

DMCS Specialist Newsletter

March 2021

Music Musings

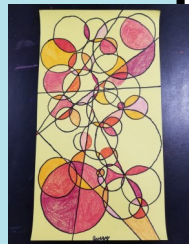
A special thank you to all the 4th & 5th Grade students that have served as cantors at school Masses this year! 4D: Marin DuChene, Elise Hanson, Vianney Martinez, Lexi Robicheau, and Gavin Teigen. 4P: Stevie Caldera, Brianna Chavis, Bella Lozano, Kacidy Purdie, and Tanner Taghan. 5I: Cecilia Azelton, Olivia Erickson, Annabelle Francis. 5O: Keira O'Connor and Hanah Stadler.



Plans are underway for our Spring Concerts! The students are preparing to sing "Songs of Broadway". The K-2 students will perform at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 12 and the 3rd-5th Grade students will perform at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 19. Both Concerts will be held at Divine Mercy Catholic Church. We will need to follow the Covid Protocols like social distancing and audience members wearing a mask. There may also be limits on the number of audience members per family. There will be a live stream option, but NO video. Watch for details in late April or Early May!

Mrs. Kuklok

ART NEWS



Happy Spring! With Easter this weekend and Spring in the air we have started our last quarter art projects.

Kindergarten Readiness students have been exploring Model Magic and created Jesus on the cross and an Easter garden piece with Model Magic flowers.

Our kindergarten students have created some beautiful 2D floral pictures by stamping with corks and pencil erasers.

First graders are working on creating their first floral still-life watercolors. They are trying to really look at what they see and include shadows.

In second grade students painted some amazing Cityscapes and are currently creating large floral watercolors. We are working on overlapping and trying to add some dimension to the pictures.

Third grade recently finished some abstract shape 2D pictures. They learned about overlapping and tints. Third graders learned about the artist Vincent Van Gogh. They created a background using tints and are using Model Magic to create 3D flowers.

Fourth graders are working on creating their portfolios. They are using one-point perspective to create a cover for their folder.

Our fifth graders have been working to carve their linoleum tiles for their printmaking lesson. They are learning how to print multiple prints and the techniques needed to print successfully.

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for our Original Works fundraiser! I appreciate the support very much! Your students create amazing work, and this is an awesome way to celebrate them. Thank you!

Mrs. DeShane

Physical Education Mrs. Opsal

In March, students played a variety of kicking games to work on using the correct kicking form and skills. We kicked for distance, kicked a rolling ball, and kicked to a variety of different stationary targets. We are ending the month working on gymnastics, tumbling, rhythm, and dance. Students perfected a variety of different types of rolls, balances, pathways, jumps, and travels. It was fun to see their rhythm, movement, and smooth transitions, using locomotor and non-locomotor skills. Students in grades 2-5 showcased their skills to their classmates in a very fun "showtime" routine they created by themselves.



Library News

Our Spring Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to all the families who purchased books! We had over \$4200 in sales. This means lots of new books for the library! I already have many new books that the 5th graders helped me pick out at the Book Fair, they are on the shelves ready to be checked out!

As each class came down to the Book Fair it was so much fun to watch them get excited about their book choices. It also gave me ideas on what books students would like to see in the library. I love when students give me suggestions on what they would like me to add to our collection.

Remember we also have a Little Library in front of school. Please encourage your children to make use of it! Feel free to add books, but you can always take some without leaving some! I just want kids to have books to read! There are often books for adults in there, so parents should take a peek too! Mrs. Healy

MEDIA BUZZ

By Mr. Robinson

This past month in Media, we transitioned from 3rd quarter to 4th. With a week off for spring break, it was a lighter month than most. Kindergarten and first grade have been focusing on problem solving and design challenges. 2nd grade did their first typed written work with a personal narrative project from their 2nd grade English class that we worked towards in Media. Third grade wrapped up exploration of city planning and is nearing completion of our keyboarding goals for the year. Fourth grade is practicing the art of group collaboration with a digital problem solving unit. Fifth grade completed their last digital safety lesson set before beginning our end of the year unit on civilization using Minecraft as our platform. This much looked-forward-to project has our students exploring topics around citizenship, resource scarcity, and many other subjects related to the rise and expansion of human civilization.

Robotics is working on a set of automatic ping-pong ball launchers that are starting to near completion.

