I realized the other day when I went to the grocery store, that I felt like I was back in my classroom. All around me was evidence of things we are studying. For example, when I got my cart, I was using both potential and kinetic energy. Kinetic energy is the energy an object has due to its motion. Potential energy is the energy the cart has due to its shape and position. It has the potential to do work.

As I was shopping for some spaghetti sauce, I had to figure out the unit rate for two different kinds of sauces to find out which one was the best bargain. A unit rate is a rate that makes a comparison to 1 unit. For example, if Brand A costs $2.70 for 3 ounces, and Brand B costs $3.20 for 4 ounces, which is the best buy? I figured out that the unit rate for Brand A was $.90 for one ounce and Brand B was $.80 for one ounce. Brand B was the best buy.

I saw near the pharmacy the pestle and mortar symbol. It reminded me that the ancient Romans would use the pestle and mortar to grind foods into pastes and powders that was often a slow and difficult task. Many of the foods they ate are the same foods, herbs, and spices that can be found in the grocery store today such as coriander seeds, oregano, thyme, celery and fish.

I knew about many of the sale items in the store because they were publicized which happened to be one of our vocabulary words for the week.

Finally, I ran into both a former student and a current student from my class. It is always fun for me to catch up with those students and share their successes and meet members of their family.

This excursion to the grocery store reminded me that what we teach in sixth grade today is hopefully something that can be used in our daily lives. We hope to create respectful, productive citizens of society.

But now, I have to put my groceries away.

Kindergarten Round-Up for the 2016-2017 school year will be held Friday, January 22, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Items needed for registration are:

Certified copy of birth certificate
Immunization records
Proof of address in parent’s name (examples would be MUD, OPPD, Cox Cable bills. Lease/rental agreement, proof of sale)
Our very popular “school store” will return this Friday, Jan. 15. The PTA-sponsored store will feature Boyd-branded merchandise, including shirts for $11, water bottles for $2, and wrist bands, pen/pencil set, Smencils and Smickers (scented stickers) for $1 each.

Family Night: Save the date for our next Family Night on Thursday, Jan. 21. There will be a book fair and other activities for the whole family. More details to come!

Box Tops/Labels: The PTA collects Box Tops and Labels for Education as an additional source of income to support its programs. There is a collection box near the front desk. Box Tops and Labels can also be given to your child’s teacher. Please check the expiration date on these clippings before turning them in.

SCHOOL SELECTION FORMS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

It’s that time of year again! If you have a student in the 5th or 6th grade, Pre-Kindergarten or a Head Start student that will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, you should have received a school selection form this last week. With this form there should have been an information sheet explaining the changes that will be made to the school assignment plan for the school year beginning in the fall of 17-18. Please look at the information sheet carefully as it may affect your student’s transportation to and from school. This information was also sent to homes over Winter break.

This fall, Boyd Elementary will no longer have 6th graders in our building. They will be attending Middle School. Your student will need to return their school selection form to their classroom teacher on or before January 22. Your family will be notified in late March or early April regarding your student’s school assignment for the upcoming 16-17 school year. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call the school. We will be happy to assist you with the selection process.

BOYD ELEMENTARY’S FAMILY NIGHT!
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 6:30–8:00 P.M.

VISIT THE BOOK FAIR!
EVERY FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A PACKET OF MATH GAMES CREATED BY THE TEACHERS TO TAKE HOME!
THE PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE CLASSES WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE FOR THEIR CLASSROOM!
EVERYONE GETS A FREE COOKIE!