

Mrs. Layton's January Newsletter



Show Choir

I am so excited to teach this class on a Monday again! Students will begin the year learning the basics of good vocal production, such as tone, breath support, and blend. We will also begin learning the music for our performance at the end of the semester.

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

We will start out this class learning how to read rhythms. We will apply our knowledge by playing the non-pitched instruments in a rhythm band. Students will also create their own rhythm band pieces for the class to perform. This is in preparation for playing the handbells and other pitched instruments that will require rhythm *and* note reading.

Spanish

We will begin the year learning basic greetings and expressions, and words relating to the classroom and school. We will also begin learning how to count to 12 and tell time on the hour and half hour. Flashcards can be downloaded on my website for home practice.

Microsoft Office

We are going to start the class by planning an Arizona road trip. Using Excel, students will chart the mileage and expenses of the trip. They will also begin to research points of interest at their destination for a PowerPoint presentation that will begin after students have finished their Excel Spreadsheets.

Musical Theater

This semester in Musical Theater, we have a great semester planned. The students will perform a musical called "It's Saturday!" It is packed full of fun songs, and speaking parts for every student that would like one. We will begin by reading through the musical, and learning the songs and choreography.

Photoshop

We will begin the class by learning how to create blank canvases, and import and save photos. Students will become familiar with the work area, such as the layers, effects, full, and quick edit menus of the program. We will also learn how to use the basic tools of Photoshop.

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 basic and intermediate rhythms this month, and apply their skills in playing our wide variety of rhythm instruments.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR