

Cluster News Kindergarten 2018-2019



Stem with Ms. Schock



Kindergarten 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 work through the engineering design process!

Technology with Mr. Jacobson or Ms. Fornataro

During the month of May, the kindergarten students will continue to work on their weather books in *Pixie*. They have created backgrounds, and will add text, illustrations and voice! They are so excited to continue this project! Remember to check out the sidebar for the Portaportal and 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

This month, the kindergarten students will continue to prepare for an Eric Carle performance. Each class will be focusing on one book by Eric Carle. They will learn a dance or song to go with the book. Each class will then have the opportunity to perform on stage. As we get ready for our show, the students will learn what a rehearsal and performance is and how they differ. The students will learn what it means to be performance ready. Join us on May 7th for this exciting event!

Supporting Dance Education at Home:

Encourage your child to practice their Eric Carle dance or song at home. Remind your child to wear sneakers on days that they have dance.

Suggested Website: www.dance-kids.org

Art with Ms. Parisi

May is a busy month in art. Students will be participating in an Eric Carle study. Eric Carle is an American designer, illustrator and writer of children's books. He is most noted for his book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. His artwork is created in collage technique by using hand-painted papers, which he cuts and layers to form bright and colorful images. After reading a selected Eric Carle book, kindergarten students will create their own collage in the style of Eric Carle. Students will paint their own collage paper using tempera paint. These papers will be used to cut and glue shapes, creating a collage based on the classes selected book. The students will also be working on a wearable Flag Day project, which they will wear during our upcoming Flag Day Celebration.

Art Tips/Books

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.

Suggested Books:

- *Mr. Seahorse*, by Eric Carle
- *The Art of Eric Carle*, by Eric Carle

Art with Ms. Ally-Khan

In May, kindergarten students will continue learning about Eric Carle and how he creates art! Eric Carle creates all artwork in his books by designing paper before turning it into a collage. Students will create a mixed-media collage inspired by his work.

Suggested Website:

<http://www.ericcarle.com/home.html>

This is the official website for Eric Carle. On this website, you can view examples of Eric Carle's work.

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, kindergarten 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.