



It pays to be GOOD

Morrison Elementary students rewarded for positive behavior

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At Morrison School, it sure pays to be good. As part of the school's SOAR program, deserving students receive fun rewards throughout the year.

SOAR is an acronym for Be Safe, Be Organized, Be Accountable and Be Respectable. Students who exhibit good behavior, and do not receive any write-ups are automatically allowed to participate in quarterly activities. Some of the fun activities already enjoyed include a hayride, outdoor games, and arcade games. Maybe a swim/ water activity party will be in the future.

The most recent positive behavior reward was a farm day held at the school. Students could get up close to an assortment of farm animals, churn butter, enjoy ice cream, learn about tractors and farm equipment, as well as receive education on assorted grains used on the farm.

Officials from the Tennessee

Wildlife Resource Agency brought their informational trailer to the school for tours, and members of the Future Farmers Association were on site to visit with children.

Warren County High School FFA advisor Danielle Smith supervised her students, as they shared information on various animals they provided for the day. They brought goats, a pig, calves, chickens and ducks to share.

"My students really enjoy being with the smaller children and sharing their knowledge," said Smith. "I feel it's important for my FFA members to share info about the various animals and food sources."

One group of students displayed a farm tractor and gave a presentation on various grains, such as soybeans, corn and wheat.

"So many children today are disconnected from the farm, and many do not know where their food actually comes from," said Smith.

A fun spot was manned by teacher Kyle Cannon, as he brought his

quarter horse, C-4-9, to share with students. FFA member Layne Murphy also gave rides to students on his horse, Fancy.

"The kids really like to see the horse," said Cannon. "Many of them have never had the opportunity to ride, so we are giving them a chance."

The students were able to make a stop at a butter-making table to see a simple, but unique, demonstration. FFA member Bailey Barrett told the students to place heavy cream and salt in a small jar, and shake for 12 minutes or until the mixture thickens to make delicious butter.

It was the first time for third-grader Lilianna Sanchez to try fresh butter, and she decided she liked it, and just might try to make some at home.

The butter was tasty for some, but everyone enjoyed the bowl of ice cream or frozen yogurt before making their way to the photo booth, complete with creative props.

"Farm Day was a great success this year," said organizer April Murphy. "The students were exposed to experiences they will never forget, and we are so appreciative of all those who made it possible."



Margaret Hobbs photos
Morrison School third-graders Kristopher Robledo and Harmoni Kennerly get up close to a friendly goat. Several animals were provided by Warren County FFA members, making the farm day a success.



Third-grader Lilianna Sanchez leads the way as she tastes freshly made butter on bread. Warren County FFA member Bailey Barrett churned the butter and served the students.



Boys just want to have fun, especially friends, from left, Bryson Basham, Jaxson Jones and Lucas Nunley. The trio carefully chose their props before entering the photo booth.



Even on a cool and breezy day, ice cream is delicious, decides Morrison first-graders, from left, Katelyn Meyers and Jesse Hopkins. They are served by volunteers, from left, Clara Moore and Kelli Adams.



Cheyenne Doba holds on tight as Gabby Monzon gives her a ride on a quarter horse named C-4-9. Following her short ride, she enjoyed it so much, she wanted to go again.



Baby chicks are a sure sign spring is just around the corner. Fourth-grade student Lauren Sparkman enjoyed seeing all the animals, especially the chicks.