



Art

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ORE Specials

Mr. Smith ~ PE

Ocotillo Ridge PE has been a blast this year! The students have practiced a variety of manipulative skills, played games, and learned many different exercises. They worked on throwing with correct form by practicing individually and throwing during game situations. We played Scooter Hockey while working together, used offensive and defensive strategies, and got a great lower body workout! We also worked on team building skills by completing parachute activities. I am looking forward to the next few weeks as we rev up our cardiovascular systems by doing hula-hoop exercises, tricks, and competitions. In addition to the hula-hoops, students will improve their hand-eye coordination and balance by using bean bags. The students love trying new skills while challenging their friends. Please note that Friday, September 1st was our Max's Milers kickoff assembly. It started out ORE's running program, which takes place during lunch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please remind your child(ren) to wear comfortable shoes to ensure they are as safe as possible. Walkers and runners are welcome. Let's get moving ORE!

Mrs. Samuelson ~ Young Innovators

Thanks for those parents who came to ORE's Curriculum Night, and participated in the "Young Innovators" sessions! When I asked those parents what an innovator is, the best answer from the evening was, "Someone who has the vision and the tenacity to stick with something until they find a solution to a problem." What a great definition! This month in YI we are starting our focus for the first half of the year...WATER. We started with a lesson on how much water is in our bodies and where it is found. Next, we move on to the Earth's water cycle. Look for the ziplock bags going home Sept. 1-8th so you can perform your own water cycle experiment! Then we will explore where Arizona's water comes from, through our watersheds and groundwater, as well as the from the Central Arizona Project (CAP). It's going to be a very "wet" September in Young Innovators!

Ms. Schreiber ~ Art

The month of August has been an exciting exploration of hieroglyphs that the Ancient Egyptians used to communicate and record history. All grade levels have practiced writing their name in hieroglyphs and creating a cartouche. It has been exciting to watch students explore different mediums such as clay, shrinky dinks, glittery watercolor paints, and aluminum to create these wonderful pieces of art. Looking ahead to September, students will be focusing on the Elements & Principles of Art. Upcoming projects will feature elements such as Color, Line, Texture, Shape, Form, Value and Space to enhance their creative compositions. Ask your children to explain what a cartouche is! I'm sure they'll be excited to share this information with you.

Ms. Tanner ~ Music

Hello ORE Families! Students continue to thrive in our Music Specials Class. Younger grades are exploring music through movement and getting comfortable with their singing voice. Our third, fourth, and fifth graders are preparing songs for their upcoming performances. All students are learning about tempo and dynamics. Ask your child to give you an example of a *piano*, *forte*, and in between volume levels. Fifth graders are also learning vocal techniques to



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help improve the quality of their singing voice. Ask them to show you their *head voice*. Be prepared for some fun sounds! Thank you for allowing me to share the love of music with your children.

Upcoming Grade Level Music Performances:

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