

Cluster News

1st Grade

2018-2019



Stem with Ms. Schock



First grade engineers will put their skills to the test during Makerspace May! Students will participate in centers throughout the month allowing them to use all of the STEM equipment they learned to use this year. Each center will provide new, challenging opportunities to solve problems and create new inventions!

Technology with Mr. Jacobson



During the month of May, we will begin working on our Fairy Tale Books in *Pixie*.

The students have learned how to use different page options in order to rotate, duplicate and glue the drawings that they have on each page of their book. This month, they will learn how to use the camera tool and will also learn how to add different recordings to their books. Please remember to check my Portaportal as I update it often with links to different websites.

Music with Ms. Saunier



During the month of May, students will be learning about instruments from around the world. As we explore world music and the instruments that are used in other countries, we will develop our understanding of musical cultures in society. Students will be given the opportunity to see, hear and feel various world instruments including the didgeridoo, maracas, singing bowl and many more. We will hear many songs from around the world, celebrating musical diversity. May should be a fun and exciting month of exploring music and culture in our lives and learning new things!

Dance with Ms. Charles

In the month of May, first grade students will be introduced to modern dance. They will watch a video and discuss what they notice about modern dance. The students will identify that modern dancers change everyday movements to make them look new and different. The students will then work with a partner to make their own movements that are based on simple movements such as walking, running, skipping and jumping. They will finally see how the look of their new movements change when they do it following different pathways.

Supporting Dance Education at Home:

Encourage your child to practice the basic steps they have learned at home.

Art with Ms. Parisi

Class 1-319 will create a multi-media collage based on Mr. Seahorse, by Eric Carle. After drawing their seahorses, students will use construction paper crayons to outline and create patterns. Students will then paint over their artwork with a watercolor wash to create the water. The finishing touches will then be added by using cut tissue paper to add detail.

Art Tip

Visit the Eric Carle Museum online at <http://www.eric-carle.com>. Explore the works of Eric Carle, view slideshows of Eric Carle at work and play interactive games.

Musical Theater with Ms. Lodescar

May is here! For this month, students are diligently working towards their short play on "The Three Little Pigs"! They are using the skills that they have learned thus far to bring this tale to life by becoming the characters in the story. They continue to build a plethora of skills including reading fluency, increased comprehension, writing, and speaking and listening skills, just to name a few. One extremely important component continues to be building confidence in our students. This trait will take them way beyond the classroom walls. **Please note that students will be engaging in a lot of movement activities, therefore comfortable clothing and shoes are suggested for that day.**

Art with Ms. Ally-Khan



First grade students will work on colorful butterflies using Q-tips dipped in watercolor paints. Students will experiment with a similar technique used by artist Georges Seurat, who created pointillism (colorful dots of paint placed close together).

Suggested Project: Create a similar activity at home using Q-tips dipped in watercolor paint or finger paints.

Suggested Books:

- Waiting for Wings, by Lois Ehlert
- Sunday with Seurat, by Julie Mirberg

Suggested Website:

Read all about Georges Seurat here:
<http://makingartfun.com/pdf/seurat-printit-biography.pdf>

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



For the month of May, we will be teaching the mandated health lessons on HIV/AIDS. At the end of the health lessons, first grade students will continue to work on their soccer skills. We will focus on dribbling and kicking skills, and the students will learn how to run and kick with a stationary ball. We hope that practicing these skills will transfer to the sport of soccer and make learning these skills of soccer easier in the future.