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Ms. East



Hello! I'm Nancy East, the new Art teacher here at Jeffreys Grove! I'm thrilled to be starting my fourth year of teaching as a JGES Eagle! The art classes have already jumped right into creating artwork for the North Carolina State Fair. I cannot wait for an awesome 2015-2016 school year here in the art room!

From the Art Room

KINDERGARTEN--The kindergartners are busy creating their "self portrait folders". I have my Kindergarten students create a picture of themselves on the first day of school I keep the folders until the last day of school; then we repeat the activity. It's amazing to see the growth they show!

FIRST GRADE-- First graders are creating ice cream cones inspired by the artist, Thiebaud. They will be using paint, sharpies, and their fine motor skills for cutting and tearing paper to create these colorful cones.

SECOND GRADE-- The second graders are working hard to create firefly paintings. The students are learning to draw a glass jar (for catching the fireflies) and to make it look 3D! Quite the feat!

THIRD GRADE-- Third graders are busy creating cardboard robots. I have had a really fun time this week watching them come up with their own unique robot designs.

FOURTH GRADE-- Fourth grade students are designing cityscapes inspired by the artist Marz Jr. Ask your fourth grader to teach you how to draw a 3D building! *CONTINUED...*

FIFTH GRADE-- JGES fifth graders are creating self portraits. I try to make sure each grade level creates a self portrait every single year. It's amazing as a teacher (and I'm sure as a parent) to see how much our students grow each year, and it is especially evident in their self portraits. This year's fifth grade portraits are superheroes because our fifth graders truly are super!

Take a look at the art room website:
fancynancyartroom.weebly.com



Ms. Muse

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This is my second year as a Library Media Specialist and my first year as a member of the Jeffreys Grove family. I am so honored to be a part of the Jeffreys Grove staff and I cannot wait to meet each of you in the library!

From the Media Center

Did you know that creating a steady stream of new, age-appropriate books has been shown to nearly triple interest in reading within months*? The library is open for circulation before school every morning from 8:45-9:10. Parents and guardians are invited to join their child during this time to assist them in picking out books that are a good fit and interesting to your student. You can also spend this time reading together before students are to be in class at 9:10.

We are thrilled to announce that our first DonorsChoose has been funded! We have raised enough funds to purchase a green screen, tripod, and iPad to use for broadcasting morning announcements. *Continued on Page 3*

Media News continued: These broadcasts will start airing in the near future! Thank you to everyone who donated!



The JGES Makerspace is also coming soon! View this short video to learn more about Makerspaces.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLEJLOB6fDw>

*Harris, Louis. An Assessment of the Impact of First Book’s Northeast Program. January 2003

Mrs. Barnes



Welcome to another year of music at Jeffreys Grove Elementary!! If you are new to our school, we welcome you and hope you have enjoyed these past weeks!

From the Music Room

Here are some of the things we are studying in Music:

Fifth Grade: We are learning "Fifty Nifty United States" . We have concentrated on a good vocal sound as we sing. Your child should be able to name all fifty states in alphabetical order and do all the movements. We hope to share this song with you soon.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders are learning "America, the Beautiful" for the North Carolina

Symphony field trip on January 21, 2016. They have also been singing "Products of Our State" about North Carolina's leading products.



Third grade: Our third grade classes have been studying the four instrument families of the Orchestra. Ask them to name the four families and four instruments in that family. Ms. Grosnick's class had a special cellist to come in and demonstrate how the cello is played. Thank you to Mrs. Blizzard, Bank's mom, for sharing your talents!!!

Second Grade: In second grade we are using written music for the first time. The students are learning about repeat signs, verses and the form of songs. We have had fun learning "Step In Time" from Mary Poppins!

First Grade: We have worked on moving and singing to the beat. We have learned "Gilly, Gilly, Gilly Good Morning" and are now working on the playground song "Ms. Mary Mack" with a hand jive.

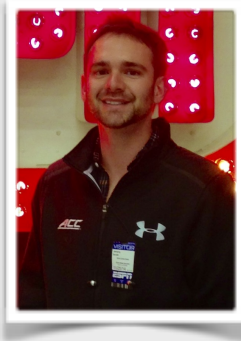
Kindergarten: The kindergarten students have started out with identifying the many ways to use our voices. We are learning the correct way to sing and have learned the song Candy Man, Salty Dog. We love to move to the steady beat. We are now talking about words that describe music such as loud/soft, high/low and fast/slow.

