

Special Edition

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

Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

K- Texture – We'll be making a caterpillar or a butterfly and students will color their work with texture plates under the paper. This shows the texture through the paper and on the caterpillar or butterfly.

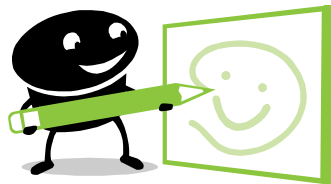
1st – Koi Fish - We will talk about the relationship between different animals in a pond and how they live together. Then we will draw, crayon and watercolor two koi fish.

2nd – Radial Designs – we will explore the use of a compass to make circles and talk about how some words can sound or be spelled the same but can mean different things.

3rd – Stained Glass Windows – Students will learn the history of glass making and stained glass windows. Students will then make a stained glass window from overhead projector sheets and sharpies. We will focus on balance and movement.

4th – Wax Museum Backgrounds – We are working to make our backgrounds for the 4th grade wax museum. Students are making a backdrop that relates to the person they chose to study.

5th – Aspen trees – We will learn how climate affects the types of trees and plants that grow in an area. We will then watercolor a mountain scene with aspen trees.



Phenomenal P.E. with Mr. Keller

K: We are finishing up our locomotor skills unit. We will begin our Manipulatives unit in which students will be exposed to different types of balls, bean bags, hula hoops, etc. This unit will test students hand-eye coordination. **1st-2nd:** We are finishing up our post-test for the eight locomotor skills we have been working on. We will begin our throwing at catching unit, practicing throwing and catching different manipulatives with proper form. We will be using these skills with partners, small groups and modified games. **3rd-5th:** We are beginning to wrap up our throwing unit in which students have been gaining experience with throwing different manipulatives in various game and activity settings. Every class has done well learning the basic skills and rules to the game of football, we will culminate our football unit with a flag football game. We will begin our soccer unit as soon as we finish our throwing unit.

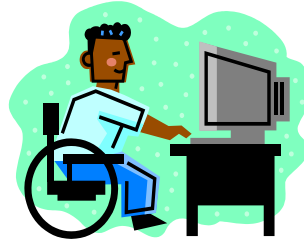
Morning Track begins at 8:00am. This is a great opportunity for your child to get a little bit of exercise first thing in the morning. No better way to start the day!

Stay Active. Stay Healthy. Go Unicorns!

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Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Kindergarten students are still exploring various websites. This is to help the students not only improve their mouse skills but to find out which websites are their favorites and which are not. Most students can now log in, find our website for the week, and stay on the assigned website independently. They are already familiar with: ABCya.com, Starfall.com, PBSKids.org, and Nickjr.com. First grade students are focusing on fall and leaves. We have read both fiction and non-fiction books on the topic and students then used the computer to make their own leaf creature. Now they are using MS Word to type a story about their creation. Second graders are learning about the job of the president—what he or she does everyday as well as what qualifications one must have to be president. The topic of their next power point is "If I Were President." Third graders are in the middle of their internet safety unit. Fourth graders are also covering internet safety. Up next will be current events. Finally, fifth graders have most recently learned about Gardner's Multiple Intelligences. After taking a quiz revealing what multiple intelligences their brains are strongest in, they will research and explore possible careers they would like to have in the future.



Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

Kindergarten and 1st grade are still hearing North Carolina Children's Book Award books and doing activities. One book/activity is Glow: animals with their own night-lights by W.H. Beck. After we read the book, students will get to make up their own animals that glow on black construction paper with neon crayons. 2nd grade will be learning about books in the 400's Dewey non-fiction section. 3rd grade will be brushing up on their alphabetizing skills. 4th grade will be working on learning fiction genres and 5th grade will be hearing some trickster tales, learning about Boolean searching and hearing a book about the War of the Worlds radio event told through a book called The Aliens are coming. Thanks to Mr. Ring, the library is lucky to have the 5th grade batik pictures on display. Stop by and see all the beautiful colors.

Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

The first grade musical is getting closer! Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 17. The first grade will perform the musical "Nuts" at 7:00 p.m. on our multipurpose room stage. If you have a 1st Grader, please have them here at 6:40. Please bring them to the cafeteria, and then go to the multipurpose room to find a seat for the show to begin at 7:00. I hope you will be here to see it.

-Kindergarten continues to learn names of instruments and how to play them as they continue to practice keeping a steady beat and playing rhythm patterns. They are also singing songs about Thanksgiving and fall.

-2nd Grade is learning music terms like staff, measure, and names of notes. They are working hard on being able to count rhythms out loud and then reading words to those rhythms.

-3rd Grade will be working on their musical to perform for you and the school. Mark your calendars for December 15, when all of the 3rd grade will perform "Winter Wishes" for you. It's about kids at school wishing for a snow day. This will be at 7:00p.m. in our multipurpose room.

-4th grade is really doing great playing recorders. Every child can play B A and G without help. We are now working on High C and D. Please make sure your child practices at home and then returns the recorder to their bookbag. That way they will always have it on music day. We will also be singing songs and reading rhythms this month.

-5th grade is also playing recorders and learning new songs this month. They are learning how to play the lower notes, which are more challenging to play. Please remind them to keep their recorders in their bookbags so they will always have them on music day.

