



## PRAIRIE STUDENTS GAGA OVER CHANGES AT SCHOOL



Gaga ball was one of the many new additions to Prairie this year. (Photo by Emily McShane)



New library furniture and a renovated pond stocked with fish were other changes that greeted students when they returned to school. (Photos by Lucy Stephens and Lorien Colucci)



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Students returned to school to lots of new changes. From gaga ball to new library furniture to new rules for iPads at recess, the changes mean a mix of fun and also some adjustments.

One of the most noticeable changes was a gaga ball pit in the playground. With a little instruction from Ms. Bosch, PE Teacher, the students took to the game almost immediately.

Students also noticed bright cheery new furniture in the library and the pond also got a fresh makeover.

The other change that has students talking is the new rule that prohibits students from using iPads during recess.

Mrs. Jones, school Principal, said that there was concern from parents about iPad use so parents, teachers, principals and first leadership members formed a digital learning task force. "Their goal is to make technology used as a tool for learning across the whole district," said Jones. "The Teachers wanted to balance how much you're on technology with how much time you're socializing," She added.

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# Students Welcome Changes at Prairie

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She explained that students were not using it as learning tools but to play games at recess, in the multi purpose room or on the bus and wanted to ensure they were used for education. "So as a district we decided not to use technology during recess time. We wanted kids to play board games," She added.

Prairie students have mixed feelings about the rule. Julia Searle from Mrs. Reck's 4th grade class said, "Some people don't like it because you can do fun activities on your iPad and now, they don't have access to them anymore."

On the other hand, Anna Jane Moore from Mrs. Howard's 3rd grade class said, "The rule is good because indoor recess is a time to move." In addition to the change being good, Harper Newton from Mrs. Gallagher's 4th grade class said, "You shouldn't spend all day on your iPad." We also interviewed some teachers to get their perspective on the new rule. 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Campbell said "I don't think they should be used for indoor recess because it is a time to socialize." In addition to this the 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Meyer-Brunk said, "It's a learning device, not a gaming device and chances are you don't want to be learning during recess." Lastly 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Miller said, "There should continue to be no iPads during indoor recess because the kids need to get away from screen time and interact with their classmates."



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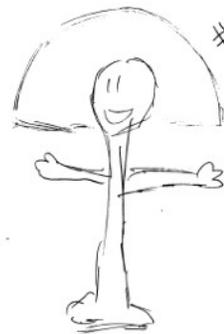


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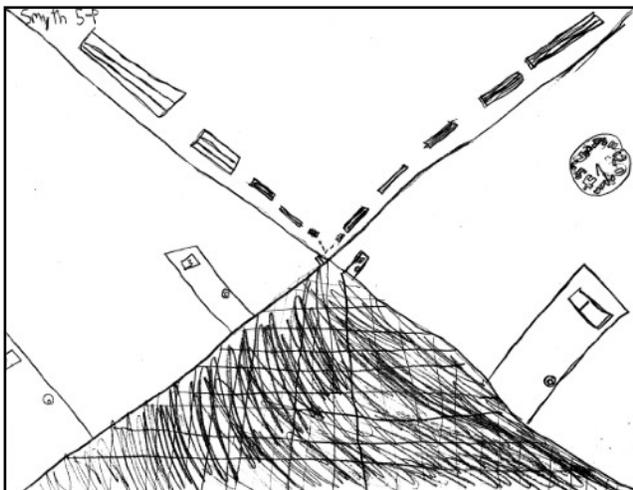


