Nebraska Extension through 4-H Youth Development in Pawnee County partners with local schools to promote science literacy and helps youth build confidence in their decision making ability.

The pandemic of 2020 can be seen as a teachable moment in science literacy. Nebraska Extension has had a strong presence in the schools in Pawnee County. This year the topic of how germs are spread and how to break the chain of infection were even more meaningful to Mrs. Koster’s 2nd grade classroom. Students were able to collect scientific data on which was the most effective way to remove “germs” from their hands. They gathered evidence, analyzed their data and communicated that washing their hands with soap and water was the best way to reduce the spread of germs.

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