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Bernie PAT Students of the Month for January 2018

JANUARY 10TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Bernie, Missouri - Owen, Elliot, and Adryan are the 2018 Bernie Parents as Teachers Students of the Month.

They are the sons of Chris and Alysa Costin.

Owen Jayce Lewis is four years old and enjoys playing with his brothers, listening to his mom read to him, learning new things, and helping take care of his baby brother.

Elliot Riley Lewis is two years old and really looks up to his older brother. He enjoys dressing up as superheroes, playing outside, and being mischievous.

Adryan James Costin is eight months old and loves to play with his toys, smile, and giggle at everyone and everything. Adryan is currently working on crawling.

Owen, Elliot, and Adryan all enjoy spending time with their oldest brother, Corben, who attends Bernie preschool and is also shown in the photo.

The family's favorite parts of participating in Parents As Teachers is watching the boys enjoy and interact with the new activities they're given and getting to show the new and exciting things they've learned since their last visit with their Parent Educator.

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Bernie PAT December Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Cooper Wayne Zimmerman is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for December.

He is the ?nine? month old son of Tony and Natalie Zimmerman. Cooper loves playing with his big brother Drake, listening to his mommy read, and climbing on everything! Cooper likes getting new books and the fun new activities Mrs. Casey, the family's parent educator, brings each visit.

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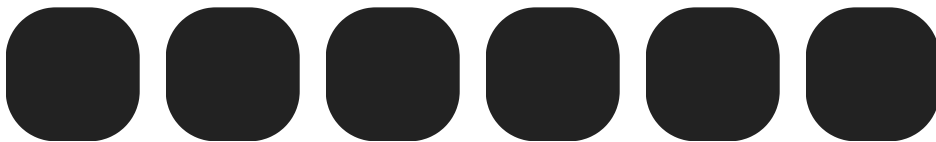
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Bernie PAT 2017 November Student of the Month

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Bernie, Missouri - Christopher Scott Snider is the three month old son of Jordon and Traka Snider and is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for November.

Christopher loves taking baths, reading books, and when his family talks and plays with him.

He also enjoys being read to by his big sister Amelia.

During the family's PAT visits, Christopher enjoys looking at his new books and getting to play with his Aunt Casey, the family's Parent Educator.

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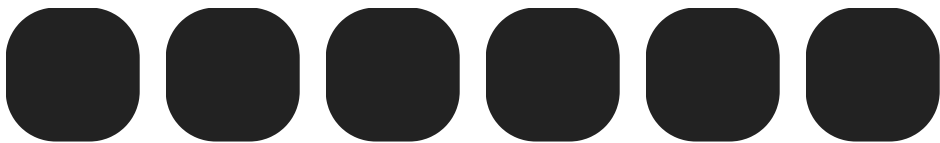
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Bernie PAT Student of the Month - October

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Bernie PAT Student of the Month - October

Bernie, Missouri - Ella Maylee Kay Johnson is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' Student of the Month for October 2017.

She is the daughter of Joseph and Tosha Johnson and is 17 months old.

Ella loves looking at her books, playing with her toys, and watching cartoons.

She also enjoys picking on her brother, Evan.

During Parents as Teachers visits Ella likes getting a new book from Mrs. Casey and sorting blocks during activity time.

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Bernie PAT Students of the Month for September

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Bernie PAT Students of the Month for September

Bernie, Missouri - Joshua and Daniel Doan are Bernie's Parents as Teachers Students of the Month for September.

Joshua is two years old and enjoys playing with his brothers and sister, playing outside, and listening as his mother reads him books.

Daniel is eight months old and likes to crawl around and get into stuff around the house.

The family's favorite parts of participating in Parents as Teachers are seeing the boys enjoying new activities and getting the opportunity to show their Parent Educator all of the new and exciting things the boys have learned since their last visit.

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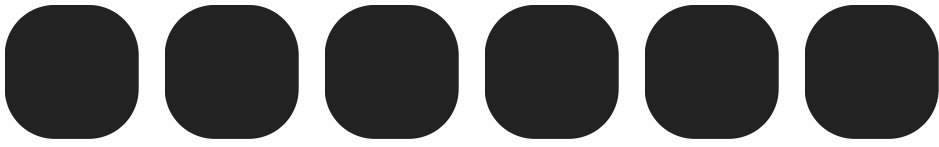
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