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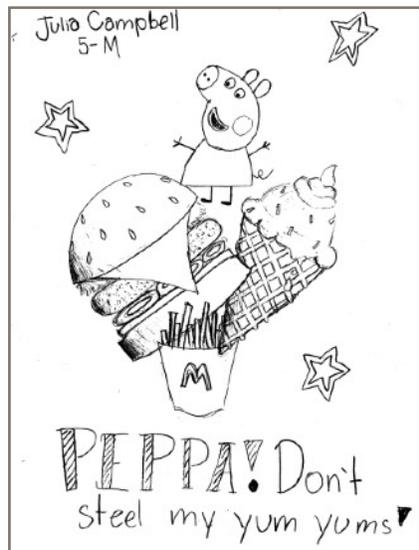
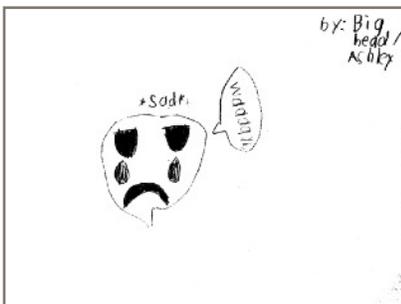
# The Panther Paw Playlist

Lift up your spirits and get into the the back to school groove with this "School's in Session" Playlist from **Lucy Stephens**:

- **High Hopes** by Panic! At The Disco
- **Sunflower** - Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse by Post Malone, Swae Lee
- **ME!** by Taylor Swift, Brendon Urie
- **Happy** (From "Despicable Me 2") by Pharrell Williams
- **Happier** by Marshmello, Bastille
- **This Is Me** by Keala Settle (The Greatest Showman Ensemble)
- **Old Town Road** by Lil Nas X
- **Hakuna Matata** by Billy Eichner, Seth Rogen, JD McCrary, Donald Glover
- **Treat you Better** by Shawn Mendes
- **You Need to Calm Down** by Taylor Swift
- **Lost in Japan - Remix** by Shawn Mendes, Zedd
- **Beautiful People** by Ed Sheeran, Khalid
- **Sweet but Psycho** by Ava Max
- **My Type** by Saint Motel
- **Can't Stop the Feeling** by Justin Timberlake
- **bad guy** by Billie Eilish
- **If I Can't Have You** by Shawn Mendes
- **Sucker** by Jonas Brothers
- **Thunder** by Imagine Dragons
- **Hey Look Ma, I Made It** by Panic! At The Disco

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# Dad Jokes

from Emily McShane

We've heard them before. These jokes are often told from the front seat of the car or over dinner and dad thinks they are much funnier than they are.

Our Panther Paw editors will share their best dad jokes

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

**A carrot**

What do you call a pile of cats

**A meow-tain**

Witch hand is better to write with  
**Neither, it's better to wright with a pen**

