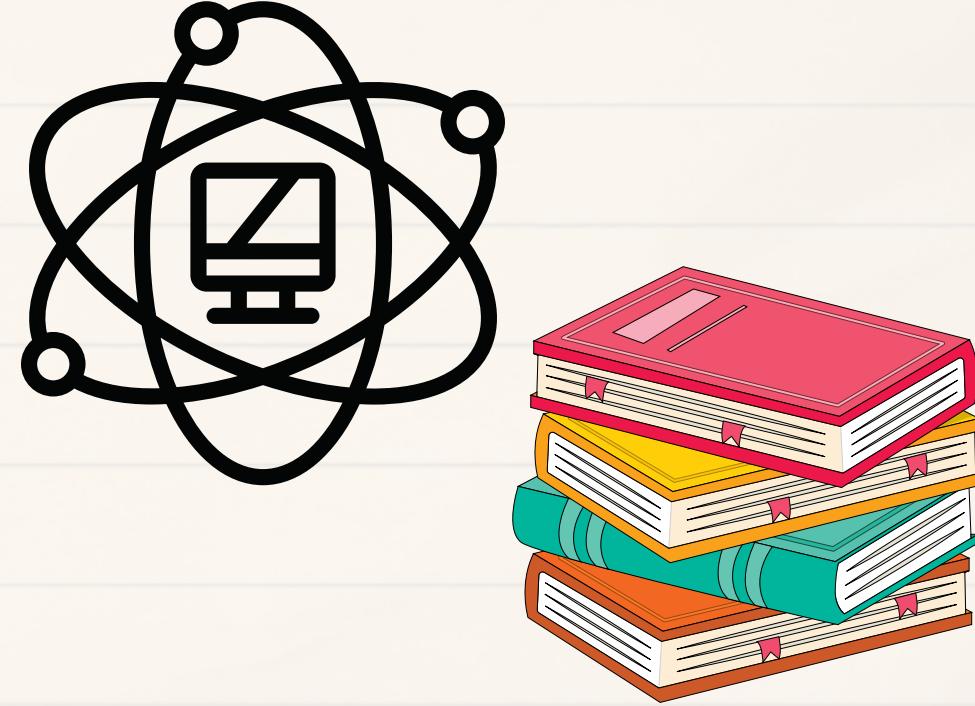




**FOUR MILE'S**

# **EXTENDED CORE**

**NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2024**





# P.E. WITH COACH KRUSE

The Four Mile Olympics will soon be upon us again. The date is set for Monday, May 20th from 9:30-11:15. The event will take place at the old football stadium located behind SE Polk Junior High. Thank you to Mrs. Steenhoek and our Four Mile PTA to help fund the transportation costs to get the students to and from the stadium.

Students in grades K-2 will participate in a 70 yard dash and crab walk. 3 boys and 3 girls from each class will also be part of a relay team racing against the other classrooms from their grade level. Those tryouts to make the relay team will be held in May during PE. Students grades 3-5 will participate in heated 70 yard dashes. In other words, I have divided the kids with like skill set to compete against each other to make it a bit more evenly competitive. The other event they may choose is either the crab walk, wheel barrow race with a partner, or the 300 yard dash. The day will conclude with the 6 person relay. Hope to see you all there on the 20th.

# MUSIC WITH MISS.D



## KINDERGARTEN

Students are working hard on preparing their graduation songs! Check out Class Dojo to practice at home!

## 3RD GRADE

“Stella Ella Olla” was a huge hit in 3rd grade this month! Ask your student how to sing the song and play the game!

## 1ST GRADE

Students enjoyed listening to “What to do With an Idea” in preparation for our field trip! We also talked about what it means to be a good audience member!

