to diversity, while also entering multiple eras of Missouri's history, and connecting the pieces together. Students also got to watch the film Elemental, in order to better understand differences in the world. Another subject area that has caught interest in students is that of drama. Students have read multiple dramatic tales, and learned about sets and how the plays and stories have been put on through many different generations.*

## **ACADEMIC ONE**

*Academic One has placed an importance on engaging academic lessons in their biomedical units, which have also engaged the students in learning complex information. Meanwhile, all students worked hard to create their own PowerPoint that showcased certain diseases in great detail. Students then presented to the whole class, which brought forth teamwork, social skills, and an emphasis on best organizational practices for success!*

## **ACADEMIC TWO**

*This classroom has worked very hard on learning the importance of staying safe and completing work in several subject areas. Students have also found comfort in using daily breaks to regulate their emotions. When it comes to staff in this room, Mrs. Bell and Miss Wyatt have better parent communication by sending weekly emails every Friday to close out the week! The emails include grades and what students will come to*

*learn in upcoming weeks. Ultimately, this has set students up for success, and kept communication lines more open than ever. Finally, students have placed their own importance on completing academic work, making accountability top priority.*

### **ACADEMIC THREE**

*Academic Three is a room led by a selected teacher-of-the-year, who worked hard with her assistants in this first month to bring the classroom together in some interesting and exciting ways! Inclusivity and celebrating diversity became top priority. And as everyone in the classroom began to accept each other's differences, teams emerged for group work opportunities, as well as time carved out in the day to celebrate successes, and overcome difficulties!*

### **ACADEMIC FOUR**

*ELA skills have truly been stressed as top priority in Academic Four in the first month, and that has really paid off for the whole room! Students have worked on writing stories, reading aloud to the class, and completing a study of story, plot, and character structure for The Magic Tree House series. Additionally, an emphasis on social skills has been placed in the room, with this being worked into the subject matter of stories that have been read in the class. Students have also learned how to be members of a community, and the impact of different identities!*

### **ACADEMIC FIVE**

*When it comes to the Academic Five classroom, it has been all about teaching students the importance of teamwork, and building up social skills! Once students have begun to master this throughout the day, they have transitioned into learning about mythology, which has become a fan-favorite among the students. When it comes to mythology, students were able to read the story of Hercules, and then watch the beloved movie!*

***Thank you for taking the time to read over what has happened in this first month of the 2023-2024 school year! We've loved celebrating our successes, conquering obstacles, and celebrating our differences! Check back soon for another update!***