



WITH A SMILE on his face, Austin Kyte (above) was ready to eat lunch on Friday. Rex Diederich (below) took a big bite of watermelon in the lunch room at the Oberlin Elementary School.

Students eat a healthy lunch

Students lined up in the hall. Some carried colorful lunch boxes and others had their hands empty.

It was just about time for lunch at Oberlin Elementary School, and the kids were ready to eat. The school has two lunch times, at 11:25 a.m. for kindergarten through third grade and 11:55 a.m. for fourth through sixth.

On Friday, the students had ham,

a hot roll and their choice of fruits and vegetables from the choice bar, which is kind of like a salad bar.

Some enjoyed watermelon while others took carrot sticks with a little salad dressing to use as a dip.

So far this year, said Carla Depperschmidt, the school has served an average of 170 kids a day.

All of the lunches are prepared in the kitchen at the high school and

then brought to the grade school in a van.

Students pay \$1.95 for each lunch. Most prepay and then the school notifies their parents when the account runs low.

After the students have pretty much cleaned their plates, they're allowed to go out to the playground for a little while before returning to class.



AT THE CHOICE BAR, Kyle Breth (above left) and Grant Gilliam decided what kind of extras they wanted for lunch while Maureen Anderson (right) served ham.



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