



Specials at Dry Creek January



Happy New Year! Welcomes to 2019, exciting things are happening in music!

Happy New Years! I hope that you had a great winter break. As we start the New Year, we will be working on our physical fitness testing. The first through fifth graders will be working on their PACER test during January. The PACER test is a physical endurance running test. The Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (**PACER**) is a multistage shuttle run. The **PACER** test is designed to measure aerobic capacity, which is characterized by endurance, performance, and fitness. The expectation for each grade level is:

1st grade: 7 laps

2nd grade: 10 laps

3rd grade: 15 laps

4th grade: 20 laps

5th grade: 25 laps

Kindergarten will be working on building their endurance and physical fitness by playing tag and fitness games. They will also be learning different exercises that build core strength. Ask them to show you!

5th graders will be starting a drumming unit that will be co-taught with Mrs. Hanson, our PE teacher. They will be choosing a song and choreographing drumming and movement to the song. This will culminate in a musical performance and will incorporate art, STEM, PE, and music.

4th graders will be starting recorders soon. Look for a note coming home soon on how to purchase a recorder or what to do if you already have one at home.

3rd graders will be learning a new song about a time machine and will work in group creating additional verses, learning an accompaniment on Orff instruments, creating movement, and creating space sounds.

2nd graders will be beginning stations where they will have opportunities to play instruments, compose their own rhythmic compositions, and sing their way through many different simple solfege (tune) songs.

1st graders will be learning a chant working on quarter notes and two eighth notes and patterns that are similar and different. They will also be learning a few songs from China and Japan that ties in with the unit they study in their creeks.

Kindergarten will be working on why people write and sing music and different times when music is used.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at ipedersen3@cherrycreekschools.org



ART

Greetings Dry Creek Families,

Happy New Year! I am excited to share our fundraiser was very successful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support regarding the Original Works fundraiser. Collectively we raised just over \$1,000. I am looking forward to purchasing art books and high quality art supplies with the proceeds.

Here's what's up in art class:

K: We are creating a mixed media piece inspired by the book *Snowmen at Night* by, Caralyn Buehner. Students have been painting their version of what they think a snowman looks like when it is dark outside. Ultimately, my goal with this lesson is to give students a lot of practice with cutting and gluing.

1: We are creating a fox inspired by the book *The Mitten* by, Jan Brett. Students will draw, paint, blend oil pastels, cut, and glue to create their winter fox masterpiece.

2: We wrapped up our ceramic mittens in December! Students recently began studying the art of American Folk artist, Laurel Burch. We created a rap song to help us remember facts about the artist. Students will be designing a painted cat collage inspired by Burch's fantastic felines.

3: We are about to wrap up our stitching unit. Students learned four different types of stitches. They have been diligently working on their painted burlap inspired by contemporary artist Elizabeth Pawle.

4: PIZZA PLUSHIES! Yes, I am yelling! These are absolutely the coolest little sewn plushies, EVER!

5: Students worked in teams to create a plaster cast of their face. We have been planning and designing our masks. Each mask is different and students have been following a rubric to be successful based on the art content standards. In February we will paint our drum bases for the spring performance.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Are you interested in volunteering? I am looking for a Friday team of parents or grandparents interested in doing simple art jobs from 1:45-2:45 on Friday afternoons! Bring a friend!

Warm wishes for an outstanding new year,

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S T E M

Science | Technology | Engineering | Math



This time of year in S.T.E.M. each day and class is on its own schedule.

The Monday and Wednesday groups are working in Sketch up or cubelets. The 4th and 5th graders are building dog houses and pirate ships in the 3D program of Sketch up using specific measurements and 3D elements. The 5th graders are also producing a green screen video for the 5th grade program. The 3rd graders are beginning their work with cubelets (magnetic robots). They are drawing concentric circles using cubelets robots and markers. The 2nd graders are using cubelets to build a track and have the cubelets follow the line. The 1st graders are exploring the basic of the cubelets and how they think, act and sense to make a robot into a train, a lighthouse and a variety of other things.

The Friday classes are working on either Lego robotics 1.0, 2.0 or cubelets and KEX. The 4th graders are building a Science Rover with Legos 2.0. The 3rd graders are combining art and robots by using cubelets to draw concentric circles with markers and cubelets. The 5th grader are producing a green screen video for their 5th grade program. The 1st graders are learning about simple machines by building and an incline plane and a paddle boats using KEX building materials. Lastly, the 2nd graders are using cubelets to build a track to have the robots follow a line around a track.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions,

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