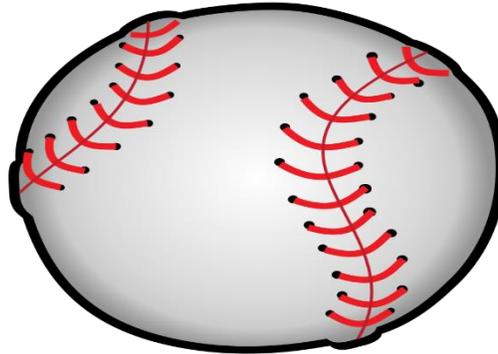




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Computer

6th Grade Computer Applications

Sixth graders, you will be missed! I am sad to see this year come to an end, but we are finishing with a bang! Students have started their Career Cluster Posters, using their research from the previous unit to practice Word Processing skills in Google Docs. We will finish with our Online Communication Unit, reviewing proper email etiquette and formatting. I'm so proud how far this sixth grade class has come, in both World Studies and Computer Applications, and wish everyone the best of luck next year at JRG! Enjoy your summers and keep in touch! Evaluations can be shared with you by asking them to show you in Google Classroom.

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Physical Education 5th and 6th grade P.E.

The 5th and 6th graders just finished up their testing. The tests included the Sit-N-Reach, Pacer, Curl-ups, and Push-ups. The students have put all their scores in their Chromebook. The classes have worked hard throughout the year to improve their scores by doing different warm-ups and activities.

The next unit we will get in will be Soccer and also Baseball/Softball. The students will go over some of the fundamentals of the game and then go into a game outside,

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)

World Studies

5th Grade World Studies

Guten Tag! The fifth graders will soon be learning the language and culture of Germany! Many of them have been excited to share that they have German ancestry and were particularly interested in this unit. In comparing German and American culture, students are learning that culture consists of both visible features (like dress and language) that are easy to see or observe and also invisible features (like values, beliefs and attitudes) that cannot be observed directly. Essential Questions that we ask are, "How can cultures that look alike actually be different?" and, "Why is it important to study a culture beyond what you see?"

Enjoy your summer vacations! I'm looking forward to working with everyone again in sixth grade World Studies and Computer Applications!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Choir Information:

The choir had a great year! Thanks for your time and dedication to this group! We successfully sang some very difficult music, which is very impressive in the short time we have to rehearse. The concert at Lawrence was the highlight of our year. I am thrilled that many of the 6th graders from choir have joined the 7th grade choir, and several others who were not in choir have joined as well! I am hoping the 5th grade students will return with even more friends next year. Keep singing!



MUSIC MATTERS!



Healthy Living

6th Grade

It is hard to believe this is my last newsletter for the 6th graders. I feel so lucky to have gotten to know the 6th graders these past two years and am confident that they will continue to grow physically, mentally and socially over the summer and next year at JRG.

We successfully finished our unit on nutrition and human growth and development. All our units focus on the choices your sons and daughters are and will be making. I am hoping they are armed with the understanding of topics that will help them to make the best choices for their health. We recognize that changes that occur during puberty are not just physical, but mental and social as well. As parents, you may be painfully aware of how your child is striving to be more independent. She/he is able to think deeply about subjects and see how his/her actions can affect other people. I certainly hope that I have supported your discussions at home about peer pressure; standing up for what is right and being true to yourself. This will certainly be true when faced with making decisions about alcohol. That will be our last unit.

As I've told the 6th graders after every unit, "the 'insert unit here' unit is over, but it is never really over. Life is their ultimate assessment of 'are they able to apply what they've learned to making good decisions?'" I am wishing your son/daughter all the best as they begin making these decisions.

Have a safe, relaxing, fun summer!
Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)

Band

Congratulations to all of our 5th and 6th grade band students on their hard work before and during our April 17th concert! It was so enjoyable working on such challenging, but fun, music and you have learned so much this year. Think back to the start of 5th grade when you each begin band!!! You have all made so much progress!

Ms. Shimek (ext. 2621)
Mrs. Carpenter (ext. 2654)

MUSIC

The 5th grade students have been reviewing note names and singing in 2 and 3 part rounds. It has been fun to see their progress in singing. We will be learning songs that are from our American history, and also song in German, which tie in well with the World Studies and Social Studies classes. I look to continuing to make beautiful music next year! I hope to see many more students in choir next year, there are so many great singers in this class!

The 6th graders have learned about the beginnings of music, from the Medieval Era through America's own music. The students have had great discussion about the elements of music and how to use music terminology to describe music.

I have very much enjoyed working with the 6th graders for the past two years. I look forward to seeing them in future performances, and expect them to be very successful.

Mrs. Been (ext. 2647)

ART



5th Grade Art

The 5th grade students are creating a sculpture made of plaster gauze. The students learned how to plaster their hands and fingers with plaster gauze, and design a sculpture from their hand and fingers. The students also designed the base (made from cardboard) for the sculpture to sit on. This base will create a mood that will bring the fingers and hands to life. The 5th grade students will use paint, hot glue, feathers, beads, sequins, leather and other materials to help make their sculpture unique! Once the students have finished their plaster hand sculpture they will fill out their check off sheet. The students will use their Chromebook and the students will go onto our Google classroom and fill out the check-off sheet (self-assessment). After they finish the check-off sheet the students will make a name tag for their plaster hand and will then be displayed in the display cases in the hallways.

The Elements of art we have covered are:
Color, Value, Form, Line, Shape and Texture.

Mr. Calmes (ext. 23211)