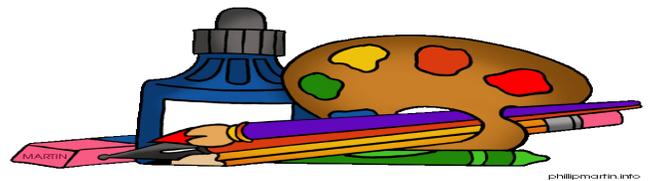


Special Edition

A monthly look at what's happening
in North Ridge Specials!
April Issue

Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Music circles – As a class we talk about how music can bring out emotion and relate that to how art can bring out emotion as well. We look at the work of Wassily Kandinsky and how his abstract circles were made with different colors. We then make our own circles by listening to different music and choosing colors and working speed based on the songs. 1st – Ancient Egypt and Paper Mache – we look at the pyramids, art, hieroglyphics, and King Tut's artifacts through a PowerPoint and then make a paper mache mask that resembles it. 2nd – Drawing 3D shapes – students will learn the common mistakes when drawing 3D shapes and learn to draw cylinders, cones, cubes, and rectangular prisms. 3rd – Piet Mondrian, simplicity with shape and color – we will look at the work of Mondrian and his progression from emulating other artist to making his own artistic style. We will use rulers to measure out our own geometric shapes and color them. 4th – One point perspective – We will look at some of the works from the Italian High Renaissance and see how painters figured out that they could use a spot (vanishing point) to make it look like everything is getting smaller as it get farther away. We then make our own street view of one point perspective. 5th – Two point perspective – We start by remembering what we had done in 4th grade with one point perspective and students learn that there is another 2 point perspective. We look at examples and students learn to make their own.



Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

Here's what we're learning in music this April! The 5th grade will present their musical "I Need A Vacation" this week. They will be performing the musical on Thursday night April 6th. Students will need to arrive at 6:40. The musical will begin at 7:00 in the multipurpose room. They are to wear their Boosterthon t-shirt, shorts or jeans and tennis shoes. 4th Grade is continuing learning new notes on the recorder and on a music staff. 3rd Grade is learning various folk songs from around the world. 2nd Grade will be continuing to learn about songs, traditions and instruments from around the world. 1st Grade is learning about melodic movement, tempo and dynamics. Kindergarten is learning about matching the steady beats with various tempo and instruments.

Special Edition Cont.

Phenomenal P.E. with Mr. Keller

K-2nd: We are beginning a brand new unit this month called "Stunts and Tumbling." Students will develop their body control by manipulating their bodies by rolling, bending, spinning, twisting and balancing in various ways as we learn new skills leading into a gymnastics unit in 3rd grade. 3rd-5th: We are beginning a 3 week unit of gymnastics in which students will be performing various skills such as; rolling, somersaults, tripods and cartwheels. At the end of this unit, we will work on all the skills learned by navigating through an obstacle course made up of a variety of gymnastics skills and challenges. Should be a blast!

*** Parents/Teachers, please have your children dressed appropriately for tumbling and gymnastics. Meaning; hair-ties, no jewelry, no dresses and clothes that cover all body parts. ***

As the weather continues to warm up, Morning Track will be in full swing every day. So if doable, we would love to have your kids here by 7:55 so that they can get some laps in before the school day begins.

Stay Active. Stay Healthy. Go Unicorns!

Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Happy April! Kindergarten students will spend a couple weeks on the topic on internet safety. This is an important topic that is discussed each year with every grade level. First graders are finishing up their friendly letters. They wrote these to their favorite specialist. Give Mr. Keller a pat on the back for being the clear winner here! :) They will also learn a new skill by adding clip art to their letter. Second grade students will have one final power point project for the year. The information included will recap their school year. Third grade students are finishing their entrepreneur research. Researching using websites provided by me is definitely a skill they need more practice with. Fourth graders are moving from NC Lighthouses to festivals of NC. I can't wait to tell them about the Livermush Festival in my hometown of Shelby. Finally, before moving into Civil War research the fifth graders are having fun traveling the Oregon Trail. You can actually find the 1990 version of this on the internet. I know it sure brings back fond memories for me. It's still very tragic with when one of your oxen drowns or one of your wagon mates dies of dysentery!

Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

In April, all grades will get a campfire story! Many of the stories will be old folk tales passed down through the generations. Kindergarten will be reading spring stories. 1st grade will be comparing fiction and non-fiction books and other text. 2nd grade will be finishing up with their Dewey sections with the 900's and biography. 3rd grade has been working hard to learn how the library is organized and will now be putting in the Destiny (card catalog) piece this month. 4th grade will continue working on their pourquoi tales and 5th grade will be talking about plagiarism.