What do you call cheese that is not your cheese

**Nacho cheese**

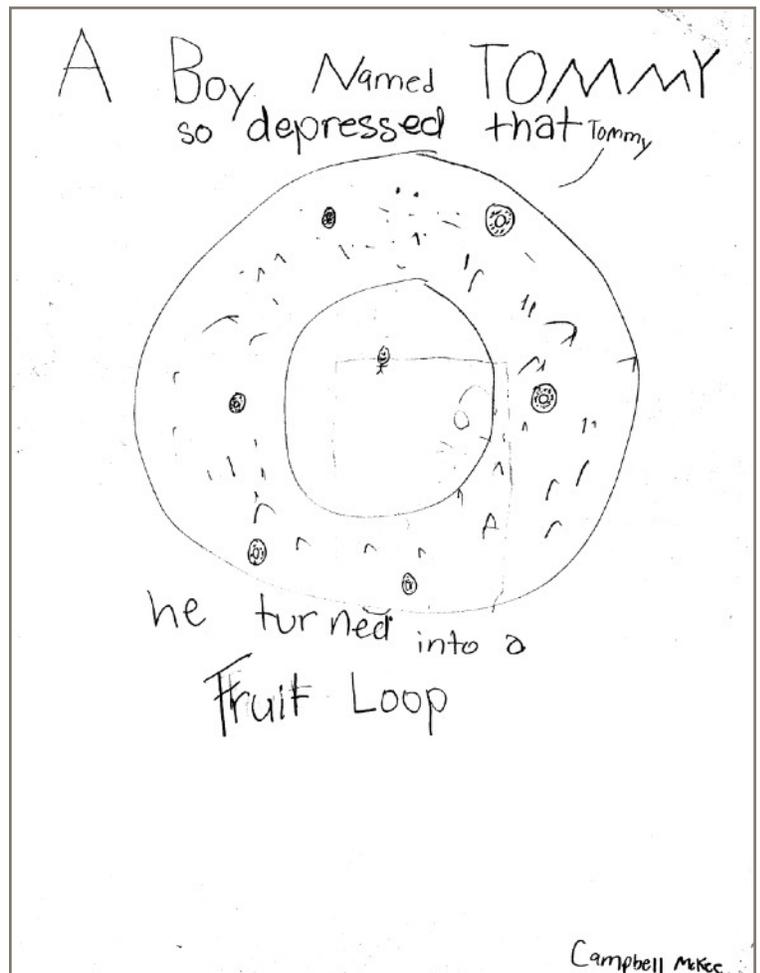
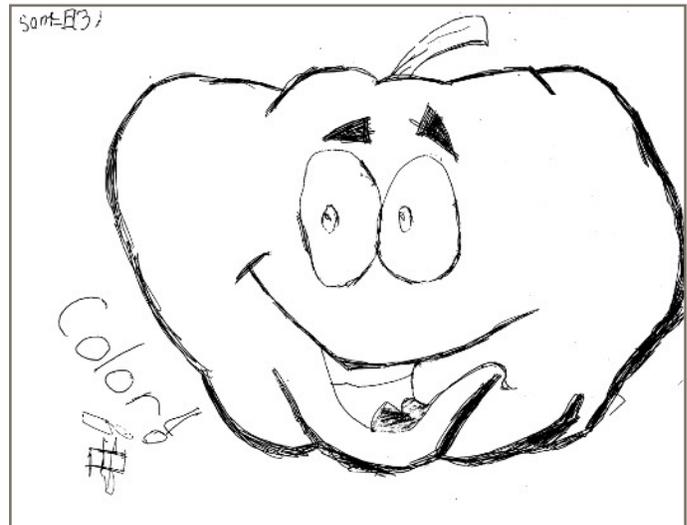
How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying

**You rocket**

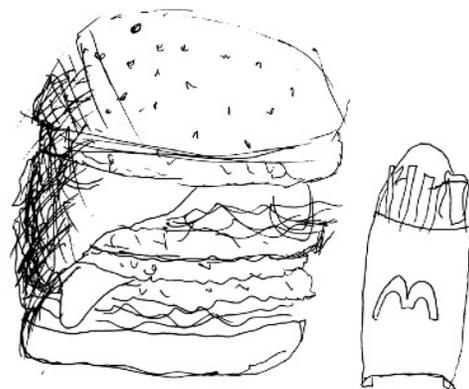
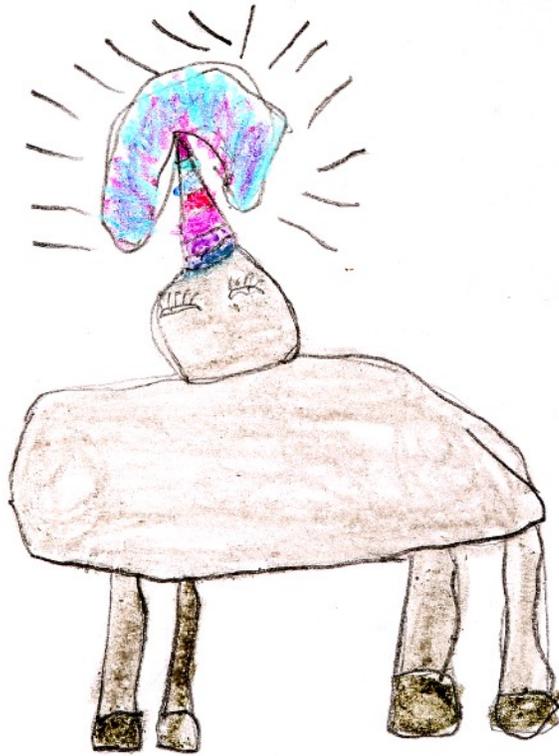
Why is the baseball stadium always cold

