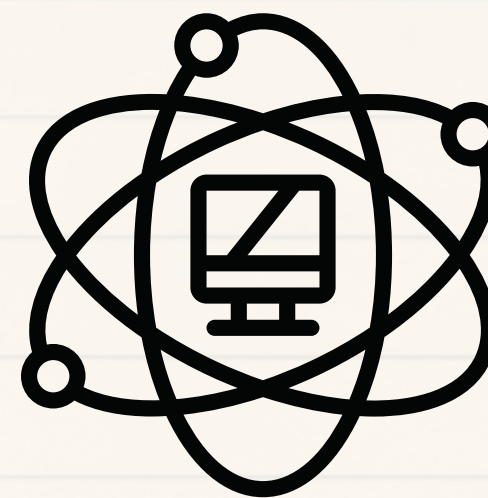




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EXTENDED CORE

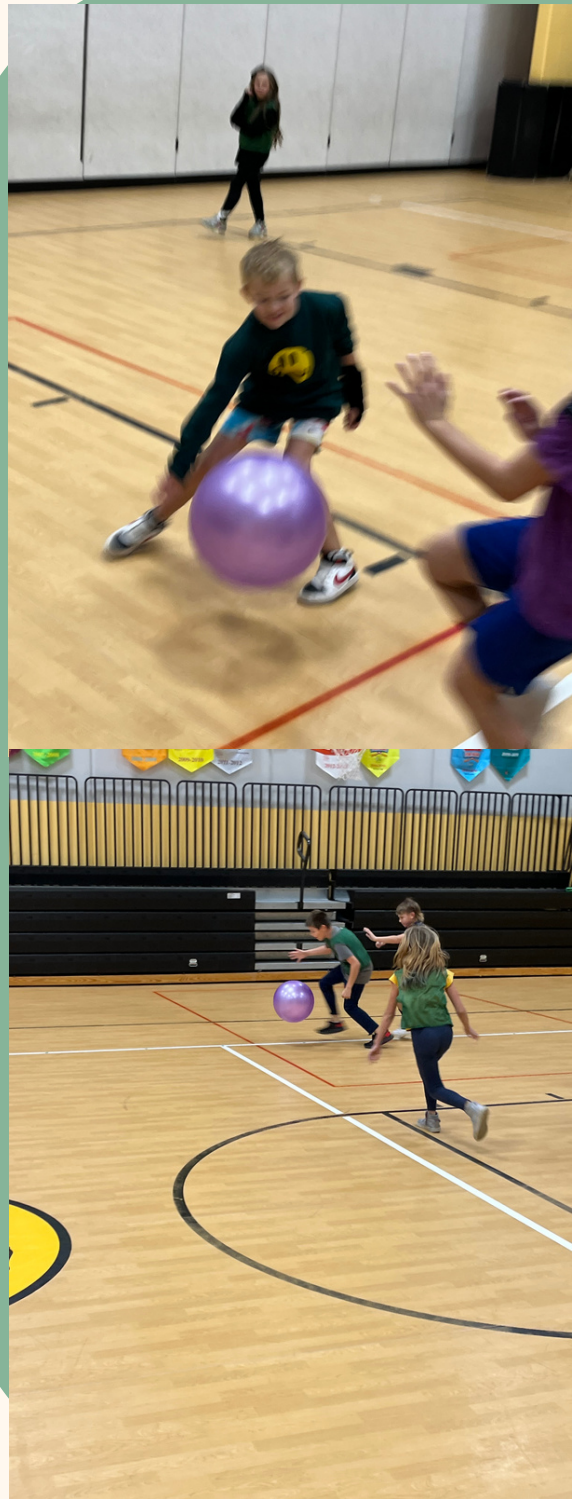
NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023





P.E. WITH COACH KRUSE



BONGO BALL

IT IS RARE THAT ALL GRADES CAN PLAY THE SAME GAME WHEN IT COMES TO THE RULES, EQUIPMENT, AND THE OVERALL ENJOYMENT OF THE ACTIVITY. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A FUN FAMILY BACKYARD GAME, THEN BONGO BALL IS FOR YOU. STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE HAVE ENJOYED THIS GAME FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS WHEN I INTRODUCED THEM TO IT.

THE GAME ITSELF CAME ABOUT UNINTENTIONALLY AS I WAS WANTING TO PLAY A HIT/HANDS ONLY GAME USING THOSE LIGHT WEIGHT LARGER BALLS THAT YOU SEE AT THE STORES. UNEXPECTEDLY, THE KIDS WOULD END UP KICKING THE BALL, NOT ALWAYS ON PURPOSE, BUT THE GAME BEGAN TO BE DIFFICULT TO OFFICIATE AND THERE WERE A LOT OF INTERRUPTIONS. SO I ADDED THE RULE THAT YOU CAN EITHER HIT OR KICK THE BALL, AND THE BONGO BALL PHENOMENON TOOK OFF.

