



Cluster News Grade 2 2019

Technology with Mr. Jacobson



During the month of January, second grade students will create Animal Riddles. They will research an animal of their choice and use Wixie to create the riddle book. The students will learn how to download an image, crop digital pictures, and research using safe search engines. They are so excited to begin! Remember to check out our Portaportals for exciting web links!

Music with Ms. Saunier

Welcome back and Happy New Year! For the month of January, students will be continuing to develop their understanding of musical pitch, which are the high and low sounds we hear in music. They are now able to sing a musical scale using “Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti Do,” and will learn how to use these musical notes to play melodies and songs. We will be experimenting with fun instruments such as the xylophone, colorful boomwhackers and jingle bells!



Art with Ms. Ally-Khan

During the month of January, students in 206, 209 and 313 will continue to study the artwork of American artist Wayne Thiebaud, who is 98 years old! Thiebaud is well known for his paintings of desserts! Students will create artwork inspired by Thiebaud’s art using various art supplies.

To continue learning more about Wayne Thiebaud through the National Gallery of Art, please visit the following website:

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.3185.html>



Art with Ms. Parisi

In January, second grade students will continue on their collage units. Students will use the painted collage paper that was made by the class to develop a cityscape collage. Students will focus on their use of materials, contrast, overlapping, and choice of materials in their artwork.

Check out Mrs. Parisi’s teacher page on the P.S. 108 website. Please be sure to look at the menu of extra credit assignment that can be completed and handed in to Mrs. Parisi for extra credit in art.



Art Tip

Check out #metkids by The Metropolitan Museum of Art for an interactive children’s guide to the museum.

<http://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

Musical Theater with Ms. Lodesea

January is here! For this month, the students will begin their first drama performance of “The Three Little Kittens”. This classic nursery rhyme will be turned into a theatrical experience as the students become different characters and take on the roles of the “mama cat” and “baby kittens.” They will use their actor’s tools to portray these characters and will then take their performances to different classrooms in order to showcase their skills. They will continue to acquire skills to help them build confidence independently, while learning to work together to build ensemble. It is indeed an exciting time for our students!



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



During the month of January, the focus for first grade students will be the Cooperative Games Unit. The purpose of a Cooperative Games Unit is to foster teamwork and cooperation and to incorporate sports skills in a novel way. In addition, Cooperative Games also gives the students a chance to work cooperatively with a group toward a common goal, which is to develop a positive relationship and learn to respect fellow students. Cooperative Games reinforce spatial awareness, directional awareness, which is the ability to move in a variety of directions such as forward, backward and sideward, and awareness of pathways, which is the route one would take to get from one point to another. Some of the games we’ll be playing include Freeze Tag, Duck, Duck, Goose, Builders and Bulldozers, Hungry Hungry Hippo, Shark Tag and possibly a few others. Finally, a Cooperative Games Unit improves communication and decision making skills, challenges students to think of and use strategies, and incorporates skills such as leadership, teamwork and trust. Most importantly, it emphasizes participation and challenges the student to think outside the box.

Physical Education FYI

***Important note to parents.

On the day your child has Physical Education, please send an extra bottle of water with them on that day. The children need to drink plenty of liquids so they can stay hydrated while doing physical activities. Thank you!

Dance with Ms. Charles



In the month of January, the second graders will complete their unit on ballet. They will use the basic ballet steps and terminology that they learned to choreograph their own ballet dance sequence. The children will classify the ballet terms as still, locomotor, a traveling movement, or non-locomotor, which is a movement that stays in place. The children will then work with a partner to choreograph their own ballet. Their dances will begin and end still and include a locomotor and non-locomotor movement. The children will memorize their dance sequences and perform them for their classmates. Practicing ballet steps at home will reinforce what is done in school.

***As always, children must wear sneakers on days that they have dance class. ***

STEM with Ms. Rose



For the month of January, 2nd grade engineers will be working together to plan and build a den for a bear so that it can hibernate through the cold winter months. Students will have to design a structure that would keep the bear warm and safe.