

# The Hurricane



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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

January/February/March/April 2018

## AC-T Principal News By Mrs. Sarah Voyles



Hopefully by the time this letter reaches you we can put the snow behind us (along with snow pants and boots) and be having some wonderful spring weather!

As always, I'm so impressed with the students, staff and community of AC-T that I like to spend my time shouting out about what makes AC-T a "great place to start"!

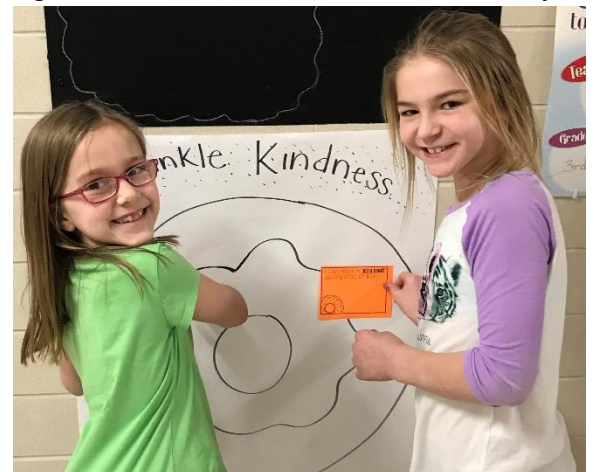
Our students again scored very well on Iowa Assessments and I'm pleased to be able to share these results with you in this newsletter. This is an assessment for just our 2nd-6th grade students, but know that our students in the lower elementary are working hard as well. Later this spring all students at AC-T will have a final round of testing to see how much they have grown throughout this year in reading and math. It's always an exciting time to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. We will plan to celebrate the students and their hard work on May 24th (pending no more snow days) starting at 8:30 in the gym. Everyone is welcomed to join us in the big gym to hear about their accomplishments.



This year we held Parent Literacy Night at the end of February. For the second year in a row we have followed the One School, One Book program. This program allows for our families to each get the same book and read together as a family. This year the literacy team chose the book Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks. This book has two characters who are both being bullied by the same student. The characters find a way to come together to overcome bullying. Bullying is a very popular word that gets thrown around a lot. I got to spend some time in classrooms this spring discussing bullying; what it is and what they can do to help. We will culminate this activity with another special bullying

presentation from Mrs. Wildeman, our guidance counselor. We have great students at AC-T, but we are always on the working on ways to show kindness and respect to each other as well encouraging them to be life-long readers!

That brings me to the Jelly Donut Difference that we challenged students to be a part of during the month of February. Students were encouraged, as always, to be kind and respectful, but then take it one step further to recognize those who are showing those traits. When the students received those compliments, you could sure see both students grinning to know they were part of something pretty special. Thank you to PACT for providing donuts to the students as we finished that challenge. This was another nice reminder of others showing kindness to our students.



Let's have a great Spring (even if the spring weather never shows up) and finish the school year strong with that same continue support for our students!

## *Notes from Mr. Rob Olsen, AC-T Superintendent*



### **Albert City Athletic Fields**

We are very fortunate to have the ball fields at our north complex that will be used by Sioux Central JH and Albert City little league again this summer. The School Board has approved the demo of the smaller fields near the city campground along with the remainder of the football field bleachers and press box.

### **Summer Work**

The School Board has approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of our building improvements that started two summers ago. This phase will include the removal of the ceiling in the north hall of the building. A new ceiling will be installed with new energy efficient lighting, which will save utility dollars in our general fund. As part of this project, we will be repainting, installing new doors, and replacing the flooring in the hallway and classrooms.

In addition to the work described above, there will be some concrete replaced around the building as well as some new concrete on the east side of the building to be used for the bus pick-up area and for parking. The main gym will also receive phase 2 of the improvements with the replacement of the east bleachers and a climbing wall on the west end to be used during PE class and for other activities. The bathrooms in the north hallway will also be renovated.

### **Thank You**

I want to thank the students, staff, parents, community, and School Board for allowing me the opportunity to be the leader of this fine school district for the past 3 years. I have truly enjoyed my time here and the opportunity to serve all of you. My family and I will be relocating to the Des Moines area in June. The previous superintendent, Jeff Dicks, will be taking my place as superintendent and will officially start his work on July 1st.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable rest of the year and summer!



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# Nurse Notes

Happy Spring!

