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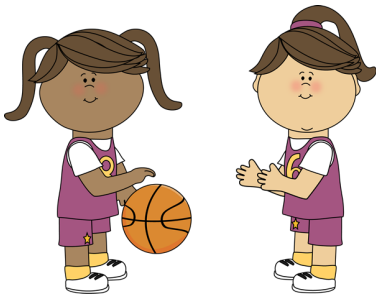
A monthly look at what's happening
in North Ridge Specials!
March Issue

Phenomenal PE with Mr. Keller

K: We will be continuing our manipulatives unit in which students will be working on hand dribbling. This unit will test students' hand-eye coordination, and fine motor function. 1st-2nd: We will continue with our manipulatives unit. Students will begin to use their hands to perform a hand dribble (similar to a basketball dribble). 3rd: We will begin our introduction skills to basketball. Students will practice skills of dribbling, passing in different ways, and shooting. Students will use these skills individually, with a partner, and in small groups during modified activities. 4th-5th: In the words of Dick Vital: IT'S MARCH MADNESS BABYYYYY!! In the spirit of the season, students will begin our Basketball unit. Learning the skills of; dribbling, passing, shooting as well as offensive and defensive strategies. All skills will be worked on individually and with partners or small groups. We will culminate our unit with a day of games.

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!



Awesome Art with Mr. Ring

Kindergarten – Self Portraits – students will learn the difference between a portrait and a self-portrait. We will make self-portraits with cut paper and crayon. 1st – Picasso Faces – We will learn about the works of Pablo Picasso and create our own Cubistic self-portraits using oil pastels. 2nd – Monochromatic Drawings – Students will make a monochromatic nonrepresentational drawing using paint, crayon, pastels, markers, and colored pencils. We will then go over our lines with black Elmer's Glue. 3rd – Aboriginal Dot Painting – after learning about Aborigines and their artwork we will practice drawing animals. We will turn those animal drawings into aboriginal style dot paintings. 4th – Abstract shading – We will look at Op art and Abstract art. After that we will work collaboratively at the tables to make abstract artworks. These works will be shaded with colored pencils. 5th – Foam Carving - Students will carve balsa foam to create class project. Each student carves a 3"x3" square that becomes a larger piece of a puzzle (grid) that creates a famous artwork from history. These will replace the ones currently hanging in the 5th grade hall. We will go over additive and subtractive art processes and compare the two.

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Marvelous Media with Mrs. Lewis

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the book fair and who worked hard to make it happen. I was so touched by everyone's efforts. Thank you! In March, Kindergarten and 1st graders will be focusing on the setting of the stories we read, telling who the characters are, articulating how the characters feelings changed throughout the story and putting the story in their own words. 2nd and 3rd grades will be diving into poetry books and writing their own poetry, while 4th grade will be reading pourquoi tales and then writing their own. 5th grade will be will be discussing stories we will be reading together. All grades will be casting their vote for their favorite North Carolina Children's Book Award book at the end of the month. It will be interesting to see if our kids also pick the same book that ends up being the state winner!

Terrific Technology with Miss Philbeck

Raise your hand if you're ready for spring! I know I sure am! Kindergarten students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday this month by exploring his website. Up next is another activity in Kidspiration. First grade students are going to write and type friendly letters as a review from what they've learned in their classrooms. Second grades are going to stick with poetry as they are also discussing this topic in their homeroom classrooms. This time we will do autobiography poems. Third graders will begin a research project about entrepreneurs as they begin to study economics. Fourth grade students are finishing up their NC lighthouse research. Next they will present that information using a website called Biteslide. Finally, 5th graders have some background knowledge about the monuments and memorials they will see when they head to Washington D.C. this month. Upon their return they will collaborate with their peers and share what they've learned about the important landmarks in a choice based project.

Magnificent Music with Mrs. Ferri

Here's what we're learning in music this March! The 5th grade is preparing to wow you. They will be performing a musical on Thursday, April 6th. Students will need to arrive at 6:40. The musical will begin at 7:00 in the multipurpose room. The name of the musical is.. "I NEED A VACATION". I'm sure you will be able to relate. 4th grade just had a field trip to the Symphony. We are concluding that unit and will be revisiting recorders. We've learned how to play B,A,G, high C and high D. Now we will learn how to play the rest of the scale. We will also learn how to read notes on a staff. 3rd grade will be working on creating their own music to go with accompany songs. 2nd grade will be learning about songs and instruments from around the world. 1st grade and Kindergarten will be learning about dynamics and tempo. They are also learning to play instruments to varying tempos and dynamic levels.