This year is moving along quickly and I can already see growth in our students!

Musically Yours,

Ms. Barnes

Coach Smith



My name is Jeremy Smith. I am the Physical Education & Health teacher at Jeffreys Grove.

I am very excited for the 2015-2016 school year!!!

Coach's Corner

Kindergarten & First: We will keep working on locomotor movements, hoops, team building, and tossing and catching! Next quarter, we will increase our fitness, play global games and explore jump rope.

Second Grade: We completed locomotor movements, hoops, team building, and tossing and catching. Second grade will be testing for First In Fitness. I will test: long jump, pacer test, 100 yard dash, pull ups, speed rope, shuttle run. Try to work on your fitness and muscle endurance. Challenge yourself to complete 5 push ups a night! This will allow you to be successful during this unit. Next quarter, we will learn global game and jump rope!

Third, Fourth, & Fifth: We are going to complete or completed locomotor movements, hoops, team building, and tossing and catching. These grade will be testing for First In Fitness. I will test: long jump, pacer test, 100 yard dash, pull ups, speed rope, shuttle run. Try to work on your fitness and muscle endurance. Challenge yourself to complete 10 push ups a night! This will allow you to be successful during this unit. Next quarter, we will learn global game and jump rope!

Take a look at the PE website:

<http://jgesspecialist.weebly.com/pe.html>



Mrs. Palacios



Hello! My name is Emily Palacios and I am delighted to be your child's Spanish teacher this year. I love teaching students about the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures around the world, and I look forward to my year at JGES!

From the Spanish Classroom

¡Hola! Están listos para aprender Español?

(Hello! Are you all ready to learn Spanish?)

I am excited to be teaching students the Spanish language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. I have already seen how eager students are to practice their Español and that makes me so proud!

Third Grade: Since it is the first year having Spanish as a special, we are busy learning the basics. We have been learning Los Saludos (greetings) like Hola, Buenos Dias, ¿Cómo Estas?, and many more. Also we are learning vocabulary related to El Calendario (calendar) as well as practicing the numbers up to 20. Ask your child to sing the song about Los Dias de la Semana (the days of the week).

Fourth and Fifth Grade: We are reviewing Los Saludos (greetings), Los Números (numbers), El Calendario (calendar), and Los Colores (colors) that were previously taught. I am impressed how well some students remember the vocabulary from past years! We also have been working on asking and answering questions in Spanish as we get to know each other. It is awesome to see students speaking to each other in Spanish!



Take a look at the Spanish website:

<http://senorapalacios.weebly.com>

If you are from a Spanish-speaking country and/or family and have any interest in being a guest speaker in our classroom, please contact me via the website contact form. We'd love to meet you!

Muchas gracias!

Señora Palacios

Mrs. Vinal



This year I am full time at JGMES! We have added the "M" into the initials as we are now a Magnet School. I am both the Instructional Technology Facilitator (ITF) as well as the new Magnet Coordinator. My office is located just off the Media Center in Room 110D. I am excited to work in your child's classroom and with all of the staff at JGMES!

Technology

Welcome to Quarter 1 in Technology! There are so many things to share:

- We have Smart Tables in all of our Kindergarten classes and the Media Center! What's a Smart Table? (add link here)
- Second grade is learning how to do computer coding during one 40 minute time period each week. They are working on fairly complex algorithms and using an online 20 hour course from Code.org (make this a link). Coding develops computational skills, problem solving, spatial reasoning and provides a skill that students will need for their future. At the end of the course, students will earn a certificate of completion and may go on to higher levels and even code their own apps!
- We have 110 laptops that will be moved out into classrooms in the next few weeks for student use. This will greatly improve the access that students have to a connected education during their school day. Many thanks to Mrs. Cruz for finding funding for many of them, as well as to WCPSS for providing new teacher laptops.
- Students also have access to technology via Chromebooks (link) both during the day and during our After Care Program. Please remind your students that they should be ONLY utilizing approved games, apps and sites while on Jeffreys Grove property. There will be a Technology Night for Parents scheduled sometime in the near future. Keep checking the website!



- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) has become a reality! We begin with Grade 4 in December and add Grades 3 and 5 in January 2016. A parent survey is on our website for all parents and we will provide a parent informational meeting on November 28 from 7:30 to 8:00 pm.

Please stop by and say hello if you are in the building. Feel free to email me with questions about the use of technology or with any questions that you have.

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