



# CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

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***Our mission at Cedarville Elementary School is:  
To build a solid academic foundation and develop fundamental skills  
that will lead our students into a lifetime of success.***

## ***From the desk of the Principal...***

For as many years as I can remember, Cedarville's courtyard has served as the spring-time nesting ground for a family of ducks. Our students have the unique opportunity to observe the mother duck as she builds her nest, patiently tends to her eggs, and welcomes her hatchlings into the world. Each year brings new and



exciting experiences as Mother Duck prepares her ducklings for life in world beyond the courtyard. Each year, it is our privilege to allow the duck family safe passage between the courtyard and the nearby pond through a small section of our hallway.

Late Monday afternoon, seven ducklings were seen in the courtyard. On Tuesday morning, it was discovered that the babies, attracted to storm water in a drain, had fallen through a grate into the drainpipe. Mother Duck would not let anyone near the drain to check or rescue her babies.

Mrs. Jenkins, second-grade teacher, called her husband, Dean, a retired Conservation Officer with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, to come help. Mr. Jenkins was able to remove the cover on the drain, but could not get to the ducklings. Mr. Jenkins asked for the plans for the school and its drainage system to investigate the best route to rescue the baby ducks.

The ducklings eventually moved down a pipe that goes under the school to an area ending in a 10-foot pit in front of the kindergarten rooms. Mother Duck could hear her babies peeping down below, and once again did not want anyone near the manhole cover.

Perhaps sensing Mr. Jenkins and his assistant meant no harm, Mother Duck retreated to the roof where she was joined by Father Duck. Mr. Jenkins climbed down inside the pit and was able to remove some of the babies and hand them up to his assistant who placed them in a box. Some of the ducklings tried to escape up an 8" pipe, so he had some difficulty catching the rest. Eventually, the ducklings were rescued and reunited with their mother. (The grate in the courtyard was covered so that they could not fall through again.)

On Wednesday, the Duck family was successfully moved to the nearby pond.

Many thanks to Mr. Jenkins and his assistant for sharing their expertise, and for helping to bring this story to a happy conclusion!

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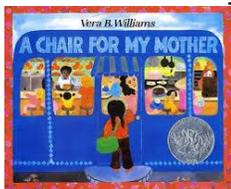


“Tell me what you read and I’ll tell you who you are” is true enough, but I’d know you better if you told me what you reread.”

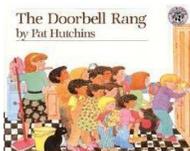
– Francois Muriac

## Favorites of Mrs. Paschka, Grade One:

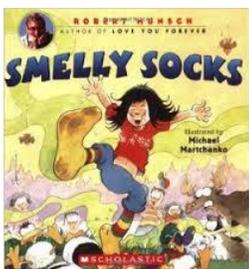
**A Chair For My Mother** by Vera B. Williams: This family of mother, daughter, and grandmother all live in one house. The mother is a hardworking waitress and the daughter sees how hard her mother works. They have a fire and all their chairs are burned up. The girl also works in the restaurant to earn some money to buy a new chair for her mother. This book is a Caldecott winner for best illustrations in a children’s book.



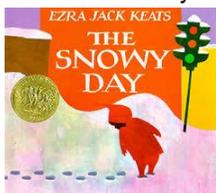
**The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins is a fun book that also teaches a lesson in math with fractions. Mom bakes a dozen cookies for her two children, which should be plenty. The doorbell rings and rings as more friends keep coming into the kitchen to eat a special treat. They figure out how to stretch the cookies so everyone gets a fair amount. This book always puts a smile on my face and teaches a great lesson about sharing.



**Smelly Socks** by Robert Munsch: Tina has colorful new socks which she loves and declares that she never wants to take them off. When her socks start to smell her friends take drastic action to get those socks washed. Even the animals are disgusted with Tina’s smelly socks. This book will make you laugh out loud and keep you guessing how the book will end.



**The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats has been a favorite book of many readers for years. Keats is also the illustrator and won a Caldecott Medal for this book. A boy in the city plays in the snow on a very snowy day. This book portrays the fun of the first snowfall by a curious boy dressed in a red snowsuit. When he returns home, he tells his mother about his day of adventure in the snow. This is a great book for young listeners, and it will help develop everyone’s imagination.



**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** is designed, written, and illustrated by Eric Carle. This book is used with our butterfly unit in first grade. A caterpillar is hatched out of an egg and is very hungry. The caterpillar keeps eating and eating until a change takes place. The illustrations go hand in hand with the book, and answers all of the curious science questions of any young reader.

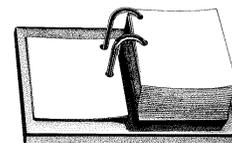
## Awards Ceremony and Talent Show...

Cedarville’s end-of-year Awards Ceremony and Talent Show are scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. As a parent, you may be unsure of just what these activities involve, so here are the highlights:

- Students are recognized for their accomplishments in three areas: Accelerated Reader (grades 2 – 3), First in Math, and Excellent Attendance.
- Teachers will notify parents of students being recognized during the award ceremony.
- Parents are certainly welcome to attend; however, space is *extremely* limited as both the awards ceremony and Talent Show will be school-wide (all grade levels at once) celebrations of the accomplishments and talents of our students. (As a point of reference for seating capacity, please remember that our Spring Concerts were divided by grade levels.)
- We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we plan these special events for our students!

## Mark Your Calendar...

- May 19: Rooms 101, 102, 104 to Fox Island 9:15-2:00
- May 20: Grade 3 to Science Central 9:05-1:30
- May 21: Rooms 105, 106, 107 to Fox Island 9:15-2:00
- May 21: Grade 3 to Crazy Pinz 9:10-12:30
- May 21: Collaboration Day (last one of the year)
- May 21: Talent Show try-outs in cafeteria @ 3:10
- May 23: Kdg to FW Children’s Zoo 9:15-2:15
- May 26: **MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- May 27: Kindergarten Spring Music Program @ 6:30
- May 30: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- May 30: FUN DAY
- June 3: Awards Ceremony (9:30), Cookout Day, and Talent Show (in gym by 1:20)
- June 4: Last day of school
- June 5: **SUMMER BREAK BEGINS, NO SCHOOL**



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