

ANCILLARY NEWSLETTER

WHAT WE ARE DOING FALL 2025

Did you know? Our students are on a nine-day rotation through the ancillary classes.

Art: Mrs. Wood
Computer-1: Mr. Zerber
Computer-2: Mr. Cast
Library: Ms. Landry
Music: Mr. Perez
PE-1: Coach Brown
PE-2: Coach Ross
PE-3: Coach Brown/Ross
Theatre: Ms. Cobb

ART UPDATES

In the art room this year so far we have: watercolored summer postcards; made paper sculptures inspired by Henri Rousseau's "Surprise;" decorated dots with chalk, daubers, paint, and marbles; and experimented with composition.

During the current rotations, we are printing castles with geometric shapes using cardboard and tempera paints, inspired by Paul Klee's "Castle and Sun."



COMPUTER UPDATES

In the computer lab this year so far, students have learned about:

- Keyboarding techniques
- Online safety
- Cyberbullying prevention
- Online searching strategies
- Drawing and designing using graphics programs

Next up in the computer labs, students will be learning coding and storytelling.

PE UPDATES

Activities in Coach Brown's class so far this year include: Gobble Gobble, a tag game; the Pacer test, and endurance running test; Slap Ball, a game similar to GaGa Ball; Capture the Flag; and Dodge Ball. There will be many more activities to come, including practice for Field Day! Coach Ross has been working on other fitness skills including yoga, cardio, and a jump rope unit.



THEATER UPDATES

This year, Theater students have studied pantomime, improvisation, and roleplaying and emotions work. Students are currently combining all of these skills by working on a script for an in-class performance. Theatre games are a staple in the drama classroom. Upcoming units include more script work with an in-depth approach to acting & performing. Tech drawings and costuming; commercials.

MUSIC UPDATES

All returning grade levels have reviewed familiar songs, games, and rhythmic and melodic literacy concepts learned in previous years. All grade levels are currently engaging in seasonal Fall & Boo Bash songs, games, and activities.

Kindergarten:

- Music class rules and procedures, freeze dances, vocal exploration, pitch matching, rhymes, fingerplays, dances (Hokey Pokey), passing games (Hot Potato), elimination games, songs (Head Shoulders Knees & Toes, Old MacDonald Had a Farm, Wheels on the Bus, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, & If You're Happy & You Know It), Audience Etiquette
- Primary Units: Personal Space, Vocal Exploration, Non-Locomotor Movement, The 4 Voices (Speaking, Whisper, Shouting, and Singing)

1st Grade:

- Name Games, Vocal Exploration, Echo Singing, Solo Singing, Locomotor Movement, Freeze Dances, Passing Games, Singing Games, Audience Etiquette
- Primary Units: Solo Singing, Fast/Slow Tempo Unit

2nd Grade:

- Name Games and Mixers, Vocal Exploration, Two New Hello Songs, Steady Beat Practice, Freeze Dance Statues, Locomotor Movement, Ball Bounce Games, Echo Singing, Singing Games, Folk Dance in a "Longways Set" Formation, Boomwhackers, Lin-Manuel Miranda Hispanic Heritage Composer Spotlight (Music from Encanto), Science of Sound Unit, Audience Etiquette
- Primary Units: Solo Singing, Quarter Note and Two Eighth Notes Rhythm Unit (Review & Practice)

3rd Grade:

- Name Games and Mixers, Vocal Exploration, Steady Beat Practice, Echo Singing, Locomotor Movement, Moving & Singing in a 2-Part Round, Folk Dances in Scattered and Partner Formations, AB Form, Non-Passing Cup Games, Singing Games, Boomwhackers, Lin-Manuel Miranda Hispanic Heritage Month Composer Spotlight (Disney), Edvard Grieg Composer Spotlight (In the Hall of the Mountain King), Audience Etiquette
- Primary Units: So/Mi Melody Unit (Review and Practice), Reading & Singing So/Mi Melodies from the Staff, Quarter Rest Rhythm Unit (Review & Practice)

MUSIC UPDATES

4th Grade:

- Name Games and Mixers, Vocal Exploration, Choral Vocal Exercises, Steady Beat Practice, Singing Games, Cup Passing Games, Hand Clapping Elimination Games, Locomotor Movement, Moving & Singing in a 2-Part Round, Dolly Parton Composer Spotlight (Coat of Many Colors), Lin-Manuel Miranda Hispanic Heritage Month Composer Spotlight (Hamilton), Edvard Grieg Composer Spotlight (In the Hall of the Mountain King), Audience Etiquette
- Primary Units: So/Mi Melody Unit (Review and Practice), Reading & Singing So/Mi Melodies from the Staff, Half Note Rhythm Unit (Review & Practice)

5th Grade:

- Name Games and Mixers, Vocal Exploration, Choral Vocal Exercises, Steady Beat Practice, Singing Games, Cup Passing Games, Hand Clapping Elimination Games, Locomotor Movement, Moving & Singing in a 2-Part Round, Dolly Parton Composer Spotlight (Coat of Many Colors), Lin-Manuel Miranda Hispanic Heritage Month Composer Spotlight (Hamilton), Modest Mussorgsky Composer Spotlight (A Night On Bald Mountain), Audience Etiquette
- Primary Units: Mi/Re/Do Melody Unit (Review and Practice), Reading & Singing Mi/Re/Do Melodies from the Staff, Do Clef, 4 Sixteenth Note Rhythm Unit (Review & Practice)

Upcoming Topics/Projects:

K: Echo Singing, Loud/Quiet Dynamics Unit, Locomotor Movement

1st: Steady Beat Unit, High/Low Pitch Unit

2nd: Quarter Rest Rhythm Unit, So/Mi Melody Unit

3rd: So/Mi Melody Writing and Decoding, La Melody Unit, Half Note Rhythm Unit, Moving & Singing in a 2-Part Round (Continued Practice)

4th: So/Mi Melody Writing and Decoding, La Melody Unit, Moving & Singing in a 3-4 Part Round, Stephen Schwartz Composer Spotlight (Wicked), Georges Bizet Composer Spotlight

5th: Mi/Re/Do Melody Writing and Decoding, So Melody Unit, Moving & Singing in a 3-4 Part Round, Stephen Schwartz Composer Spotlight (Wicked), Georges Bizet Composer Spotlight, Intro to Ukulele Unit (Beginning in November)