



## Specials at Dry Creek October

Music Newsletter – November 2017

Greetings from the music room! We are having a wonderful time singing, dancing, composing, and listening to music!

Mark Your Calendars:

2nd Grade Presents “Weather the Weather” on Wednesday, November 15th at 2pm and 6:30pm

Choir performs for 2 nursing homes and then again at 2pm and 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 13th

Choir will also perform one song at the Veteran’s Day Assembly on Thursday, November 9th at 8:10am

Attention 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders:

Talent Show Auditions are coming soon! They will be after Thanksgiving break. Look for an email with details on how to sign up for an audition on Sign-Up Genius.

Classes:

Kdg – We have been working on learning the entire Chicka Chicka Boom Boom song and playing pumpkin games.

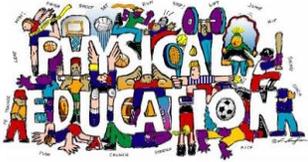
1st – We have been working on the different ways our voices can sound and then performing a nursery rhyme using voices that they chose.

2nd – We are hard at work on our music program!

3rd – We have learned a few new music games working on keeping a beat and reading rhythms.

4th – We have been working on meter – what it is, what it means, and how it plays a role in what the music sounds like.

5th – We studied Scott Joplin and worked on reading complicated rhythms to his piece “The Entertainer”. We then composed our own rhythm piece that we performed.



November is Jump Rope for Heart month! We will be learning how to jump rope during class. We will be learning different singles and partner tricks, along with long rope. Students will also be learning the five healthy concepts that go along with Jump Rope for Heart. The five healthy concepts we will be covering are:

1. Exercise 60 minutes a day
2. Say no tobacco
3. Limit sodium intake
4. Limit sugary beverages
5. Eat colorful foods

Jump Rope for Heart envelopes were sent out at the beginning of the week and are due back to me by Nov. 21st. I will be handing out instant gifts through the week when I get updates on online donations. I do not teach at Dry Creek on Wednesday’s so please do not send the envelopes back on Wednesday’s. There is no pressure to donate to this fundraiser. The money goes directly to the American Heart Association. We do receive a small portion back to the P.E. program to buy new equipment.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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# ART

Dear Dry Creek Families,

The following is a list of our current work by grade level:

K: Snowy Penguins (paint, construction paper, fabric)

1st Grade: Giant hammer head sharks (mixed media)

2nd Grade: Sunflowers inspired by Van Gogh (tissue paper and paint)

3rd Grade: Egyptian printmaking

4th Grade: Weaving on a loom

5th Grade: Stitching landscapes on wool

Volunteer Corner:

Many thanks to the following parents who have spent time volunteering in the art room this month:

Margaret Wal, Joy Bagwell, Laura Healy, Melissa Davis

ORIGINAL WORKS:

The Original Works art fundraiser will be taking place this month. Please consider ordering a personalized gift with your child's artwork on it. Online ordering deadline is Friday, November 17th. Your order will arrive at Dry Creek just in time for the holidays! Please watch for ordering information in your child's Thursday folder.

Artistically,

Sarah Glennon

# S T E M

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This time of year in S.T.E.M. each day and class is on its own schedule. All 3 kindergarten classes are working their way through 5 centers, one center each class: Scratchjr on the iPads, Tower building with Lego, Building shapes with marshmallows and toothpicks to learn about sides and vertices, gear building and a popsicle stick airplanes.

The Wednesday groups have begun Lego Robotics for 3rd&5th graders. In Lego robotics the 5th grade students are building projects with Lego kits such as a lion, a monkey and alligator. The third graders have a soccer theme of building a goal kicker, goal keeper or cheering fan. Both grades then will program the Legos to move in Scratch.

The 1st graders are working in KNEX kits with levers, pulleys and simple machines. The KNEX kits will have the 1st graders building incline planes and then a paddle boat. They will learn some basics about simple machines and apply them when building their projects. The 2nd graders will make transportation items with their KNEX, airplane, helicopter and motorcycle. This unit allows them to learn a little bit about gears and how they work.

The Thursday and Friday groups are working on their first engineering projects. The 4th graders are working on constructing Foil Floaters and Straw towers. They are learning about weigh distribution as well as sturdy building bases. The 5th graders are designing and building cars with limited materials that can race across the table by blowing on them. The 3rd graders are constructing boats where the center of buoyancy and the center of gravity have to line up in order for the boat to stay stable and upright in ALL conditions. The 2nd graders are building dinosaurs where the weight of the dinosaur is distributed evenly on both sides. Lastly, the 1st graders are building skyscrapers that will hold a tennis ball and withstand wind from a fan. Each of these projects is using the Engineering Design process: Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create and Improve. Each group will be in charge of working through the process together successfully.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions, [jhager2@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:jhager2@cherrycreekschools.org)

