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### **Swim Program Teaches Safety and Basic Swimming to Third Grade Students**

[Florence, WI] –

Florence third graders will be participating in Dickinson County swim lessons which is funded by 100-Women who care. These lessons aim to teach basic swimming and general water safety. Florence County Health Department staff presented third grade classes a backpack and towel for their upcoming swim class.

Fatal drowning is one of the leading causes of unintentional injury-related deaths for those under 14 years of age, according to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention. Research shows that participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce that risk. Florence County aims to reduce that risk in our area by encouraging our third-grade class to participate each year.

The swim classes begin on March 13<sup>th</sup> and go through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Transportation is provided through the Florence School District. A signed permission slip is required to participate.

For questions or more information, please contact the school or Annette Seibold/Health Department Director at 715-528-4837. The Florence County Health Department is located on the first floor of the courthouse.

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