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Ms. East



Wheat Field with Cypress

Vincent van Gogh

From the Art Room

Hello JGES Families! This semester we are working on some exciting things in the Art room! The students are wrapping up their Silver Graphics projects (more information and order forms to be sent home soon!) and are all working on some beautiful artwork this semester.

Kindergarten students have just finished up their snowmen projects which will be sent off to be used for Silver Graphics. Students are creating a Mother's day surprise using clay. Students are also working to complete a self portrait on the weeks in between firing and glazing their clay projects. They will continue to work on these self portrait projects after their clay projects are completed. Each grade level will complete a different self portrait project each year they are at Jeffreys Grove.

First Grade students will be sending off our watercolor bunnies with tints and shades backgrounds to the Silver Graphics company. Ask them what shades and tints are! Students will also be completing a self portrait project using tempera paint and collage techniques.

Second Grade students are wrapping up their winter bird/ Birch tree collages to be sent off for Silver Graphics and are beginning their zoo animal projects. These projects will be shown along with their Zoo PBL this Spring.

Third Grade students are working hard to finish their Winter landscapes (created in the style of Vincent Van Gogh). After their landscapes are sent off to Silver Graphics, students will be creating collage work in the style of Louise Nevelson and will also be working with clay. Students will also be taking a trip to the NCMA on May 3rd. Third grade Art Club students are learning about sloths and creating their own stylized versions of these cute critters.

Fourth Grade students will be sending off their completed North Carolina State Insect (Honeybee) projects to Silver Graphics.

Ms. Muse



Following that, students will be learning to critique art. Students will also be working to create model lighthouses for their fourth grade PBL project. Fourth grade Art Club students are working to create colorful Molas.

Fifth Grade students are sending their previously completed Batik work to be printed for Silver Graphics. Students are currently learning to self critique their Colonial ship collages which they've just completed. Your students are now experts at creating movement and texture. Next, students will be beginning their Georgia O'Keefe projects. They will be collaging work onto a Navajo rug which they will design. Fifth grade Art Club students are creating Cubist roosters in the style of Picasso's Le Coq.

From the Media Center

We have a lot of exciting things happening this semester!

We celebrated Read Across America this past week. The purpose of Read Across America is to encourage students to READ. Kindergarten-2nd grade students celebrated Dr. Seuss' work in Media class. 3rd-5th graders participated in reading activities throughout their instructional day and during other special classes. Continue reading with your child at home and encourage them to pick out books that are interesting to them!

Our new LEGO wall was fully funded through DonorsChoose! We are excited to get the wall set-up before the end of the year. Our Makerspace has also officially opened! We are still accepting donations for Makerspace items. See the media website for more information.

This semester in clubs, some of our 5th graders have been diligently working on writing, directing, and producing JGMES's first morning broadcast! Students are doing this utilizing the green screen, tripod, and iPad that was funded through a DonorsChoose earlier this year. Our first broadcast aired this past week! This is a tradition we will continue with 5th grade students for years to come.

Remember you can come in with your child during open circulation. Take advantage of this time to talk with your child about what books interest them and to help them find good fit books. Open circulation occurs every morning from 8:45-9:10 am.

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Mrs. Barnes

Music Clubs to sing at
our Global Carnaval

Our Global Carnaval is
April 29, 2016 and the
3rd, 4th, and 5th grade
Clubs are going to
perform!!

Please be sure to mark
your calendars and
come join us as we
share our global music!!

More information to
come!!!!



From the Music Room

Greetings from the music room!! We are having a great year and are in the middle of several exciting projects. Here are some of the things we are studying:

Fifth Grade: The 5th graders are collaborating in groups using instruments sounds and creating songs to enhance different stories. We will soon present our stories to the 2nd graders.

Fourth Grade: The recorders have arrived!! This is an exciting time for all 4th grade parents, listening to your child learn to play the recorder!! There are many ways you can help your child be successful.



First, be sure they have their recorder in their book bags the day they have music. Second, listen to them and give them positive feedback. This is one of the most loved units in 4th grade!

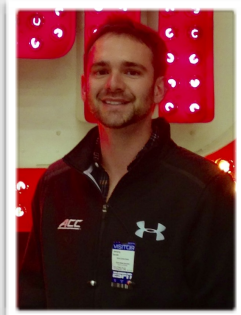
Third grade: Our 3rd graders are finishing a unit on all four instrument families, brass, woodwind, percussion and strings. Soon we will make an instrument in class so I need each student to bring in a clean dry water bottle for this project. Thank you for your help!

