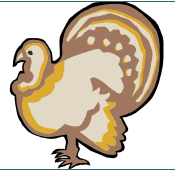


Mrs. Layton's November Newsletter



Creative Drama

Students have picked out pieces to perform, and have been working to improve their diction and vocal projection. Our performance is:

**Monday, December 5th
6:30 in the cafeteria.**

Elementary PE

In PE, we will continue to focus on personal fitness. We begin each class with large body stretching and warm-ups. We will be using the parachute, bean bags, and hula hoops for aerobic and fitness training. We will also be playing many games, showing how fun exercise can be.

Elementary Music

This month, we are learning several songs about the season, with a special emphasis on steady beat and rhythm using the drums and other and non-pitched instruments.

Music Mania

This month, students are creating stories based on words using the musical alphabet. They have learned the notes on the treble staff, and they have brainstormed lists of words based on the musical alphabet. Next, students will write their stories, and substitute notes on the staff for their "musical" words.

Google Sketch-Up

This month, students are learning to use the circle/polygon, arc, freehand, move, and push/pull tools. They will then create objects using these techniques, such as faces and chunks of Swiss cheese.

Microsoft Office

Microsoft Excel is our focus this month. Students are learning to create tables, input data, and create charts and graphs based on their results. The students will fly 2 types of paper airplanes, and using the data in Excel determine which airplane flies the best.

Compass Learning LA

Students continue to improve their knowledge of Language Arts in this class. Students will continue working at their own pace through the various concepts. To view your child's progress, log on to www.compasslearningodyssey.com. Your child's ID is their user name, and the password is their first and last initial.

Clay Studio

We are having a fantastic time in this class. Students are creating coil pots with marbles imbedded in the top rim, and will work with clay slabs and write hieroglyphics to tell a story. Students will also paint projects from the previous month to bring home.

Choir

This class is simply amazing! Students are learning to sing with good bend, vocal tone, diction, and energy. Our performance is scheduled for:

**Thursday, December 15
6:30 pm in the Cafeteria**

Meet the Great Composers

We are now studying the Romantic Period, and the historical events that influenced the music. We will study Schubert, Schumann, Mendelssohn, and musical techniques such as theme and variations.