



### Music with Ms. Saunier

March is "Music In Our Schools" month! This is an exciting opportunity to find out what music means to our students within our school community. Every one of us feels a connection to music, and often we connect to music in many different ways. To find out more about the musical backgrounds and interests of our students, students this month will ask and answer questions about what they know and love about music. We will also have a show-and-tell for the students where they will have the opportunity to bring in something that resembles music in their lives, followed by presenting it and sharing it with the class. I hope these fun activities inspire our students to not only reflect on their favorite aspects of the music, but also to continue exploring the magic that music brings!

Check out this link for more information about Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM)!  
<https://nafme.org/programs/miosm/>

### Technology with Mr. Jacobson

During the month of March, we will continue working on our Animal Books in *Pixie*. The students have learned how to use the spray can tool and also learned how to use other tools such as the marker, 3D brush and crayon. This month, they will learn how to upload a picture of their animal to their book, and will also learn how to add different effects to each page. Please remember to check my Portaportal as I update it often with links to different websites.



[pageborders.org](http://pageborders.org)

### Art with Ms. Ally-Khan

In March, first grade students will view and critique Vincent Van Gogh's *The Sunflowers*. Students will work on their own sunflower drawings inspired by Van Gogh's work. For this activity, students will be working with construction paper crayons.

**Suggested Project:** Vincent Van Gogh painted many pictures of several types of flowers. Create drawings and paintings at home of different flowers for spring. Take a visit to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens to see more flowers. <http://www.bbg.org/>



## Physical Education with Ms. Klein, Ms. Acquaviva or Mr. Veltre



For the month of March, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will focus on basic basketball skills. The children will work on skills such as ball control and dribbling. The students will continue to work cooperatively as a group as they begin to build up their basketball skills. During the basketball unit, we hope to develop dribbling a ball with one hand while having control of the ball in their self-space and a general space. One must remember that practice is critical to skill acquisition. More turns or practice trials enhance skill acquisition and allow us more chances to give feedback to the students.

## Art with Ms. Parisi



In March, class 1-319 will continue working on a collage unit. Students read Round Trip, by Ann Jonas and created rough sketches of their ideas in a black and white drawing in February. This month, students will critique the black and white lithograph print of *The Scream*, by Edvard Munch. Students will use black and white paper to create a collage using negative and positive shapes. Their artwork will focus on contrast in their collages by overlapping, as well on proper use and control of materials.

## Musical Theater with Ms. Lodescar



March is here! For this month, students will continue to work on developing characters using puppets. They are creating various types of puppets using different materials. Once this is completed, students will make their puppet into a character by identifying it's inside and outside traits, followed by performing by introducing the character to the class with their partner. Students will work on their public speaking skills, which is a necessary skill for them to build on as they progress in life. Learning the art of excellent communication prepares them for events such as job interviews, being valedictorian of their class, giving speeches and so much more! These are also necessary skills in acting, as actors must clearly communicate a message to the audience.

## Dance with Ms. Charles



In March, the first grade students will continue to prepare for their performance by celebrating Dr. Seuss. Each class read a different book by Dr. Seuss and then learned a dance based on that book. The students have worked very hard and look great. Join us on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 when all of their hard work comes together.

**Reminder:** All students are expected to wear sneakers on days that they have dance.

**Supporting Dance Education at Home:** Encourage your child to practice their Dr. Seuss dance at home. They really have some great moves.

**Suggested Website:** [www.dance-kids.org](http://www.dance-kids.org)

## Art Tips/Books

See an art exhibit! **Andy Warhol- From A to B and Back Again**

November 12, 2018-March 31, 2019  
Whitney Museum of American Art  
99 Gansevoort Street  
New York, NY 10014  
(212) 570-3600

**Suggested Books:**

*Vincent's Colors*, by Vincent Van Gogh

*Vincent Van Gogh: Sunflowers and Swirly Starts (Smart about Art)*, by Joan Holub

*Camille and the Sunflowers*, by Laurence Anholt

*Sunflower House*, by Eve Bunting



## Stem with Ms. Schock



In March, first graders will challenge their engineering skills when they participate in Dr. Seuss challenges. They will also have the chance to read the story Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers by Laura Numeroff, and will begin strategizing a silly invention for an animal. After they plan their design, they will bring it to life using everyday materials.