

# Special Edition

A monthly look at what's happening  
in North Ridge Specials!  
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## Phenomenal P.E. with Mr. Keller

**K-2<sup>nd</sup>:** We will continue with our manipulatives unit, practicing throwing and catching different manipulatives, balancing and moving objects and our bodies in different ways. We will be using these skills with partners, small groups and modified games. This unit will test students' hand-eye coordination, and fine motor function.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:** We will be starting a brand new unit. We will begin a volleyball unit in which students will learn the basic fundamentals of the game. Bump, set and serve will be our three main skills practiced and will be incorporated using individual/ partner work, and modified game play.

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!

*\*\*\*As the weather gets colder and wetter, please have your kids come prepared for P.E. class. Wearing the proper clothing and footwear is important not only for your child's safety but also for your child's ability to move appropriately during class. Contact me with any questions or concerns.*

Stay Active. Stay Healthy. Go Unicorns!



## Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Happy 2017! Kindergarten students are continuing to learn and explore new websites. The parts of the computer—monitor, CPU, mouse, keyboard, and printer will also be reviewed. First grade students are talking about internet safety—an important topic in all grade levels. Second graders will review Microsoft Word as they write and publish an acrostic poem about winter. Third graders will tackle their first Microsoft Publisher project of the year. They will be creating a poster about the planet in our solar system that they chose to research. And no, they couldn't choose Pluto—it's not a planet like when we were kids! Fourth grade students did a great job on their timelines for their Wax Museum project. The next few weeks will be spent reading and summarizing current events found on provided kid-friendly websites like Tween Tribune. Finally, fifth graders have finished researching the career of their choice and are now presenting that information with a website called Emaze. Hopefully their finished products will be amazing! As always, our class website can be found at <http://nrtech.weebly.com>.

## Special Edition Cont.

### Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

We are ringing in the New Year with music! All classes are learning new songs this month. We are also reviewing music concepts learned in the first half of the school year. Here is a list of what other things we are doing in music this month;

K- Rhyming songs, and identifying instruments by sound.

1st Grade– Identify long and short notes.

2nd Grade– Compose rhythmic patterns to go with singing and rapping.

3rd Grade- Learn about Chinese New Year and Asian instruments

4th Grade– Learn the four families of instruments.

5th Grade- Learn about American history from 1776 music.



### Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Weaving – students will weave paper after learning how fabrics are made. We will watch a video on cotton harvest and industrial weaving. 1st – Peacock oil pastel and paint – As a class we talk about peacock and listen to the sounds they make. We then draw the peacock step by step and color details with oil pastels. Later we paint the rest. 2nd – Henna Hands – We talk about differences between cultures and how even though we don't have certain customs that there are people in the world who do. We are not all the same. We discuss the history and cultural significance of Henna or Mehndi and why is it used in different cultures. 3rd – Roman Architecture and Arches – Students will learn about aqueducts and arches. We will then use protractors to make an arch and use oil pastels to color them in. We will also be using one point perspective to draw a road going under the arch. 4th – Ceramics – Students will make a clay lighthouse that looks like a North Carolina lighthouse. 5th – Ceramics – Students will design and create a clay maraca figure. These are often made to look like animal and food items by students.



### Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

Welcome to 2017! This month in media, kindergarten will be hearing some great stories like The Baby Beebe Bird by Diane Massie, Quiet Wyatt by Bill Maynard and Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London. 1st grade will hear such favorites as Straight to the Pole by Kevin O'Malley and The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. 2nd grade will be diving into learning what kinds of books are included in the 600's. 600's includes pets. If students would like, they may bring a picture of their pet to hang on the bookshelf near the pets section. 3rd grade will be seeing an exciting slide show advertising great books in series that are perfect for them. 4th grade will be examining dictionaries and thesauruses more closely and comparing and contrasting the merits of print vs. electronic versions of these valuable resources. 5th grade will be learning more about searching on electronic encyclopedias as well as how to use Destiny as a research source and not just to look up books.

