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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Specials Rotations Reminders

- Be sure to charge your laptops and iPads when you get home from school.
- Make sure you have headphones at school for ALL classes, even rotations use them from time to time!
- K-5: Know when you have Art, make sure we aren't wearing our nicest and whitest clothes to art class.
- Check out OGS Art on Artsonia!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- *JH Drama Club held a performance featuring scenes they created last Thursday*
- *Choir Concert Dec. 18 @ 6:30 PM Pat Patt Gym*
- *Entries to the Cook Library Bookmark Contest are due by January 9, 2024.*
- *Battle of the Books starts March 11! Keep reading those books! Cook Memorial Library Design-a-Bookmark contest ends January 10.*

K-5 ART

Miss Spector & Mrs. Vance

- Kindergarten is learning how to create texture and sgraffito.
- 1st Grade is learning to draw from observation to create a jungle scene.
- 2nd Grade is learning about printmaking.
- 3rd Grade just finished their warm beverage/cup compositions and we are transitioning into a landscape unit focusing on the Northern Lights.
- 4th Grade is wrapping up their printmaking unit where they learned two different kids. We are transitioning into a landscape unit.
- 5th Grade is finishing up their self portrait Lego mini figurines. They learned how to draw a lego figure and how to create bubble and block lettering.

Junior High ART

Mrs. Vance

QUARTER 2

- 6th Grade Art Survey is wrapping up their clay unit. We will glaze their monster creations after winter break. Our next focus will be a choice-based drawing and shading lesson.
- 7th and 8th Grade Graphic Design is cruising along with some awesome results. They just completed celebrity vector drawings on Adobe Illustrator and we have shifted gears to digital drawing with Apple Pencils, iPads and the app Procreate.

DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

- Kindergarten just learned a Monster Dance and had a Monster Photo Shoot as part of their "Where the Wild Things Are" Unit.
- 2nd Graders created and presented confessions based on each class theories of who stole Detective Arthur's birthday cake and why.
- 4th Graders acted the final scenes of the Russian folktale Baba Yaga. They will begin acting out trickster tales from around the world when they return for Winter Break.
- 6th Graders have begun rehearsal on 5 person Commedia Dell'Arte scenes. Students selected their favorite Commedia Character and will portray it in scenes created during this two week unit.
- 7th Graders (The Actor) are busy memorizing lines and rehearsing for a performance for Kindergarten scheduled next week. The performance focuses on SEL issues including tantrums and accepting yourself.
- 8th Graders (Musical Theater) are busy working on all the songs from Newsies JR. In addition, this week the cast learned about the historical events of 1899 which inspired the musical.

SPANISH

Señora Loch

- Kindergarteners are making a number book and learning to count to 20 in Spanish.
- 1st Graders are learning the family vocabulary and making a craft for their family.
- 2nd Graders are practicing counting by 10's to 100 in Spanish.
- 3rd Graders are reviewing colors, shapes and numbers. They are creating a "shape pizza" craft to practice speaking and writing.
- 4th Graders are learning to write and speak short sentences about their likes and dislikes. They are creating a "diamante poem" about themselves in Spanish.
- 5th Graders are learning winter clothing vocabulary. They are learning to compliment a person's clothing item.

K-5 MUSIC

Mr. Farris, Mr. Frankowski & Mr. Jones

- Kindergarteners are doing so well in music class! We have been working on bringing out our singing voices and using a steady beat. We learned to march with a steady beat and then took it into the hallway for an authentic experience. We've also been working on good sportsmanship while playing some games like 'Apple Tree' as well as learning to play dreidel. They love learning all about the different holidays!
- 1st Grade music has been filled with fun thanksgiving and holiday music! We learned the Nutcracker March on the Boomwhackers while learning to sing 'Over the River', 'Turn off that Nose', and 'Rhythm of the season'!
- 2nd Grade - Thanksgiving and the Holidays are so much fun in music class! We sang 'Glad for their Thanksgiving', 'In December', 'This Holiday', and 'Hanukkah Dreams'. We also put together Pachelbel's Canon in D on the Boomwhackers!
- 3rd Grade is working on Au Claire De La Lune as well as polishing Hot Cross Buns.
- 4th Grade - After successfully making our first clarinet sounds on the mouthpiece, students are beginning to work on their first five notes.
- 5th Grade - This month the 5th grade music class has been learning to drum with a Peruvian Cajon, known as a "box drum", and incorporating percussion instruments with our ukulele playing.