~Before we returned after Christmas break, I held an emergency medical response drill with our staff. I wanted them to have an opportunity to act through a scenario, and think of all the things that need to be done in an emergency situation. I staged a scenario with a “student”

who was found unresponsive with no pulse, and asked the staff to respond as if it was real. Using a manikin, they called for help, started CPR, brought the AED, and worked together to do everything that needed to be done. We ran this drill for several minutes, then talked through how things could have gone better. I was able to offer feedback and answer the questions that arose. We then ran the same drill a second time, and it was amazing how smoothly things went! All of us benefit from practicing and reviewing things we’ve learned, and CPR and first aid are no different.

~Summer break will be here before we know it, so now is a great time to call and make all of your summer appointments for your children to see their doctor, dentist, and eye doctor. It is so nice to take care of these things early in the summer, rather than during the back-to-school rush!



Please feel free to contact me anytime!

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## Library News - Mrs. Kellie Wells

It’s hard to believe we will soon be at the end of another school year. For the younger students that come to library class, the focus for the year has been on different authors as well characteristics of fictional stories. With the older students we first focused on the location of different materials in the library as well as how to use the online catalog to find the materials. We’ve also worked with a few of the AEA



Databases. The first database we looked at was Britannica which is an online encyclopedia. Within that database we looked at the biography section and found interesting information on famous people. The year will end with use of Culture Grams and TrueFlix and if there is time, there will be a quick introduction to ScienceFlix and FreedomFlix. I constantly reiterated to the students the importance of safe and reliable research which is why all of our research was done within the AEA Databases.

With summer break approaching, I want to remind parents the importance of the students keeping up with reading throughout the summer to avoid the “summer slide” in reading. Make sure to give your child choice in what he or she is reading; nonfiction, graphic novels, magazines, or fiction are some of the types of reading your child will enjoy. The goal is to get them reading and enjoying what they read. Place books in places where there may be little else to interest them such as in the car or even in the bathroom. Try to set aside some time each day for reading. Limit screen time so they look for other things to do and have reading materials readily available to take the place of a device. Allow children to stay up later during the summer than you would during the school year to read in bed. Make trips to your public library, and model reading by reading to your children as well as letting them see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper. There are also some free websites that are fun for kids to use that promote reading and make good use of limited screen time. StorylineOnline is a site by the Screen Actors Guild that has actors and actresses reading books aloud along with some animation of the books. I use this in the library and students really enjoy the stories. Starfall.com is free site to practice phonic skills with read-along stories. Taking advantage of opportunities for children to read or you reading to them throughout the summer will keep them from experiencing the “summer slide” when they back to school in the fall.



## Preschool / TK News by Mrs. Jessica Hansen

Hooray for Spring!! Preschool and TK have been doing lots of great things year! We are so proud of how hard they have been working on their letters, numbers, rhyming, and social skills.

This winter we spent time on a project learning all about snow! The students went through different stages of the project by asking





questions, researching questions using different tools, and of course getting our hands dirty and playing in it! They enjoyed making snowflakes, painting snow, and learning about how snow is made.

This spring we are excited to use our exploration skills to enjoy the outdoors and continue to grow!



## Mrs. Nicholson's Happenings

By: Rebecca Nicholson, Special Education Teacher

Where does the time go? I can't believe it is March and it is beginning to feel like spring. There has been a lot of exciting things going on in our classroom. We have been learning about getting along with others, how to control our anger, and how to control our feelings. There are students who are making great growth in reading and have made the Book It Challenge. When they have reached their goal in reading, students will get a coupon for a free personalized pizza at Pizza Hut. Students look forward to that! I also have students who are continuing to make progress in their math skills. Students are learning about fractions, number sense skills, and computation. I have been doing a lot of math games to build their number sense skills. Students who have number sense skills will have that foundation of math skills needed for everything else they do!

This is an exciting time of year in my room as I am working on my Masters of Special Education through Morningside College. As part of my Master's program, I am doing a study involving the effects of inclusion, which means that instead of students coming to my classroom for instruction, I am providing that instruction in the student's classroom. I have already seen some interesting results and excited to share this with the staff. During this time, I also am having a practicum student from Buena Vista University.

There is always something new and exciting going on in my room and can't wait to see what the next couple months brings before I send students off for the summer!

