

# Mrs. Layton's September Newsletter



## Creative Drama

We are off to such a great start in this class! Students are in the process of picking out and learning a monologue or short We have learned about characterization, vocal inflections, and how to convey feeling to an audience.

## 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 pitched and non-pitched instruments.

## Music Mania

We have started off the year learning about the King of Music. No, it isn't Elvis. It is "Steady Beat." Next in the hierarchy comes rhythm. Students will learn more rhythms this month, and apply their skills in playing our new hand bells, as well as many other pitched and non-pitched instruments.

## Google Sketch-Up

Students will continue to explore the many tools and applications. They will learn to effectively use the shape, push/pull, texture tools and more to create basic structures.

## Microsoft Office

Microsoft Word is our focus this month. Students are learning about the basic functions of the program, as well as some shortcuts to make less work in formatting and creating documents. Students will learn to make posters, fliers, lists, and much more this month.

## 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](http://www.compasslearningodyssey.com). Your child's ID is their user name, and the password is their first and last initial.

## Clay Studio

We have having a fantastic time in this class. Students have learned how to make pinch pots. They have done some beautiful work! While we are waiting for the clay to be dry enough to fire, we have been learning about many of the types of pottery made and used by the Southwest Native Americans.

## Choir

This semester for choir, we are learning a selection of songs compiled by MENC that every American should know. Among these are several patriotic favorites, folk songs, and popular music.

## Meet the Great Composers

We have just finished learning about the Baroque Period of music. Students learned all about Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel, as well as about the life and history from 1600-1750.