JH MUSIC

Mr. Farris

QUARTER 2

- 6th Grade -The guitar students learned a few more chords and now there are so many different songs we can play! We usually learn 2 different songs each class and we have been learning Green Day, Taylor Swift and many more! We've also been having a ton of fun learning all the Holiday Songs like 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' and 'Frosty the Snowman'.
- 7th Grade - We've been putting together 2 & 3 part guitar ensemble arrangements and the students are getting confident reading guitar tablature. We've been playing Holiday songs as well, like 'Jingle Bell Rock', 'Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah', and more! We've also brought out the ukuleles and we've been working on putting together the guitars playing the melody while the ukuleles play the background chords to 'Can't Help Falling in Love' and others!
- 8th Grade - Musical Theatre class is so much fun! We keep working on learning all the music for the show and we're almost done! Next step will be focusing on the harmonies and polishing. These students are such strong singers! They should all consider singing at the High School level.

S.T.E.M.

MR. HENNEBERRY

- 1st Grade - We explored offline coding in celebration of computer science week.
- 3rd Grade - The engineers showed off their collaboration while building with different materials.
- 5th Grade - These engineers completed their pyramids and cleared their drones for landing.
- 6th Grade - The doctors are exploring different regions of the brain and the functions they provide.
- 7th Grade - The astronauts are learning about the history of space travel and how space has taught us a lot here on Earth.
- 8th Grade - The engineers took their pull toys on parade for the Kindergarten classes.

MEDIA ARTS

DR. MELTZER

QUARTER 2

- 6th Grade - In December, we are finishing up our code-created Mazes using Tynker.com block coding. We will be starting our Green Screen video projects soon.
- 7th Grade Programming class just finished our Google Sheets "Pixel Art" assignment where students used if/then statements to make their artwork appear. We are currently learning the programming language of JavaScript using the resources at Khanacademy.org
- 8th Graders in the Digital Production class is currently exploring all the aspects of multi-cam recording and editing. We showed the challenges of using a live mixer. We are now using two cameras to record a process. We will then edit more calmly using Final Cut Pro.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

- The Cook Library Bookmark contest was introduced in grades K-3
- Kindergarten - We did hour of code and read more of the Monarch Nominees. We learned about pop-up books and made a pop-up card. We are talking about New Years traditions and rhyming words.
- 1st Grade - We read more of the Monarch Nominees. We are working on Reindeer research. We are learning about inside and outside Character Traits.
- 2nd Grade - We did hour of code and read more of the Monarch Nominees. We wrote book recommendations to share with the Kindergarten-3rd graders.
- 3rd Grade - We read more of the Monarch Nominees. We are learning about Primary and Secondary Sources. We are learning about winter holidays.
- 4th Grade - We are reading Bluestem nominated books.
- 5th Grade - We started reading Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.
- 6th Grade - The library lesson was about The Titanic and Fake News. We also looked at how to use the Cook Memorial Library databases.
- 7th Grade - The students learned about starting Genius Hour projects.
- 8th Grade - The students learned about plagiarism and citing sources.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Add My Scene

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1 background(219, 239, 255);
2 var fishy = 258;
3 var fish = 174;
4 var cool_fish = 375;
5 var what = 215;
6
7
8 // Table
9 fill(87, 66, 9);
10 ellipse(209, 349, 362, 50);
11 rect(33, 355, 17, 50);
12 rect(369, 355, 17, 50);
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14 //Fish tank
15 fill(0, 191, 255);
16 arc(200, 200, 302, 276, -8, 190);
17 line(51, 175, 350, 180);
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19 // Fish
20 fill(255, 224, 166);
21 bezier(91, fishy, 314, fish, 288, cool_fish, 94);
    
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