## Second Grade Update

by: Mrs. Kelsey Huskamp



Things sure are flying by this year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The new paint and quotes were a fun way to start off the year. We are also trying out flexible seating this year and the kids are loving it. They get to choose what type of seat to sit on each week, know the rules, and handle this well. The lower elementary wing also ordered new desks this year and it has been fun to try different arrangements with them.



We have been spending time working on our fluency by doing reader's theaters and performing them around the school. I have been doing some math rotations to help meet all the needs of the students and they love the games and activities that we do for those.

For Science, we have been spending some time doing a STEM kit that I ordered from Iowa Lakes. We are making straw rockets that have to fly 5-8 meters and land in a ½ meter diameter circle. We have been experimenting with all variables like different kinds of straws, length of the straw, nose weight/no nose weight, and fins/no fins. We will be testing these in March and see if we could build one to fit in the parameters given.



## Hurricane Announcements!

The Spring Concert will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The Little Hurricane Relays will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the football field in Albert City with all grades participating in the afternoon. The rain date is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

6th Grade Graduation will be Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Last Day of School will be May 24<sup>th</sup> with a 1:00 pm dismissal. Awards ceremony will be held at 8:30 am.

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**PACT (Pride of AC-T support group) needs volunteers for the next school year! If you are interested in helping with various events at school with serving or providing food, please contact Principal Sarah Voyles or Kayla McCarthy for details. You can also like PACT on Facebook at AC-T PACT. Thanks for your support of our school!**



# News from the 6th Grade

## Get to Know Our Sixth Graders

### *All About Kurtis Wood*



*By Aiden Cady*

Kurtis Wood is a 11-year-old 6th grade boy. His friends are Trevor, Aiden, Duane, Remi, Braeden, Angel, and Reagan. His parents are Jamie and Jessica Wood. In his spare time, he likes to play

Minecraft with Aiden. His favorite food is beef stroganoff. His least favorite food is hot dogs. When Kurtis grows up he wants to be a Minecraft YouTuber, or a YouTuber in general, the reason he wants to be a YouTuber is because we can make money for doing things that he likes. Kurtis has 2 pets his dog named Clifford and his cat named Pitter. By the way he lives in Albert City, IA.

### Interesting Facts about Keyla Molina Siney

BY JAZMIN DURAZO-VAZQUEZ



One of my best friends is Keyla, she was born in December 31, 2005, currently she is twelve years old. She and her family are new in town, they moved here from Storm Lake. Her mother's name is Ilcia Siney, and her father's name is Luis Molina. She has a little brother

named Samuel and four older siblings named Ruth, Esther, Luis and Obed. Her favorite color is blue. She wants to become a vet when she grows up because she loves all kinds of animals especially cats. She doesn't have any pets because she is allergic to them but she wishes she had a cat. When she grows up she wants to live in Los Angeles, California. She loves summer because she can go swimming

and she can hang out with her friends more often. It was very nice to have another student in our class this year. Keyla is like piece of the puzzle for our classroom! We are very glad to have her in AC-T!

### **Layla Scruggs** **By Madalyn Forbes**



Layla Scruggs is one of the first kids that I met when I came to Albert City. She is one of the sixth graders in my class. Layla is eleven years old. Her parents are Michael Scruggs and Irene Zabala. Layla has 4 pets and their names are: Cocoa,

Aarson, Nova, and Carson. Layla also has 3 sisters and 1 brother, their names are Maliek, Makayla, Micah, and Larene. When she grows up she wants to be a famous singer. Layla was not originally from Albert City; she is originally from California. One of the questions I asked her was: What is your favorite food? She said "a Burrito." I also asked Layla what her favorite football team was she said "the Dallas Cowboys". Go Cowboys!!!! Layla likes to do sports but her favorite is gymnastics. Layla is an amazing friend and she loves dogs just like I do.

### **All About Aiden Cady**

*by Addisyn Fuchs*

**Aiden Cady is a 12-year-old 6th grader. His full name is Aiden Allen Cady. He was**



born on December 3rd in Storm Lake, IA. Aiden's parents' names are Mason and Stephanie Cady. He has one little sister named Brynlee, and a cat named Gunther. I asked Aiden what his favorite thing at AC-T is, and he responded "Cheesecake". I also asked Aiden what his favorite meal at school was, and he replied "mac and cheese." Aiden's favorite subject is P.E. He also likes to play Minecraft on his free time with Kurtis Wood. Aiden's favorite T.V. show is Friends. I asked Aiden if he could be anybody or anything for one day who would he be? he answered, "A Diamond Minecraft guy, because he can mine really fast". Aiden's favorite animal is a unicorn. Aiden's best friends are Kurtis Wood, Raine Miller, and Addisyn Fuchs. Now you know about Aiden Cady. I think Aiden Cady sounds like a typical 12-year-old. My favorite thing about Aiden is his personality. He is always up for fun.