Second Grade: In 2nd grade we are learning about the four instrument families, the brass, woodwind, percussion and strings. Soon we will begin to create music that will go along with their Zoo project in their classroom.

First Grade: The 1st graders have been working on reading and writing rhythms with quarter notes and quarter rests. They are doing well and we will soon introduce eighth notes. They love to share their writing skills so let them teach you!!!

Kindergarten: The kindergarteners are learning about Peter and the Wolf, an orchestral piece that incorporates instruments as the characters of the story. The kindergarten classes will also start a unit on the Rainforest so in music we will study and learn songs about the animals of the rainforest.

Coach Smith



Coach's Corner

Kindergarten: & First:

Hello Families,

Second quarter was very busy! The Hurricanes were in PE to teach students basic hockey skills. We finished jump rope, basketball and started soccer. Basketball and soccer have similar skills. I assessed students dribbling, passing, and shooting the basketball, and how they worked cooperatively in groups. I will do the same during soccer. Our next lesson includes the four components of fitness: flexibility, muscular endurance, muscular strength, and cardio. We will close out the quarter with balancing and basic gymnastics.



Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth & Fifth Grade:

Hello Families,

Second quarter was extremely busy! The Hurricanes were in PE to teach students basic hockey skills. We finished jump rope, basketball and started soccer. Basketball and soccer have similar skills. I assessed students dribbling, passing, and shooting the basketball, and how they worked cooperatively in groups. I will do the same during soccer. Our next lesson includes the five components of fitness: flexibility, muscular endurance, muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, and body composition. Fourth & fifth grade students will use the data from 2nd quarter to set an attainable goal. Our test will include push ups, pull ups, and pacer. Also, Congratulations to those First In Fitness students! If your child did not make the team this year, please keep working hard. Third quarter will come to a close with balancing and basic gymnastics.



I will send home new workouts or (new name) "Healthy Habits" of March! Be on the lookout.

Coach Smith

Sra. Palacios



From the Spanish Classroom

¡Hola! We have been busy this semester! Take a look at our learning below:

Third Grade: We have applied phrases we learned from our weather unit to study the 4 *estaciones* (seasons). Students compared and contrasted each season and discussed how the weather is in each season. We graphed our favorite seasons by asking the question, “*Que estación te gusta?*” and responding, “*Me gusta _____.*” Most students really like *verano* (summer)- I wonder why! Our next unit of study will be *partes del cuerpo* (parts of the body).

Fourth and Fifth Grade: In this quarter we have been studying *los deportes* (sports). We learned vocabulary related to sports and played charades with our new vocabulary. We have also focused on getting to know famous Hispanic athletes, like Roberto Clemente. Ask your child why he is a famous Hispanic athlete. Instead of having a quiz/test for this unit, students are working with a partner to create a sports team and present it to the class- in Spanish! They are really enjoying this project! Our next unit of study will be *comida* (food)- food groups, items, and ordering at a restaurant.

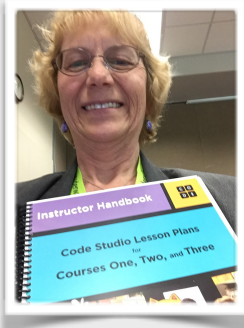


FYI: I will be taking maternity leave most of March and April to take care of our newborn son (very exciting!). My substitute's name is Michelle Demarais. She is very familiar with JGMES, so students will be in good hands! I will be back in May to finish the year off with students.

Muchas gracias!

Señora Palacios

Mrs. Vinal



Mrs. Vinal's office is located just off the Media Center in Room 110D.

Technology

Welcome BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)! Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are embedding the power of the Internet in their everyday lessons. The addition of personal devices has opened up a whole new world of information for students. Students are able to explore resources such as NetTrekker <https://school.nettrekker.com/goPage?np=home.ftl>



What is netTrekker?

netTrekker delivers the industry-leading digital learning resource library with only the best content from the web - 360,000+ curated digital resources tagged, organized, and aligned to standards so that teachers, students, and parents can find just what they need, all in one place, in a fraction of the time.



Google Drive

Google Drive for Students is Here! Beginning in 2nd grade, our students are accessing their Google Drives and Google Classroom to do assignments, collaborate, communicate, and create. WCPSS has a specific login within our protected Google environment. Have your student show you around their Google Drive and/or Google Classroom. Many students will be sharing their work with parents/guardians via an ePortfolio. Ask your child about it!

Parent Technology Night We will hold a Parent Technology Night on Thursday, April 7 from 7:00 to 8:00. We will share what students in Grades 2-5 are doing using Google Drive as well as how parents can share in student learning. We will also show how BYOD is working in grades 3, 4 and 5. All parents are welcome.

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