

Mrs. Layton's February Newsletter



Show Choir

We are excited to be learning the music from the Broadway musical "Beauty and the Beast." In addition to the songs we know and love from the movie, there are several new ones as well.

Our performance date is

May 14 at 6:30 in the Eagleridge 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 new songs, with a special emphasis on steady beat, rhythm, pitch, and melodic direction. We will be playing the drums and other and non-pitched instruments.

Handbells & More

Students have got a great start in reading rhythms. This month, we will be learning to read notes as well as rhythms, and will apply that knowledge playing the Boomwhackers, xylophones, and metallophones. Students will also be creating rhythmic patterns to play on the drums and other rhythm instruments to accompany the songs.

Spanish

Students have learned greetings and expressions of courtesy, and classroom objects. This month, we are moving on to classroom commands, numbers, and the house. Students will learn through various games, activities, conversations in Spanish, and will constantly build on prior knowledge.

Microsoft Office

I am so excited! Our computer lab was updated from our old 2003 version of MS Office to the most current 2010 version. We will be looking at the new layout of the program, and where to find the menu options that have moved to new homes. We will also begin research on our AZ report.

Musical Theater

Students are well on their way to learning all of the music for our play. We have been learning to sing in 2 parts, and I am flabbergasted at how quickly students are picking up this not-too-easy-to-learn skill. We will be holding auditions for various parts this month. **Our performance date is Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm in the Eagleridge cafeteria.**

Photoshop

This month, students have learned how to open and save files to the server, the importance of layers and how to create them, changing photos from color to black and white, changing colors or a specific object, how to combine photos, erase edges, and reduce opacity. Not bad for a month's work!

Music Mania

The King of Music - Steady Beat, and the Queen of Music - Rhythm, have been thoroughly explored. This next month, we add the next element of music - The Prince and Princess known as Pitch. Students will learn solfedge, and how to read and play the notes on a staff. They will also learn how to read intervals from 2nds up through 5ths.