# STEVEN JACOBS

by Jaden Thayer

I'm going to tell you about Steven. The first thing I know about him is that he likes the Undertale. At home Steven likes to read the book Warriors it is a series of books. He like the color green. Steven does not like any sports at all, especially football. Steven doesn't like any PE games. He was born in Storm Lake Ia. Steven lives at the end of Truesdale. He likes to go to his house right after school. He goes to his friend's house occasionally and plays. Steven's favorite character in Undertale is lemon bread. Stevens favorite special is Art. At school Steven likes to read. At school for recess Steven likes to swing. In Steven's family he has Rachel, Benjamin, Caitlyn and Steven. Steven's favorite candy is jelly beans. Steven's favorite meal is mac and cheese. Steven doesn't like candy bars that much. I think Steven is a good person at AC-T.



## Raine Lee Miller

By Kurtis Wood

Raine Lee Miller is a kid who is 12 years old. He was born in the capitol Des Moines, IA. He now lives in a very small town called Albert City, IA. One of Raine's favorite things to do on the weekend is go to Sky Zone, a trampoline park. Both of Raine's parents are still living. He has 5 siblings Lexi, Lainnie, Makinzie, Scotland and his brother David. He really likes to do sports, one of his favorite sports is football. He also likes to play the series of video games Call of Duty. He also likes to camp, fish, and also just likes to be outdoors. He is a fun person with a good personality.

## ALL ABOUT ADDISYN FUCHS BY LAYLA SCRUGGS



Let me tell you a little of what she has to say when I interview her in technology. What Addisyn said when I asked her these questions I asked her who do you look up to she said her father she said she always looked up to her father Tim Fuchs. Her parents are Tim and Melanie Fuchs. Her sisters' names



are Kiley and McKenna. She is 12 her birthday is February 17 she likes Summer weather. Then I asked her what's your least favorite holiday she said "Valentine day because it's very very very boring but I get free candy from my father". But her favorite holiday is Christmas because "sometimes we get to go to Turks and Caicos" that's her favorite, she said, so far. Her favorite book is a Bad Case of Stripes. When she was little her favorite show was SpongeBob, when she was little she wanted to be a Surgeon. After I asked her this you like to do in school and she said that she like eating her science projects like in Third Grade. Then as you may know she has 2 dogs who died and now she has two dogs, named Huckleberry and Kizer. Her very first drawing, she thinks, is animals because they look very funny. I think that it doesn't matter but that's ok and I think Christmas is ok though. My favorite is Easter because we go looking for the Easter eggs.

What I like about my friend Addisyn is that she stands up for her friends and she is the most kind and generous girl I ever met.

## **Meet My Best Friend,**



## **Taber Caraway BY JANESEA NIELSEN**

This is all about my best friend Taber Caraway. He's in 6th grade and he's 11 years old. His dog likes to sleep in his room and likes to sleep on the floor. Taber lives on an acreage with his mom, Mandy and his dad, Shane Caraway. Taber's favorite food is Spaghetti. At school he likes to play on the swings and in the sandbox. He likes to make his dog in the sandbox. His favorite candy is

anything with chocolate. His favorite restaurant is McDonald's. He gets: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, and Sprite. Taber has a family pet his name is Chet and he's a Black Lab. Taber is a great friend to hang out he's so funny and nice and we talk about how is life and what Chet is doing. Usually Chet is taking a nap! We like to take walks at Recess. We also play Pizza Hut. I usually get some French Fries, Hamburgers, and a Dr. Pepper. He usually gets the same what I get. We usually play Walmart too we don't play Pizza Hut that much anymore but Walmart is super fun too! We usually get dog toys for our dogs: Chet and Max. We get a lot of dog toys in Walmart. You should play with Taber because he's so fun to play with.

