



Art

Mr. Bowie



PE

Mr. Smith



Young Innovators

Mrs. Samuelsen



Music

Ms. Tanner

ORE Specials

Mr. Smith ~ PE

We have been having a great time in Ocotillo Ridge PE! In recent weeks, the students have completed the Pacer Challenge, participated in holiday games, and played Sideline Number Soccer. During the Pacer Challenge, the students learned about cardiovascular endurance and how exercise strengthens their heart and lungs. They practiced the overhand throw by standing sideways to the target, holding the ball by their ear, stepping forward with the correct foot, and rotating their body to increase velocity and demonstrate control. The winter throwing game required students to work collaboratively and think about how their throwing form impacted their team's success. During Sideline Number Soccer, the students practiced their soccer dribbling, passing, and trapping skills while coming up with offensive and defensive strategies. The students not only progressed in their soccer skills, but they also did a fantastic job of working together and displayed positive attitudes and sportsmanship during the game. I am looking forward to hearing about all the physical activities students participate in over Winter Break. Thank you for keeping our kids active and healthy through the new year.

Mrs. Samuelsen ~ Young Innovators

The end of the calendar year is approaching, and so is our unit on flight. Students have taken on the roles of aeronautical engineers by designing airplanes on paper, as well as building and modifying paper airplanes to improve flight distance. It is exciting to see even the first graders intent upon improving their paper airplane to maximize aerodynamics! Quarter 3 is just around the corner, and we will begin exploring the area of energy. With the recent installation of solar panels at ORE, we have a unique opportunity to see an alternative energy form at work producing electricity for us! Thus, we will learn in Quarter 3 about all forms of energy and how we can utilize them in our world. Science rocks!

Mr. Bowie ~ Art

I joined the school family at O.R.E. in November as the new art teacher. My training and experience has equipped me well for this position. I am proud to be a part of this school family and especially to work with the amazing students. Many of the students have already demonstrated to me their artistic skills and aesthetic awareness. They are currently fine-tuning and completing their art portfolios, and fifth grade will soon begin working on clay projects. I am looking forward to continuing to motivate and build student interest in all areas of art.

Ms. Tanner ~ Music

Thank you to all the third grade parents for your support on our musical, *The Holly Jolly Pirates of Piñataville!* I am touched at all the donations and volunteer hours that were offered on our third graders behalf. Our musical was a success, and our third graders really shined! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!





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Upcoming Music Performances:

Date	Group	Location	Time
January 25, 2018 Thursday	Ocotillo Ridge Band Ocotillo Ridge Strings <i>Preview Performance</i>	ORE MPR	7:00 PM
February 17, 2018	Ocotillo Ride Choir Ocotillo Ridge Band Ocotillo Ridge Strings	Pima County Fairgrounds	TBA