AT FIRST, I DIDN'T CALL THE GAME BONGO BALL, BUT FOR SOME REASON IT SOUNDED COOL AND WE STARTED CALLING IT BY THAT NAME. COME TO FIND OUT, THERE IS ACTUALLY AN OFFICIAL "BONGO BALL" IN EXISTENCE. IT'S THOSE LARGE AIR BALLS THAT YOU CRAWL INTO AND ROLL AROUND IN AND BOUNCE OFF OF OTHERS. REST EASY FOLKS, AS FUN AS THAT SOUNDS AND IS TO WATCH, WE ARE NOT DOING THAT AT SCHOOL. ABOUT THE ONLY VIOLATION OF PLAYING IS THAT YOU CAN'T GRAB, HOLD, OR THROW THE BALL. THINK OF IT AS SOCCER, BUT BEING ABLE TO USE YOUR HANDS. I COULD TELL WHEN WATCHING WHO THE SOCCER PLAYERS WERE AS THEY HAD A REAL DIFFICULT TIME HITTING THE BALL WHEN THEIR BRAINS WERE TELLING THEM NOT TO. SORRY TO ALL OF THOSE SOCCER COACHES OUT THERE.

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT PLAYING IN A GYM WOULD BE MORE CONDUCIVE TO A BETTER GAME WITH PLAYING OFF OF THE WALLS. BUT IF YOU FIND YOURSELF WANTING TO GET THE FAMILY OUTSIDE BEFORE THE SNOW FALLS OR NEXT SPRING, GIVE BONGO BALL A SHOT AND REGARDLESS OF AGE, THE ENTIRE FAMILY WILL HAVE A BLAST.



MUSIC WITH MISS.D

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

KINDERGARTEN

STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOUD AND QUIET. THEY HAVE BEEN PRACTICING THIS THROUGH THEIR GRIZZLY BEAR GAME.

1ST GRADE

FIRST GRADE GOT THE CHANCE TO PLAY A FUN TURKEY GAME FOR THANKSGIVING. THEY ARE CURRENTLY PRACTICING THEIR RHYTHMS WITH A FUN CUP ACTIVITY.

2ND GRADE

STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD TO PREPARE FOR THEIR CONCERT " A SMORGASBORD OF SONG" ON DECEMBER 7TH. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO SEE IT!



3RD GRADE

STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD TO PREPARE FOR THEIR CONCERT " A MAGICAL NIGHT" ON DECEMBER 7TH. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO SEE IT!

4TH GRADE

FOURTH GRADE HAS BEEN PRACTICING THEIR AURAL SKILLS WITH A RHYTHM GAME WHERE THEY LISTEN TO THE RHYTHM BEING CLAPPED AND DICTATE IT ON THE BOARD.

5TH GRADE

FIFTH GRADE HAS STARTED THEIR XYLOPHONE UNIT. STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY 7 SONGS BY THE TIME THE UNIT IS FINISHED.



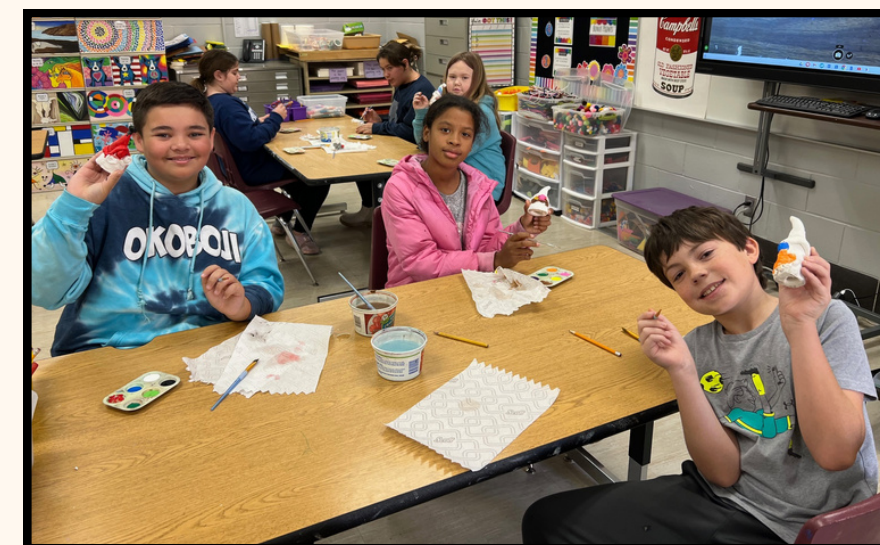
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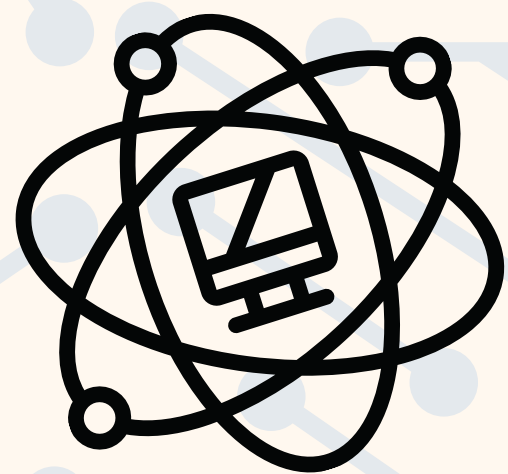


The clay projects are turning out AMAZING!

Time to Celebrate
the Winter Season!

During the month of
December all grade
levels will be making
winter-inspired
paintings and
drawings in art class.





MEDIA & LIBRARY WITH



MRS. BARTELS

Scavenger Hunts and Digital Citizenship

3rd-5th Graders finished their scavenger hunts for books in the library based on a given call number. They also started to learn about researching using google.

K-2nd Graders continued to hear 2023-2024 Goldfinch Award books and learned about balancing life with technology devices with other fun activities while playing the game of charades.

December 4th-10th is Computer Science Education Week!

3rd-5th Graders will be coding games from hourofcode.com.

K-2nd Graders will be learning about computer programming using Cubettos.

