



### Stem with Ms. Schock



For the month of October, 2nd Grade engineers will have the opportunity to help Ricky the Rock from the story Ricky the Rock that Couldn't Roll by Jason Miletsky. Sadly, Ricky was a flat rock who was unable to participate in rolling activities until his friends helped reconstruct his shape. Now that he is round, our engineers will work to construct ramps so he can have some "rockin" fun!

### Technology with Mr. Jacobson

or Ms. Fornataro



For the month of October, the students will create slides in *Pixie* based on the science theme, Living and Non-Living. They will design original illustrations and research the topic. The students will style the font, design the layout, create backgrounds, and add transitions. Please remember to check our Portaportal pages as it is updated often with links to different websites.

### Music with Ms. Saunier



During the month of October, students will be learning about the basic musical concept of rhythm. We will practice keeping a steady beat and playing new rhythms along to a variety of fun musical songs by using our bodies as well as percussion instruments. In music class, students will be given many creative opportunities to use drums, rhythm sticks, egg shakers, tennis balls and more! They will also learn to actively read and write musical rhythms, and will create their own rhythmic patterns. I look forward to this exciting part of our musical school year!

Check out this blog with great October activities for music class!

<http://mrskingrocks.blogspot.com/2015/10/music-class-and-halloween.html>

### Art with Ms. Ally-Khan



In October, students in 206, 209 and 313 will learn about the elements of art (line, shape, and color), and will use stencils to spell out their first names. Student drawings will then be filled in with a variety of lines and patterns, which will then be outlined in permanent marker. Color will be added to the work using watercolor markers.



## Art with Ms. Parisi

In October, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be creating a line study. Students will read Let's Play by Herve Tullet and create a drawing using radiating lines. In each section, students will experiment with different types of lines in crayon. The artwork will then be painted using watercolor paint creating a watercolor resist.

### Art Tip

Visit the Art Zone from the National Gallery of Art and create your own artwork.

<https://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html>

## Dance with Ms. Charles

2nd grade dancers are completing their yoga unit by working together in small groups to create a new warm-up. They will be publishing their warm-up sequence in a book that will be on display outside the office soon!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade dancers will also explore the Elements of Dance: Body, Action, Space, Time and Energy. These elements help us define what makes a dance. By the end of this unit, students will have the tools to discuss, observe and explore any and all types of dance from around the world.

**Remember on dance days, students must wear uniform clothes that they can move in and sneakers that stay on their feet.**

### **Supporting Dance Education at Home:**

- Finding TV or movies that incorporate dance increases exposure and acceptance of dance as part of the human experience. Ask your child to describe what they saw using the Elements of Dance. What body parts are they using? How would you describe the actions being performed? How are they using the space? And so on...
- Take time to observe and enjoy the exhilarating colorful canvas of the fall season. Dance education includes aesthetics, which is enriched by increased awareness of the beauty that surrounds us.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be working on the cooperative games unit. Cooperative games consist of a wide variety of games and activities. This unit emphasizes participation, challenge and fun! It is imperative for students to learn the importance of cooperating with one another and showing teamwork, as well as sportsmanship. Cooperation is a key term that students will need to utilize for the rest of their life, whether in athletics or in their future jobs. Students will learn key concepts such as communication, leadership, teamwork, trust and thinking outside the box.

## Musical Theater with Ms. Lodescar

October is here! For this month, students will continue to build on their foundational skills in theatre. They will continue to focus on theatrical vocabulary and expand their knowledge in the elements of theatre. They are also learning how to confidently build stage presence. This is very crucial, as actors need to know how to command the audience's attention and exude confidence while performing on stage. 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! **Please note that students will be engaging in a lot of movement activities, therefore comfortable clothing and shoes are suggested for that day.**