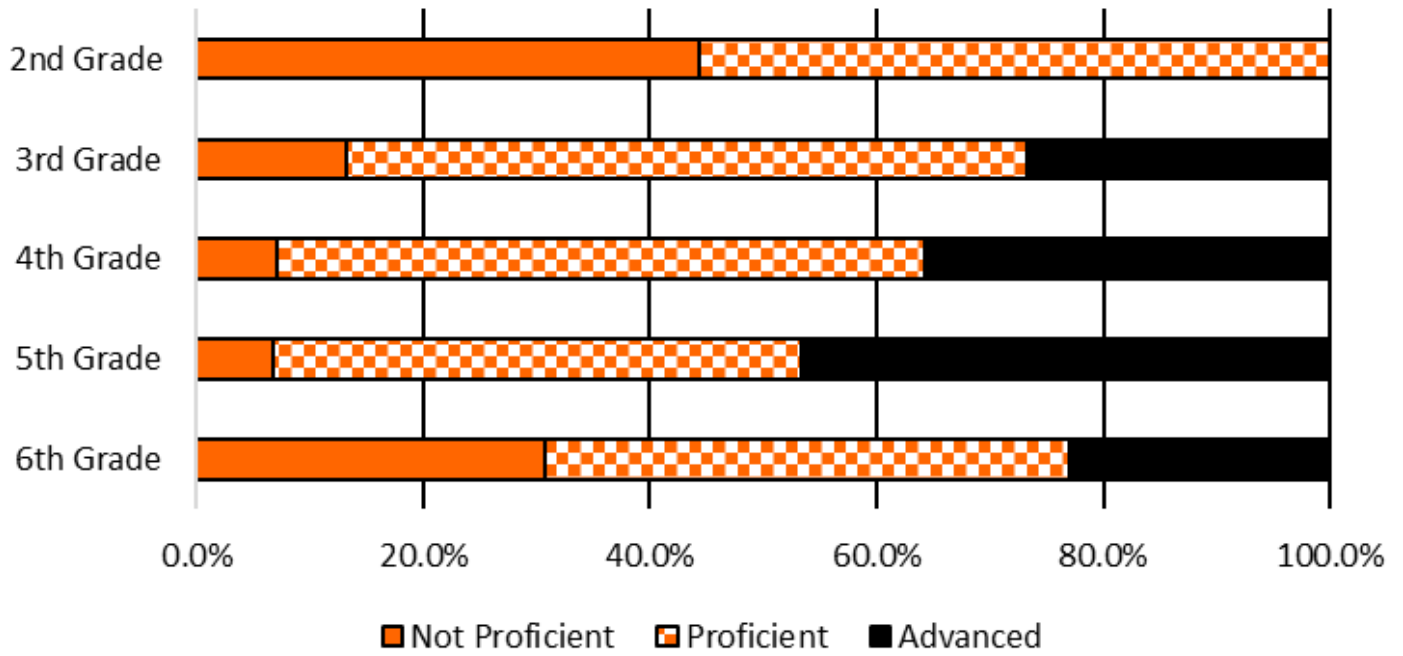
## **Madalyn Forbes by Steven Jacobs**



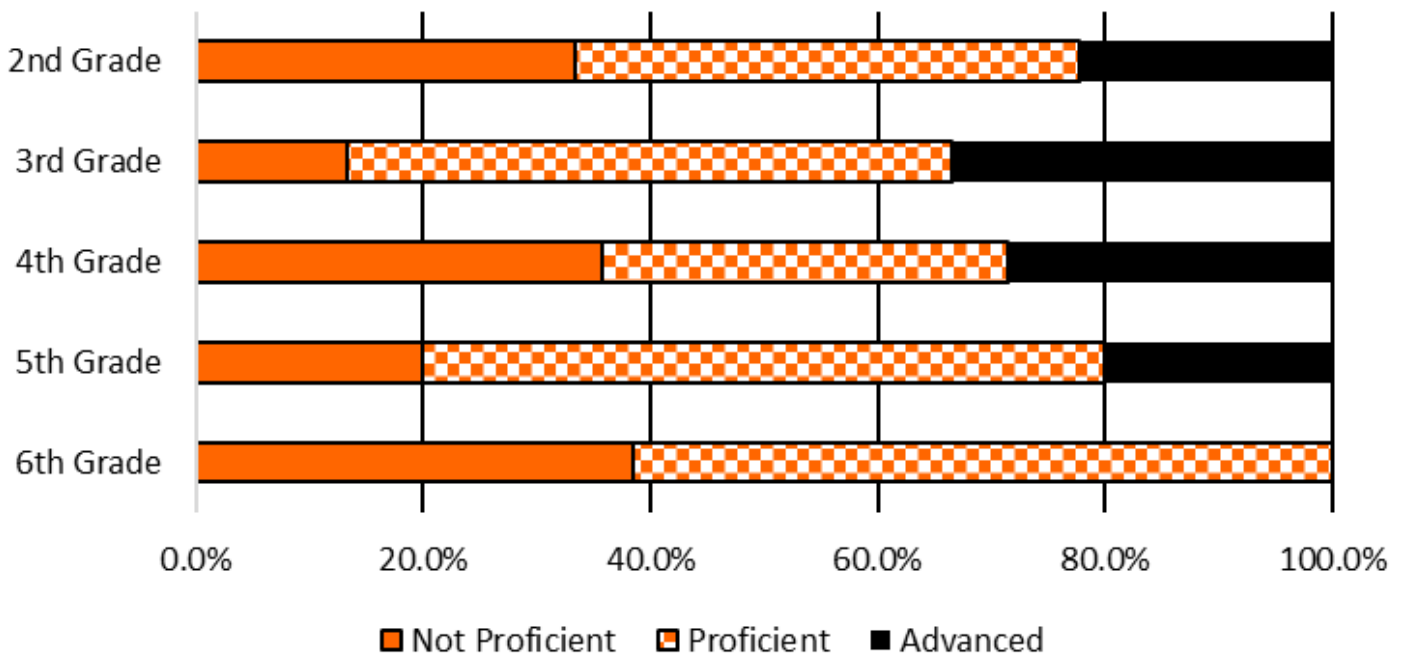
I interviewed Mady and I believe she can become your friend here is some info about her. She lives in Albert City and likes to draw. She wants to be a vet or an artist when she grows up. Her favorite subject in school is reading. Her family includes her brother Spencer Forbes, her mom Carly Forbes, and her dad Bruce Forbes. She likes it at AC-T and she can stay at AC-T. Because Mady and her friends like to make the day more exciting. She thinks Taco John's is better than Taco Bell and agrees cheesecake is good. She doesn't like Pokémon a lot anymore and if she had to bet who would win a griffin or a dragon she thinks a griffin would win and thinks 5 gum is cool. Over all Mady is an interesting person to talk to.