**Because they have a lot of fans**

**Get it! A lot of fans?!**



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### word search

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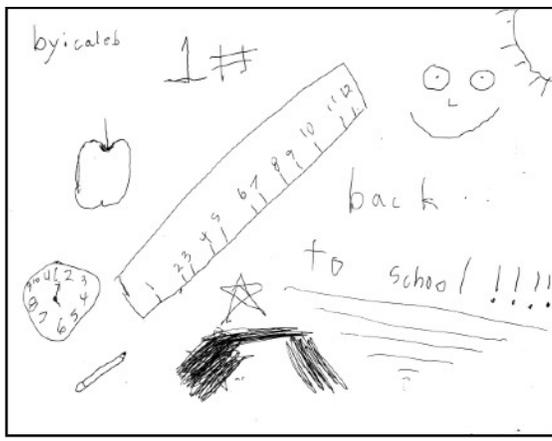
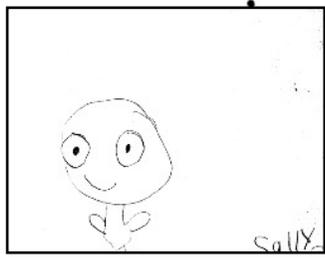
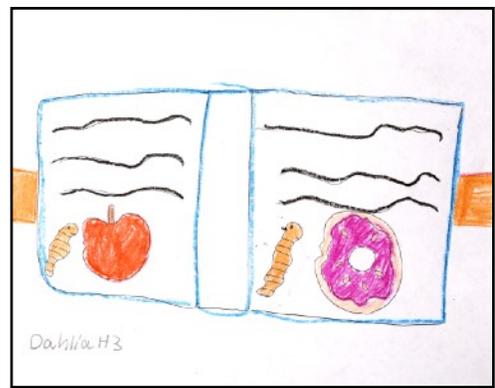
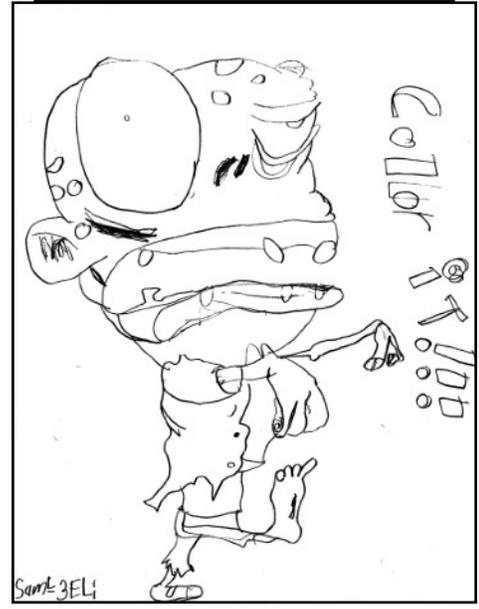
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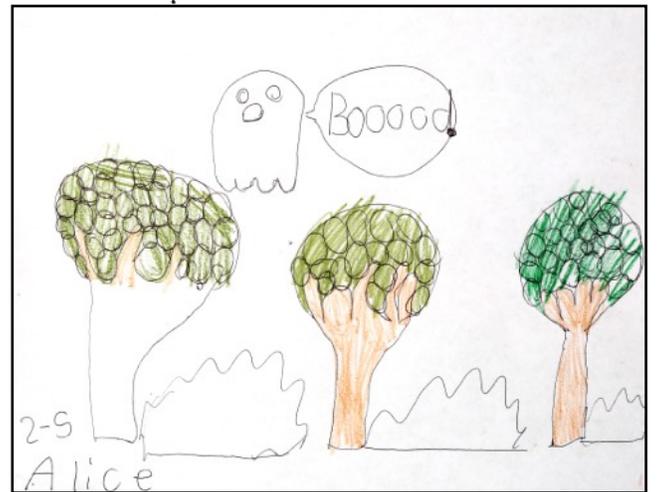
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# Back to School word search

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Backpack

Teacher

Book

Student

Pencil

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# School Wordsearch **word search**

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Ski  
Ice  
Sled  
Kids

cold  
Gloves  
Snowman  
Snowflake