## 4TH GRADE

Students are reviewing the letter names of the lines and spaces in preparation for our recorder unit... I apologize in advance :)

## Concert Dates

- Kindergarten- Friday May 24th, @12:30pm
- 1st Grade - Thursday April 4th, @6:00pm
- 2nd Grade - Thursday December 7th @6:00pm
- 3rd Grade - Thursday December 7th, @7:00pm
- 4th Grade - Thursday April 4th, 7:00pm
- 5th Grade- Friday May 24th, @2:00pm



## 2ND GRADE

Students have been working hard on identifying and demonstrating half notes!

## 5TH GRADE

Students are preparing their end of year songs, and are getting the opportunity to audition for solos! We have some talented kiddos at FM!



# ART WITH MRS. MURPHY



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Grade 1 has been creating art based on illustrations from children's books.

Click the links to the books here:  
[Snail Crossing](#)  
[Crab Cakes](#)

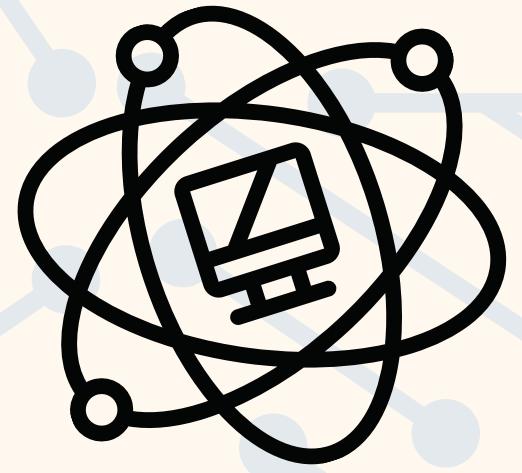
Grade 4 has been working on a pop art sculpture of an over-sized pencil. They made an armature and covered it with plaster strips. They will finish the sculpture by painting it.

Grade 2 designed weather vanes, and they made bubble prints that they changed into beautiful hydrangea flowers. We will continue a spring theme with a puddle splash painting and a symmetrical butterfly painting.

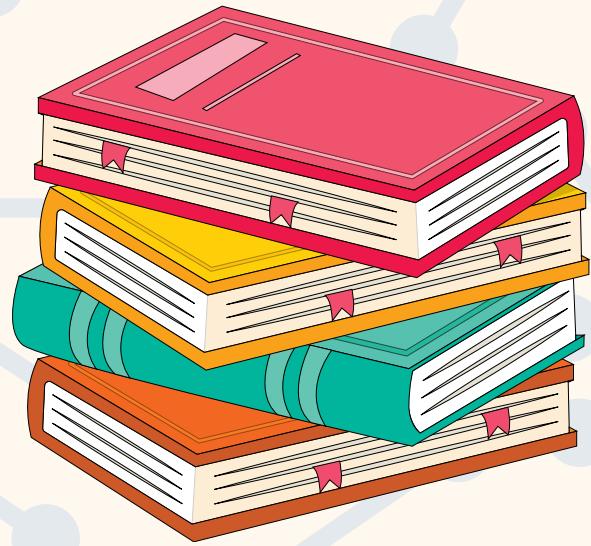
Grade 5 has been busy sewing pop art soft sculptures of their choice of video game characters, emojis, and foods. They are turning out so cute!

Grade 3 has been creating some spring themed works of art including an impressionist style chalk landscape inspired by Monet and a painting of the eclipse inspired by Alma Thomas.  
Learn about her painting [here](#).





# LIBRARY & MEDIA WITH MRS. BARTELS



Please make sure food, water, dogs & babies stay away from your child's library books while at home.



## Virtual Reality



Our first Media lesson after Spring Break took us on a vacation around the world using Virtual Reality. We visited many places like Egypt, Hungry, Fiji Islands, Iran, India, Japan and all over Europe. We also went ski diving and zip lining as well.

## Scavenger Hunts and Voting

**3rd-5th Graders** went on a scavenger hunt for books in the library based on a given call number. It's impressive they can find a specific book from a library of almost 8,000 books.

**K-2nd Graders** heard more 2023-2024 Goldfinch Award books and then voted on their favorite. At Four Mile, "The Couch Potato" by Jory John had the most votes.