# Iowa Assessment Results Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> for 2017-2018

## Reading by Grade

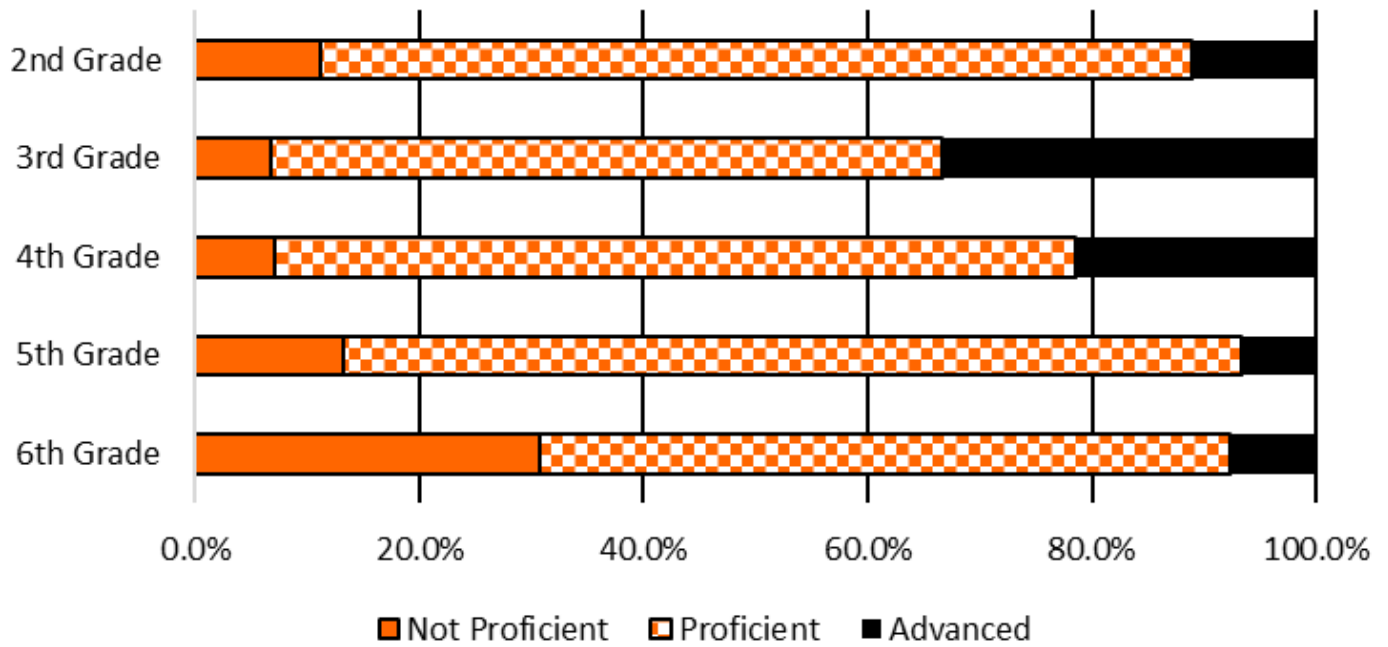


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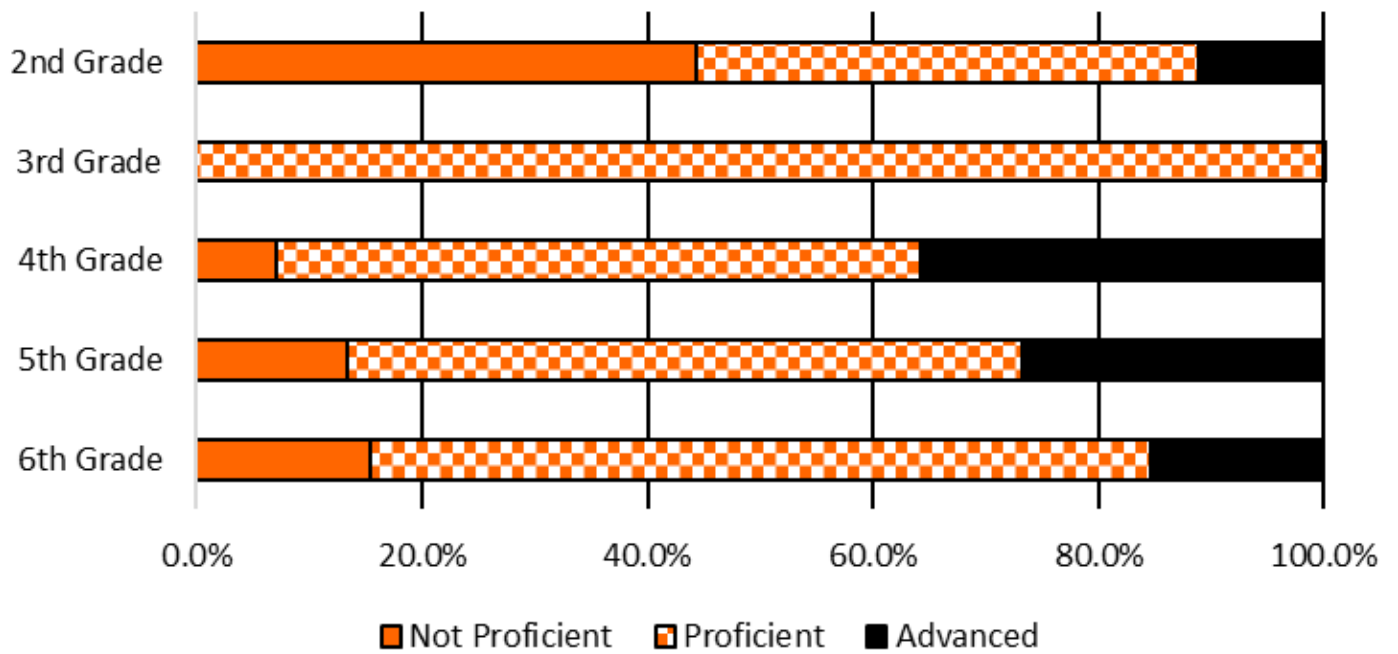




## Social Studies by Grade



## Science by Grade



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