

Mrs. Layton's October Newsletter



Creative Drama

Students have picked out pieces to perform, and have been experimenting with various voices to see how they affect their piece. 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 will continue working on their compositions. Each student was given a rhythm, and they created a melody on the barred instruments using a pentatonic scale. They have enjoyed letting their creativity take flight with this activity. Some students are adding harmony, and second parts played with their partner.

Google Sketch-Up

Students have taken what they have learned and created a chair using the additive and subtractive methods. This month, we will learn about selections, components, and the paint bucket tool.

Microsoft Office

Microsoft Publisher is our focus this month. Students are learning to make text boxes, change font size, color, and type, and add and manipulate graphics. Students are also exploring the many templates and how they can customize them using the tools they have learned.

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 have painted their pinch pots and coil platters. They have also used the coiling technique to create a snake candy dish and decorative snake cup, as well as an object of their choosing to complete the set.

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 winding up our study of the Classical Period with Beethoven. He was quite a character, so your children should have lots of great things to share about him. Next: the Romantic Period!