

FINE ARTS / STEM / LIBRARY / SPANISH ROTATIONS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 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.
- Grades 4-8: Be on the look out for Clubs Signups in the Oak Grove News!
- STEM needs your paper towel/toilet paper rolls and empty tissue boxes! Send them in to Mr. H

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- 5th Grade- Beginning Band Info Meeting is Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:30PM in the JH Cafeteria *virtual option available
- 8th Grade Newsies Jr. Callback list posted week of Sept. 11!

K-5 ART

Miss Spector & Mrs. Vance

- Kindergarten is drawing "Ishly" based on the book *Ish* by P.Reynolds. They are learning class routines and techniques for new materials.
- 1st Grade is are using crayons & paint to draw campgrounds. They are thinking like artists & creating their own scene.
- 2nd Grade is learning about community & drawing Eagles in their favorite place in their community. They are learning to add texture and create a wax resist.
- 3rd Grade started the year with a Jellyfish watercolor painting with oil pastel resist. We will continue to explore blending oil pastels In our next unit.
- 4th Grade started the year discussing perspective and creating a woody landscape looking up. We will create some woodland animals next!
- 5th Grade started the year with one-point perspective hallways and are creatively designing what is surrounding them.

Junior High ART

Mrs. Vance

QUARTER 1

- 6th Grade Art Survey started their rotation with precise drawing from a grid and shading with the ink stippling technique. They are currently working on a flipped, choice-based lesson working on free-hand drawing and shading techniques with colored pencils or oil-pastels
- 7th & 8th Grade Drawing and Painting classes started the year working with a partner on understanding and representing the Elements and Principles of Art. We moved into figure drawing and studying body movement and they are wrapping up their choice in a final figure drawing project. We will shift gears to more technical drawing and watercolor painting next.

DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

- Kindergarten used drama activities and puppets to reduce anxiety and learn classroom procedures, Read the book Not a Stick to inspire creative play.
- 2nd Grade used Drama circle games to reduce anxiety and find common ground, began acting out a story with characters that can be expressed through physical acting choices.
- 4th Grade used Drama circle games to reduce anxiety and find common ground, began acting out Baba Yaga (Russian / Polish) folktale.
- 6th Grade participated in activities and scenes. Focus: using gestures and facial expressions as intentional tools of the actor to help tell a story.
- 7th Grade (The Playwright) Students wrote their first, short play with a focus on format and plot.
- 8th Grade (Shakespeare) Students cast Midsummer Night's Dream with current celebrities in order to explore classic character types which date back to Shakespeare but are still clearly present in pop culture.

SPANISH

Señora Loch

- Kindergarten is learning to sing songs for the greetings, colors, and numbers.
- 1st Grade is working on a rainbow flower project and learning to name the colors they like and don't like.
- 2nd Grade is learning a song called "buenos días" to practice the greetings and learn the vocabulary for daily routines.
- 3rd Grade is learning a song called "Soy Un Camaleón." They are working on a chameleon drawing and labeling project.
- 4th Grade is working on an all about me project. They are learning to state their age, favorite color, food and drink.
- 5th Grade is reviewing greetings, the alphabet, animals, numbers and colors. We started the year with some games and speaking activities.

K-5 MUSIC

Mr. Farris, Mr. Frankowski & Mr. Jones

- Kindergarten is have having so much fun getting to know each other and the music room! We love singing while reading the pigeon books. We have also learned the very special 'Kindergarten is over' song that we sing at the end of every class.
- 1st Grade has been loving the start of first grade music! We learned our assigned seats on the risers and began the 'Brain Gym' warmup at the start of each class. We learned a song about being positive and Spanish song about Autumn. We also played Boomwhackers and Maracas on 'Wipe Out'.
- 2nd Grade is basically music room experts in second grade! We added some more difficult moves to our 'Brain Gym' warmup at the start of class. We learned a welcome back song as well as a song about musical accents. We also played boomwhackers on 'The William Tell Overture' by Rossini.
- 3rd Grade is working on rhythm and note reading in preparation for our recorders!
- 4th Grade is learning about the 4 instrument families.
- 5th Grade - Beginning band instrument demos are taking place this week. All 5th graders are encouraged to join the band!

JH MUSIC

Mr. Farris

QUARTER 1

- 6th Grade - We started playing guitar on day 1! We started with the D and A7 chords and have added E, G, and C. We play a new song using the chords we know everyday to build muscle memory in our hands. We have already learned 11 songs!!
- 7th Grade - We have been working on plucking individual guitar strings to play melodies. We began with one string melodies to solidify the concept and have now branched out to different strings. We have worked on a three part guitar arrangement called 'Taking Turns' as well as an arrangement of 'This land is your land' that has some students picking the melody and others playing the background chords.
- 8th Grade - Everyone has been working really hard to learn the music for the LHS Junior High Choral Festival on Nov. 2nd. I am so proud of their positive attitude and how the Sopranos, Altos, and Baritones are all supporting each other so well.

S.T.E.M.

MR. HENNEBERRY

- 1st graders are starting their storybook stem. This month we will be working with Dreaming up by Christy Hale and Perfect Square by Michael Hall.
- 3rd graders are starting their storybook stem. This month we will be working with Dreaming up by Christy Hale & Perfect Square by Michael Hall.
- 5th graders are sharpening their building skills in preparation for a fun year. The rolls and tissue boxes are for an upcoming activity where they are asked to put a round peg into a square hole just like the crew of Apollo 13.
- 6th Grade Doctors have started their differential diagnosis groups, working through symptoms and medical interviews to diagnose and treat their patients.
- 7th Grade Aviators have just completed their straw jets and will start learning the process of flight planning.
- 8th Grade Engineers have successfully built their first robot and will not take their skills into the toy industry.

MEDIA ARTS

DR. MELTZER

QUARTER 1

- 6th Grade is learning about layers in Photoshop. Travel Postcards coming soon. See your children visit ancient civilizations
- 7th Grade just turned famous works of art into digital collages. Camera Angle Stories are now in pre-production.
- 8th Grade made "keyframe" animations to show our understanding of the Elements of Art. We are now recording our "over the shoulder" conversations.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

- Kindergarten is learning about library behavior & expectations. We are checking out our first book and learning how to care for it. Coming soon: learning what the parts of a book are (title, spine, etc.) What does the author and illustrator do?
- 1st Grade is learning about how to care for books, the parts of a book, how to pick a "just right" book.
- 2nd Grade is learning about how to care for books, the parts of a book, how to pick a "just right" book.
- 3rd Grade is learning about what we like to read and what others like to read.
- 4th Grade - In the JHLC we've been reading books about famous inventions and going through STREAM stations (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math)
- 5th Grade - In the JHLC we've been reading books about famous inventions and going through STREAM stations (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math)
- 6th, 7th & 8th Grade - All students came to the library with their ELA class to checkout books and to hear about the Battle of the Books

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