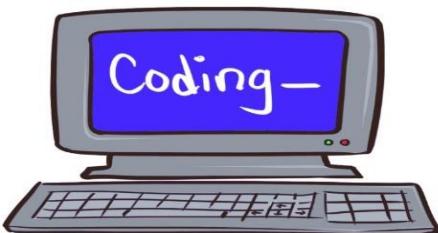




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Computer

5th Grade Computer Applications

Students are currently wrapping up their Online Communication unit, and will be beginning a new unit this year called Computer Science. Fifth graders will be using the code.org curriculum called CS Fundamentals to learn basic coding strategies and concepts.

In addition to completing this new unit, all intermediate students will also be participating in a worldwide coding event called the Hour of Code. In our building, this event will take place the week of December 17th. Keep an eye out for more info to come on this exciting celebration of Computer Science!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)



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

The 5th and 6th grade students are finishing up volleyball. We have worked on the skills of the game that include: Serving, Setting, and Pass/Bumping. We also talked about the rules of the game. We continue to work on improving our fitness scores. We do this in class by stretching, running for time, and upper body movements. The tests will be right around our winter break time. The tests include: Pacer, Sit n Reach, Push-ups, Curl-ups. The next unit we will cover will be basketball.

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)



World Studies

6th Grade World Studies

At the start of second quarter, sixth graders said "Au revoir" to our French unit, and "Bienvenidos" to our final unit of World Studies... Spanish! Students are discovering how much fun the Spanish language and culture are as we learn greetings, numbers 1-31 and calendar vocabulary. We've also spent a good amount of time learning about Mexico. Students are looking forward to our upcoming research project, which is to create a Google Site about a Spanish-speaking country. Be sure to ask them to share it with you! They are excited to be publishing their work to the internet for others to view!

As always, we love having guest speakers come in to visit our classes. If you or someone you know has a connection to the Spanish language or culture and is interested in coming in, please let us know. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Choir Information:

We celebrated this concert with a pizza party and will begin our rehearsals for the KASD Choral Festival in January, boys on the 17th, girls on the 22nd. We will combine on the 27th and 29th, and also on February 5th and 7th. If there are any additional students interested in joining choir, those are required rehearsals, allowing for ample time to learn the concert music. Please let Mrs. Been know if your child would like to join and make arrangements to have her/him at those rehearsals. Attire for that performance will be black bottoms (pants or skirt with black tights/leggings), black shoes, and a white top (tie is optional).



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Healthy Living

5th Grade

We are just finishing our nutrition unit. I'd love to think this is resulting in positive changes in your child's eating behaviors especially an increase in consumption of fruits and vegetables. I've told the students that even though our nutrition unit has ended, our goals of choosing what we eat based on the "Choose My Plate" criteria will never end! :) Thanks for your support at home with their choices.

Before leaving on break will be discussing "Personal Health and Safety". We will be learning common injuries of 5th graders and how important it is to be aware of our surroundings to help prevent these injuries. As the fifth graders are becoming more independent, supervision is not always going to be there if they are physically injured. While prevention is the most important factor in staying safe, students also need to know what to do to help themselves and others if an injury does occur. We will learned about basic first aid during our Personal Health and Safety unit. I strongly encourage you to enroll your child in a babysitting class to help give students more knowledge and confidence when staying home by themselves or with younger children. Also in this unit will be a presentation by Sexual Assault Crisis Center. The discussion is mandated by the state, but it is also a great opportunity to remind students how to stay safe.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)

ART



The 6th grade students created an abstract sculpture made of plaster of Paris, which is similar to what famous sculptors used for their masterpieces like the statue of David by Michelangelo. Michelangelo (March 6, 1475 – February 18, 1564), was a very famous sculptor that carved masterpieces from chunks of plaster, and that is what the 6th grade students have done. Students learned how to mix, pour and carve the plaster. The students also used files called rasps that would grind the plaster down and make it easy for the students to shape the plaster. Once the students were finished they used different colored acrylic paint to finish off their piece. When the students were all finished with their plaster project the students then made a name tag and used their chrome book to fill out their check off sheet (self-assessment) on our Google classroom. The plaster projects will be displayed in the hallways when they are finished. Our next project will be a still life drawing.

-The Elements of Art we have covered are:
Color, Form, Line, Shape, Space, Texture and Value

Mr. Calmes (ext. 2321)



MUSIC

Grade 5:

Preparations are well under way for the January 15th concert! This concert will be held at 6:30 in the evening and will feature every member of the 5th grade class singing songs about rivers, streams, and other bodies of water! The students have been working very hard at learning to sing in 2-part harmony and have also learned important information about slavery and the Underground Railroad. Every student is expected to be in attendance. Please let Mrs. Been know if there is a conflict that cannot be accommodated. There will be a rehearsal at 1:30, if there is a family member who is unable to attend the evening performance, they are welcome to come at that time. Students should dress in nice clothes for the evening concert, to make a good first impression! Nice pants, shirts with no logos or writing, skirts and dresses are encouraged. Please wear low or no-heeled dress shoes. Thanks!

Grade 6:

Our concert was a success, thanks to the 6th grade students for your efforts! Thank you, parents for your support! We are moving back into reading music, looking for dynamics, key signatures and other important clues for how the music should be performed. We will have a brief unit of playing tone chimes to review note names, in preparation for our next round of piano keyboarding.

Mrs. Been (ext. 2647)

6th Grade Art