

SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



ART: A new school year is here! Welcome back, it is going to be a very exciting school year in art. Students in N-8 will start the year by participating in the Square One Art fundraiser. N-PreK will be focusing on fine motor skills and creating themed projects. K-8 will be creating many new projects using mediums such as pencil, color pencil, crayon, and marker just to name a few. Students will also be introduced to famous artists and different cultures' art styles. Get ready for another ARTastic year!

MUSIC: Welcome back to school! I'm so happy to be back! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I'm looking forward to music classes this month in a big way. To reduce hallway traffic, I'll be visiting everyone in their classrooms. Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten will be starting the school year by exploring nursery rhymes through singing and movement; experience call and response through echo singing (with masks); and build confidence in singing through repeated practice. First, second, and third graders will learn to distinguish between beat, rhythm, dynamics, and pitch in a series

of games and lessons on describing the qualities of ordinary sounds. Students will also be creating their own musical instruments out of found objects. Students in grades 4th and 5th can look forward to creating melodies and harmonies on a variety of music making applications for their Chromebooks. They will be studying how to compose on the staff, too. Middle school students will be storyboarding their own video games, as well as add music to each scene using Soundtrap, a songwriting application.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Welcome back to another year at St. Mary School! I look forward to another wonderful year of fun with all of you! We will start out the year with our Fitness Test for students in grades 3-8. The National Fitness test will be done twice throughout the year to ensure each student gets a fair chance to excel and achieve the award at the end of the year. Students in grades K-2 will continue to work on body movements (running, skipping, jumping etc.). The nursery and Pre-K students will be learning about personal space and how to move safely without bumping into each other.

SPANISH: ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome Back! I hope you all enjoyed your summer vacation! Third through Fifth grade will work on vocabulary of different topics, in order to develop their listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. First and Second grades will start reading and writing in Spanish. I am sure this will be a wonderful and enriching year in Spanish!

