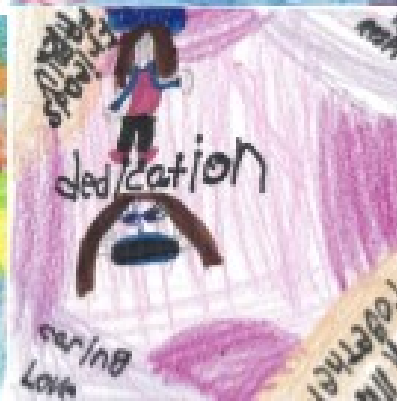
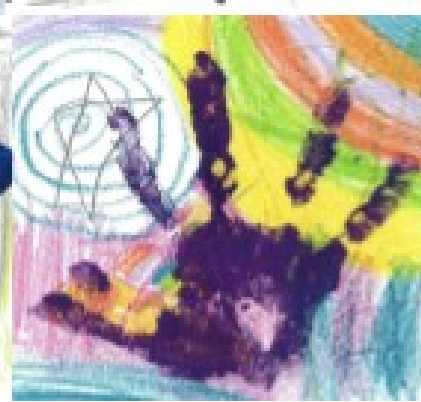
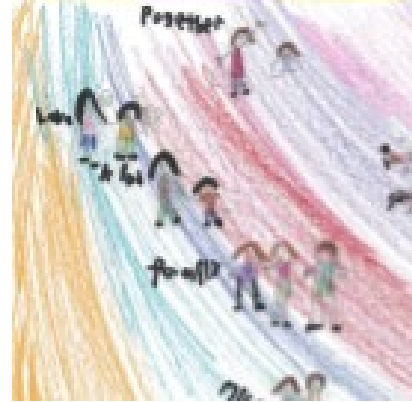
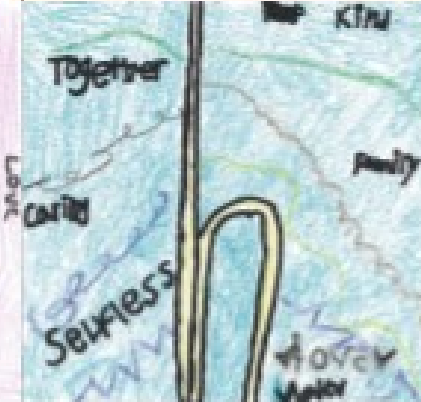
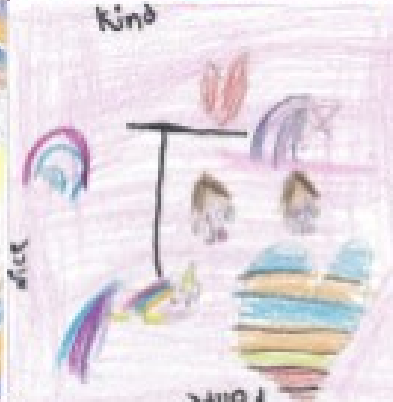


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# ***Stories from Students***

**Stories by: Wakanda Elementary School First Graders  
Menomonie, WI**

*My mom works at the hospital. She helps other people be safe. My mom had to work more to help people, so she had to be away from home and our family more. I'm proud of my mom for working hard.*

*My uncle works in the hospital. We have not seen him since the sickness started. It makes me sad that we cannot see him or my cousins.*

*My grandma and papa work at the hospital. I do not get to see them a lot which makes me feel sad. I am proud of the work they do and for helping people.*

*My mom works at the hospital and helps people. We stayed home because of the sickness.*

*My brother had to go to the doctor's during the sickness and the doctor was really nice to him.*

*When I had to go to the doctor, they were really nice and checked me. They helped me feel better.*

*I have had to be tested three times for COVID and the nurses were really kind.*

*The nurses who tested me for COVID were really nice.*

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## ***A Teacher's Perspective***

**Story by: Erin Kennedy  
Menomonie, WI**

My name is Erin Kennedy and this is my 11th year teaching and fourth year with the School District of the Menomonie Area. This year has brought about many challenges and areas for growth for me as an educator. From learning how to teach virtually last spring while still balancing being a mom to three little ones and working from home. To coming back to a whole new way of teaching with many new protocols in place. I was excited when I found out that the district was going back to in person learning this year.

While the year has been different in many ways, one thing that has been constant is my love for being in the classroom and being with my students. I have been and continue to be amazed at how resilient the students have been through this all. They continue to teach me about what is important in life: learning, love, kindness, and gratitude.

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