

# Special Edition

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

## Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

September was full of review and introductions to new stuff like the visual search in Destiny and for grades 2-5 learning how to check books out ourselves (which they seem to be enjoying!) This month, Kindergarteners will start learning how to use shelf markers and how to browse for books this month. 1st grade will be doing sequencing (putting story strips in order) and listening to more of the North Carolina Children's Book Award books and voting on their favorite. 2nd graders will be doing a book buffet activity to explore the 300's books. 3rd grade is starting to learn the organization of the library and how to connect the call numbers they find on Destiny to being successful at finding the books on the shelves. 4th grade is refreshing their Destiny search skills with a scavenger hunt and listening to a round of book talks. 5th grade will be discussing how they select books, getting a refresher on using Novelist for book recommendations and enjoying a round of book talks.



## Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Happy Fall Y'all! Fifth grade students are beginning to make photo stories using a website called Photo Peach. Their in-class topic is a how-to, but I am hoping they will find another topic they like and create one at home too. Fourth graders are using their creative side to come up with a fictional iPad app. They have to include information like the price of their app, what category their app would be in in the iTunes store, and what their app does. There also has to be a crazy or silly special feature about the app so that we know they are not creating something that already exists. Third grade students are moving in to making their Power Points "fancy" with text effects and slide transitions. Ask them to teach you something soon so that you can show off at work! Second grade students are finishing their first Power Point assignment of the year which is an All About Me. They are proving to be fast typers which is a great thing at such a young age. First graders have mastered changing font, font size, and font color. They will now learn how to save their work before starting a fun fall project. Finally, kindergarten students are learning to independently access our Technology class website and to make choices about which website they want to use. In doing this, they are also becoming more comfortable with using an external mouse and fearlessly exploring provided websites. Our class website is <http://nrtech.weebly.com>.

### Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Shapes Robots – using square papers students will learn that others shapes are “hiding” in the square. They can get other shapes by cutting diagonally, straight across and even cutting the corners off.

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 – Origami Box – Students will learn that art of folding paper and create an origami box from construction paper and computer paper.

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 – State Stamps – 4th grade covers NC history and we use that information to make a postage stamp that represents something North Carolina.

5th – Tessellations. We will cover the works of M.C. Escher and students will make their own tessellations.



### Phenomenal PE with Mr. Keller

The first couple weeks of school have been learning procedures, expectations, and rules for P.E. Here is a brief outline of what your children will be working on in P.E. for the month of October:

K: We are working on developing our locomotor skills to prepare for testing in 1st grade. This is a basic development of all 8 locomotor movements to prepare them for further lessons up to 2nd grade.

1st-2nd: We are going to be working on all locomotor skills (walk, run, jump, hop, leap, gallop, skip, side slide) and keeping personal space during games for safety.

3rd-5th: We are finishing up our Fitness Testing and will be starting our football unit (as it is football season!).

Morning Track (Mileage Club) is off to a slow start due to weather conditions the last few weeks but we are still encouraging students to come every day, beginning 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!

## Special Edition Cont.

### Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

Music and the sweet sound of fall are here. Here are few things we are doing across the grade levels.

1st Grade Parents--Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 17. The first grade will perform a musical that celebrates the circle of life called "Nuts" at 7:00 p.m. on our multipurpose room stage. With children singing about acorns, squirrels, trees sun and rain, this promises to provide you a special memory of your child for a lifetime. I hope you will be here to see it.

Kindergarten is learning names of instruments and how to play them as they continue to practice keeping a steady beat and playing rhythm patterns.

2nd Grade is learning music terms like staff, measure, and names of notes. They will also be singing about October, Christopher Columbus, fall and adding instruments to their singing.

3rd Grade has been reviewing names of notes while performing rhythm patterns to songs they will be singing for you soon. Mark your calendars for December 15 when all of the 3rd Grade perform a musical for you. This will be at 7:00p.m. in our multipurpose room.

4th Grade has begun working on recorders. By the end of the month every child should be able to play B A and G without help. Pretty soon you should be able to recognize songs you may have learned in elementary school. 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.

5th Grade is also playing recorders this month. We have started with a review of how to play and proper fingering. We are quickly moving to old and new songs with better technique when playing. We are also reviewing how to read notes on a staff.

