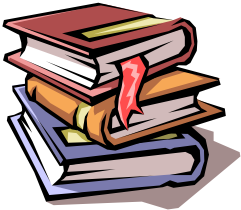


Arts Team Newsletter



Hello families! Many wonderful, creative things have been going on in the *brand new* art room! Please welcome Mr. Karpf to MKES, he is with us on Thursdays. This year in art we will be investigating various artists, styles & a wide variety of art media including paint, pastels, & clay. Students should proudly bring their artworks home, unless the artworks are being used for a display. We will have smocks available; however, it is always a good idea to avoid sending your little ones in their best clothes on art day. During the 1st quarter the *Kindergarten* classes studied line & shape to create an abstract collage, The students also studied color to create their fall trees. The *first graders* have completed linear designs, a fall watercolor wreath as well as studied the color wheel. *Second grade* have completed pattern designs as well as a fall tree painting/ collage. The students also reviewed the color wheel. Quarter 2 the students will be exploring texture, 3-D artwork, & space just to name a few. Themes, patterns & shapes found in artwork will be studied as well. Please feel free to visit the art room anytime. If you are interested in volunteering in the art room please email Miss B. at: nicole_bserani@mcpsmd.org to make arrangements.

Nicole Bserani "Miss B." - Art Teacher



The MKES Media Center has been busy since school opened in late August. Each student comes to the media center once a week. Books are checked out for a one week period, with the option for renewal. Please encourage your child to establish a system for keeping their library books safe and visible at home. If they forget their books on their library day, they can always bring it the next day.

Kindergarten students have been working on learning and following media center routines independently. Kindergarten students have also worked on identifying story elements (character, setting, problem and solution) in fiction picture books.

First grade students have been working on learning and following media center routines. First graders have also been working on how to locate books based on authors last name. We have been learning the parts of a book (front cover, back cover, spine, flap and title page), which helps us locate necessary information when searching for a book.

Second grade students have learned the media center routines. Second graders have been working on finding an assigned information need through the study of nutrition. We have been researching food groups and the finding information about each group. Second grade will continue to work on research skills and information-seeking skills into the second quarter.

Ms. Van Puymbroeck- Media Specialist



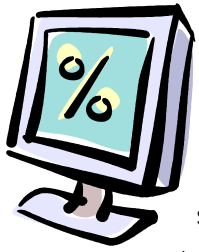
It has been a great start to the 2011-2012 School Year.

Montgomery Knolls finally has its new well deserved gym. I am excited about the new space and all of the new equipment that comes along with it. If you have not seen it yet, feel free to stop by anytime!

The first marking period focused on "Moving in Space" and also "Loco-Motor" skills. The loco - motor skills the students learned were galloping, skipping, jumping and hopping.

We practiced using these skills by incorporating them into many games and activities. One of Mr. P's favorite activities was "The Chicken Dance"; we even had some parents join in and dance with us! I am looking forward to what the second quarter has to bring.

Andrew Pompei - Physical Education Teacher



Everyone is very excited about our new technology! We now have Promethean Boards in the Technology Center and the classrooms. The interactive features of the board allow students to have hands on experiences as they learn. During Technology, students have been practicing and extending skills and concepts in reading and math. Pre-K students have been completing web site activities counting and the alphabet. Kindergarten students have worked on phonics, counting sorting and patterns. They created and labeled

their own patterns using Kidspiration software. First graders have been working on math activities including place value, numeration, addition and subtraction. They built new words using root word and affixes during a language activity. Second graders worked on social studies concepts such as rights and responsibilities using web resources and Pixie drawing software. They also created graphs using Graph Club after participating in a survey using the Promethean Activotes. Second graders are learning keyboarding skills using Type to Learn 3.

With the Tech Center activities students are improving computer skills as they become familiar with navigating web sites, using educational software and manipulating the mouse and the keyboard. We also discuss Internet safety and using proper care when on the computer.

Mrs. Elrod, Technology Teacher



The Kindergarten class will continue with steady beat by listening to songs with various meters. We will learn musical opposites in context, by singing, chanting and moving to fall songs. We will be playing singing games. We will also be exploring more classroom instruments and finding different ways sound is produced.

The first grade will continue exploring classroom instruments. We will find various ways of producing sound, both with instruments and with our voices. We will learn about musical opposites, pitch and tone color. We will also learn fall songs and singing games.

The second grade will continue with their unit on orchestral instruments and proper audience behavior. As a culmination, we will be going to Strathmore Hall to attend a concert presented by the National Philharmonic Orchestra.

We will also be learning to read simple musical notation and rhythmic symbols and show understanding of it while playing the recorder or pitched classroom instruments.

Mrs. Kromelian, Music Teacher