



Art

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ORE Specials

Ms. Schreiber ~ **Art**

Welcome back to another exciting school year at ORE! My goals for all students in art class are to experience and explore new materials, while gaining art appreciation, and of course, having fun! In art class, students are given the opportunity to express themselves through the creation of art and expand their vocabularies by discussing their own artwork as well as the artwork of others. My goal within each lesson and art project is to encourage each student's creativity, while challenging him or her to think critically, problem solve, and experiment with new art techniques, tools, and materials.

Our theme for this year is Ancient Egypt, and it is my hope that students gain an understanding of how art has played an important role in cultures from around the world and how world history and art go hand in hand.



Mr. Smith ~ **PE**

I am excited for another year of Ocotillo Ridge Physical Education! We have had a great start to the year. During the first few weeks of PE, the students participated in team building activities, played a variety of active games, practiced basketball skills, and worked on their cardiovascular fitness during the Pacer Run. The students learned about the importance of pacing themselves during exercise and set personal goals. I urge students to try their best, but also to be safe while participating in vigorous exercise. Please remind your child(ren) to wear comfortable shoes on the days they have PE. This ensures that each student gets to participate fully in all the PE activities. All shoes need to be closed toe and they should not wear boots, sandals, heels, or Crocs. We want to ensure that they are being as safe and as comfortable as possible in PE. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me. Let's make it a great year!

Mrs. Samuelson ~ **Young Innovators**

Welcome to Young Innovators! The first question most people ask is, "What is a young innovator?", and we have been spending our first few weeks learning the answer. :) In this new Specials class, we have been discovering that innovators come in all shapes and sizes but share one thing in common--seeing a problem, and using creativity to find a solution. The first week, we designed innovations to improve some part of our morning routine, such as waking up or getting out of bed. The second week we learned about teamwork and using the 3 C's (collaboration, communication, and compromise) to create effective teams. The third week we launched into learning the Scientific Method as we perform an experiment in which we test the surface tension of water and soap on a penny by counting the number of drops we place on it. Step by step, we are learning to be young innovators! Walt Disney described innovators best in his statement, "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things because we are curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." It's going to be a great year in Young Innovators!



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Welcome back ORE Families! It's great to be back and work with your children. Please take note of our grade level performances for this school year. I'm looking forward to an excellent year in music!

Date	Group	Location	Time
October 24, 2017 Tuesday	4th Grade Concert: <i>Freaky Fall</i>	VTOTA	7:00 PM
November 9, 2017 Thursday	5th Grade Concert: <i>A Veteran's Day Tribute</i>	VTOTA	7:00 PM
December 14, 2017 Thursday	3rd Grade Musical: <i>The Holly Jolly Pirates of Piñataville</i>	ORE MPR	6:00 PM
May 15, 2018 Tuesday	1st Grade Musical: <i>The Principal and the Pea</i>	VTOTA	6:00 PM
May 15, 2018 Tuesday	2nd Grade Musical: <i>Swamped!</i>	VTOTA	7:00 PM

VTOTA stands for Vail Theatre of the Arts. It is located on the campus of Empire High School at 10701 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way. Except for the 3rd grade performance, we will have a full dress rehearsal at VTOTA, during school, the morning or afternoon the same date of the performance.