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MARCH 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!
- 1st Graders- please try and memorize your lyrics for our upcoming concert!
- 3rd Graders - Make sure you have your recorder for music class each week!
- 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

- 4th & 5th Grade Drama Club is happening now on Wednesdays!
- First Grade Open House and Concert April 11
- Second Grade Open House and Concert May 22
- 3rd Grade Recorder Concert April 24th 6:30PM
- HONDA Art Show Opening May 2 5:30-7PM

K-5 ART

Ms. Spector & Mrs. Vance

- Kindergarten learned about impressionism and created their own version of Monet's waterlilies
- 1st Grade finished their clay unit. They created clay stamped shapes and colorized them with watercolor paints.
- 2nd Grade is learning about Henri Matisse. They are currently working on a multi-step mixed media project.
- 3rd Grade is making their clay bowls this week and they are turning out awesome! We will be glazing them after Spring break and they will be food safe!
- 4th Grade is colorizing their clay using alternative techniques with crayons and ink. We will be using their ceramics project as a weaving loom after Spring Break!
- 5th Grade is glazing their clay birds and will be adding some feathers and other details after Spring Break. They are turning out great so far!

Junior High ART

Mrs. Vance

QUARTER 3

- 6th Grade Art Survey is wrapping up the quarter and have enjoyed their Ceramics unit and digital photography lesson as we head into break.
- 7th Grade Printmaking and Mixed Media is coming to a close and students were given a choice based project in either sculpture or fiber arts. Take a look at Artsonia to see their amazing creations from Q3.
- 8th Grade - Mrs. Vance assisted with the choreography and prop design for Newsies Jr. and now is teaching Musical Theater history lessons to finish the quarter.

DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

- Kindergarten has rehearsed as a baby goat, scared goat, tough goat and troll. We are now ready to act the whole story of Three Billy Goats Gruff in class under the stage lights!
- 2nd Graders just completed a Green Screen Project with Dr Meltzer (Media Arts) in which we flew to Neverland! We will continue our scenes in Neverland after Spring Break.
- 4th Graders have completed our first Trickster Tale entitled How Anansi Brought the Stories Down.
- 6th Grade -Just completed our Big Doctor Scenes featuring Pantelone, Dottore, Arlecchino, Capitano and Flavio who are all Commedia Dell'Arte Characters.
- 7th Graders (Director/Designer)- Students are completing their Fairytale Design Project which includes two costume designs, a ground plan and a backdrop.
- 8th Graders (Musical Theater)- After completing our very successful performances of Newsies JR, we have been focusing on learning a bit about what makes Musical Theater a unique art form.

K-5 MUSIC

Mr. Farris, Mr. Frankowski & Mr. Jones

- Kindergarten - With spring soon to be upon us, we learned a safety song called 'Stop, Look, and Listen' about street safety. Kindergarteners have also been having fun making music with Eric Carle books!
- 1st Grade - We are very excited for our open house and music concert on April 11th! We have been working hard on memorizing and polishing our songs. There are recordings of the songs in Seesaw if the students want to practice on their own.
- 2nd Grade has been learning a song called 'Showtime!' about putting on a show. "Here we are, here we go! Raise the curtain. start the show!". We were inspired by seeing the 8th graders perform scenes from 'Newsies Jr.'.
- 3rd Grade - We are preparing for our concert at the end of April! Don't forget to mark your calendars!
- 4th Grade -Experimenting with different rhythms and sounds on GarageBand in preparation for our rhythm unit that starts after Spring Break.
- 5th Grade will be introduced to playing the electric bass and three note chords on the keyboard to fill out our classroom songs.

K-5 SPANISH

Señora Loch

- Kindergarteners are learning to sing a song called "Los Pollitos." It's a popular lullaby in Spanish speaking countries about little chicks.
- First graders are learning to name the different fruits they like and dislike. They are participating in vocabulary games and learning a song about fruits. They are also making a fruit plate with the fruits they like to eat.
- Second graders are creating "all about me" banners in Spanish. They are practicing writing their names, age, and favorite things.
- Third graders are learning about different professions. They are learning a song and thinking about what they might want to be when they grow up.
- Fourth graders are learning adjectives and practicing describing themselves and others.
- Fifth graders are learning about the Spanish speaking countries, capitals, and flags. They are participating in a variety of games and working on a research project in small groups.

