

SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



ART: Students in Nursery through 8th grade completed their Square1Art Fundraiser projects. Students are learning about the elements and principles of art as they use color, line, shape, pattern, and contrast. Catalogues will be distributed in November to order memorable keepsakes of the students' artwork!

MEDIA: The students in grades Nursery through grade 2 will be exploring the month of October through literature and songs. We will hunt through our haunted books as we get ready for Halloween! The students will listen and explore the beautiful season of autumn. Students in grades 3-5 will use their chrome books for research activities related to assignments in class.

MUSIC: Early childhood students will learn how to read a listening map to the Danse Macabre by Saint-Saens, a fitting piece for Halloween. Students in grades 4th and 5th will start working with recorders again. 6th graders will be creating ostinatos on found objects. Seventh graders will continue their look at pop music. 8th graders will start composing music for various film sequences.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Physical Education: The students in grades 2nd through 8th grade have completed their fitnessgram test and did an

amazing job! The students will be starting their Football Unit in which they will be learning different skills, participate in team games, and understanding rules of the game. Kindergarten - 2nd grade will be learning different types of tag games and continue to expand their locomotor skills. As Halloween approaches, the students will be playing many different Halloween themed games. One game in particular will be called *Ghost in the Graveyard*. This will be a relay race where the students have to find a yarn ball, which will represent "ghost." If the students find the ghost, they will place the ghost in their teams hula hoop. The team that finds all of the ghosts, win that round.

SPANISH: Students in Fifth grade will work on "Las partes del cuerpo". Fourth grade will work on "Los números". Third grade will learn "Greetings and expressions of courtesy". Second graders will review the Spanish alphabet and the numbers 1 - 20 reinforcing how to write them. Finally, First grade will learn how to write the Spanish alphabet.

Technology: Our students have settled into the new school year and are getting comfortable in the Technology Lab. Our students in Kindergarten through grade three are reviewing the parts of a computer, the operating procedures and practicing their mouse and keyboard skills. My students in grades four through eight have begun their first unit project within the *Google G Suite*. We are off to a great start to the 2019-2020 school year.