



Art

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Mr. Smith ~ PE

It is an exciting time in ORE PE! Throughout the holiday season, the students enjoy playing holiday themed games to practice their manipulative and sports skills. During Halloween week we played "Sink the Pirate Ship" where students worked together to come up with strategies and practice their overhand throw. We are currently practicing our dribbling, shooting, and passing skills in soccer and hockey. We start the units by practicing single skills and work up to playing fun modified games. The students also participated in the Fun Run on November 8th and did a great job of running and raising money for PTA! I could not be more proud of our Mountain Lion community! I am looking forward to finishing the semester strong with fun and active games to get the students excited about making healthy choices!

Mrs. Samuelson ~ Young Innovators

Quarter is off to a flying start! That's good because our focus this quarter is on flight. :) Before we get into designing airplanes, we have taken time to understand the physics principles which affect flight. We did activities to understand the Bernoulli Principle better by blowing between balloons, making a ping pong ball jump from one cup to another, and studied how a folded piece of paper collapses when you blow under it. After that, we moved on to studying Newton's Three Laws of Motion by playing Tug of War. This was not about winners or losers, though; this was about SCIENCE--force, mass, acceleration, and friction. As we complete the quarter, we will be experimenting with wind tunnels and airplane design. We're going to soar in Young Innovators!

Ms. Schreiber ~ Art

In the Art room, grades 2-4 have been learning fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt as they experiment with different art materials and techniques to create their masterpiece! 4th grade has been sculpting an Eye of Horus in polymer clay, which has been more challenging than they had expected! However, with their perseverance, they are excited to finally see the results. They have done an amazing job with this project so far! 3rd grade has been blending their watercolors to create a spectacular sunset, then honing their cutting skills as they cut out a detailed silhouette of an Egyptian landscape. In 2nd grade, students are drawing Egyptian cats wearing gold earrings and necklaces! They love using the messy oil pastels to color in their drawings. 1st grade students are sharpening their fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination as they learn to draw a bulldog. First, students follow a step-by-step guided drawing in pencil. Then, they trace over all of their pencil lines with a Sharpie, use tempera paint to color in the shapes, and finally, use a paintbrush and black paint to trace over all of their lines again. Whew! It's hard work for them, and they love it! In 5th grade, students are learning about graphic design, and the career as a graphic designer. Students are challenged by following specific guidelines for this project, as well as incorporating the elements of art and principles of design to create a unique design using their name and birth year. All in all it has been an exciting quarter in the Art room!



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Thank you to the 4th and 5th grade families for your support in our recent performances! Both performances were excellent and well attended. I am so grateful to work with your wonderful children! Thank you!

Our next grade level performance is the 3rd Grade Musical: *The Holly Jolly Pirates of Piñataville*. I would love your help with the following donations to create our props. If you have any of the items below, please drop them off at the front office, and they will deliver to my room. Thanks so much!

Items to Donate:

- Amazon packaging (both the brown paper and the big shipping air bubbles)
- Boxes and cardboard (all shapes and sizes)
- Holiday wrapping paper
- Piñatas (both whole *and* broken ones from parties)
- Long velvety drape material (to borrow)



Upcoming Music Performances:

Date	Group	Location	Time
December 14, 2017 Thursday	3rd Grade Musical: <i>The Holly Jolly Pirates of Piñataville</i>	ORE MPR	6:00 PM
December 14, 2017 Thursday	Ocotillo Ridge Choir <i>Holiday Performance</i>	ORE MPR	7:00 PM
January 25, 2018 Thursday	Ocotillo Ridge Band Ocotillo Ridge Strings <i>Preview Performance</i>	ORE MPR	7:00 PM