JH MUSIC

Mr. Farris

QUARTER 3

- 6th Grade - Guitar students performed a great set of 8 songs for their friends during lunch. The students voted on the songs and volunteered to sing. Everyone had a blast and we closed the show with the whole cafeteria singing 'Country Roads'.
- 7th Grade - Guitar students performed on guitar, ukulele, and bass for their friends during lunch. They played 2 and 3 part songs like Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' and Elvis Presley's 'Cant' help falling in love'. They did a great job!
- 8th Grade did an AMAZING job performing 'Newsies Jr.' It's always so fun to see these students in a different light than we normally see every day. The cast had an experience they will never forget for the rest of their lives!

S.T.E.M.

MR. HENNEBERRY

- 1st Grade- These engineers are working to launch their astronauts using levers and lots of effort!
- 3rd Grade- These engineers are working to launch their astronauts using levers and lots of effort!
- 5th Grade- The chariots raced last week and we had a blast watching all our hard work around the track.
- 6th Grade - These doctors are finalizing their press conference about what is ailing the town of Montgomery Hills. They have been churning through the data and are ready to display their findings.
- 7th Grade - Final approach for this quarter where the engineer are working with propulsion to make their balloon jets travel the farthest.
- 8th Grade - These engineers are looking to show off their new products at this quarters trade show. Their products include multiple automations as well as many lines of code to help their customers.

MEDIA ARTS

DR. MELTZER

QUARTER 3

- 6th Grade - We have learned many new skills over the past month. We finished our "Ancient Civilization" Postcards where students learn to create digital collages and take photos in front of the greenscreen. We have also learned to program interactive games at Tynker.com. This great website helps student learn many different programming languages (Block, Python, JavaScript, HTML) in fun ways. We are currently working on our "Virtual Vacation" video project where we put ourselves in unlikely places!
- 7th Grade - This rotation has moved along quickly as we have learned so many different programming languages including Python, JavaScript, Swift, HTML, and even wrote functions in Google Sheets. Great job all around. Ask your student to show you their JavaScript house!
- 8th Grader - The 8th graders in the this rotation have focused on all the different ways we use multiple cameras and camera angles to create stories. We have used 1 camera to recreate a conversation and we have used 2 cameras simultaneously to record a live interview and edited a 2-camera shoot in post-production.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

- Kindergarten - Since the beginning of school we have read 20 Monarch Nominee books and last week we played a review game and voted on our favorite. We are working on a STEM activity this week. We are reading folk tales and fairy tales.
- 1st Grade - Last week we read "Love Monster" by Rachel Bright and used a glyph to create our own monsters. We are reading nonfiction and folk/fairy tales.
- 2nd Grade - Last week we read about the man who invented basketball and built catapults in STEM. We are reading nonfiction and folk/fairy tales.
- 3rd Grade - Last week we read fractured fairy tales. We are reading nonfiction and folk/fairy tales.
- 4th Grade - We just finished an exciting week for all of the Battle of the Books participants!
- 5th Grade - We just finished an exciting week for all of the Battle of the Books participants!
- 6th - 8th Grade - We just finished an exciting week for all of the Battle of the Books participants!

Congratulations to all the participants - Over 200 students participated in Battle this year!

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



Khan Academy interface showing a code editor for a drawing titled "Carolina's House".

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1 fill(196, 230, 255);
2 rect(-2, -6, 414, 407);
3 fill(225, 186, 100);
4 rect(0, 287, 399, 111);
5 fill(252, 230, 205);
6 rect(79, 154, 106, 140);
7 fill(23, 117, 41);
8 rect(133, 219, 50, 81);
9 fill(184, 160, 160);
10 quad(136, 58, 93, 58, 131, 136, 98);
11 fill(232, 232, 232);
12 ellipse(108, 4, 28, 16);
13 ellipse(142, 15, 33, 20);
14 ellipse(101, 32, 43, 23);
15 fill(102, 41, 41);
16 triangle(63, 154, 294, 154, 176, 69);
17 fill(219, 225, 253);
18 ellipse(179, 235, 35, 20);
19 line(196, 225, 162, 225);
20 line(179, 245, 179, 245);
21 fill(219, 255, 253);
  
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Screenshot of a Scratch-like programming environment showing a maze game titled "Fishy".

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when green flag clicked
  when left arrow pressed
    point in direction 90 degrees
    move 1 pixels
  when right arrow pressed
    point in direction 270 degrees
    move 1 pixels
  when down arrow pressed
    point in direction 180 degrees
    move 1 pixels
  when up arrow pressed
    point in direction 0 degrees
    move 1 pixels
  when [backspace] pressed
    go to x: 0 y: 0
  when [backspace] pressed
    when [backspace] pressed
      set score to 0
      set score to 0
      set score to 0
  when I receive [ ]
    set score to 0
  when [false] occurs
    clone startup
  when background switches to
  
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