

What's Happening in NCC's Media Center?

Did you know?

- All students have Media at least once a week with the exception of two 6th grade classes.
- Every class period includes time set aside for book circulation.
- Students in different grades focus on different skills based on Standards from the Maryland State Curriculum for School Library Media Grades Pre-K–12.
- All students keep a Media journal that is used for different writing assignments in Media for their entire time at NCC! These media journals will come home at the end of 6th grade with four years of Media work inside!
- The Media Center is open most days during recess for Open Library!



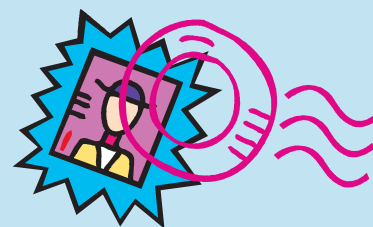
Third Grade Media

These students began the year with a unit on finding materials in the Media Center. It is important that students can find books independently and understand the basics of how the room is arranged. Third graders are also in the process of completing an author study of Cynthia Rylant. We read aloud and enjoyed many of her books as well as did some research on her life to answer the focus question, "Does an author's life influence what he/she writes about?" Students will have the opportunity to participate in a picture interpretation activity where they will be asked to look critically at photographs of the Appalachian region of the United States which is where Cynthia Rylant is from and the focus of many of her titles. Students have also discussed the 6 traits of Writing (with a focus on **Word Choice**) in Media class.

Fourth Grade Media

Fourth grade students need to bring a U.S. postage stamp to Media by Nov. 7, 2011

Travel brochures on the counties of Maryland will be created by each fourth grader in Media. Students will begin by writing to the counties to ask for information. The counties are usually good about responding to students and sending them lots of information! This mail will serve as a primary resource for students to study their chosen county. Students will create a brochure that will focus on great places to visit in each of the counties. Our next units will include International Night, The Presidents, The Planets and more.



Fifth grade Media

These students are researching the states of the United States of America. We are using the AGOPP, research process (Asking questions, Gathering information, Organizing information, Prepare, Present) to find out about important aspects of each of the states. Class 53 is collaborating with other classes throughout the United States in a postcard exchange. All students will create a glog based on their chosen state. A glog is an electronic poster that students will create using their own account at the website, [http://](http://edu.glogster.com)



edu.glogster.com The glog will include state symbols, origin of State name, map of the state, and pictures of tourist attractions.

When time permits, students also visit a fun game that tests their knowledge of the Geography of the United States of America

<http://funschool.kaboose.com/globe-rider/celebrate-usa/games/>

Extra Curricular Activities !

The Media Center is also home to the SGA and S3 book discussion group! As the SGA enters the holiday season, watch for Spirit Week and community service projects. Mr. Sprankle is the Co-Sponsor of this club.

S 3 (Sisters Supporting Sisters) Girls Book Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays during lunch. We read fiction books featuring many African American and Hispanic characters.

There is a group for girls in grades 3/4 and 5/6. The 5/6 group is taking a walking field trip on **Wed. Nov. 16, 2011** to Chevy Chase Supermarket to continue our discussion on healthy eating habits. Ms. Shipley is the Co-Sponsor of this club.

Sixth Grade Media - aka M & M Class (MultiMedia class)

Sixth graders visit the Media Center with their Specials Rotation group. Currently, groups B and D have Media every week. Spacebook was our first unit where students were asked to create a "Spacebook" page on a character from a fiction book they recently read-outside of school. This assignment was turned in electronically and its purpose was to continue students' excitement about reading. (This can be a challenge as some students get older.) Parents should know that the Media Center has purchased some "6th grade only" titles to ensure that 6th grade students have access to middle school books. The Media Center has also purchased Playaway titles that may be checked to students as well.

We have studied units on Media Literacy and have recently begun Greek Myths. Lastly, International Night (tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012**) is just around the corner so watch for more information on that in the coming weeks. As you know, sixth graders share a major responsibility in planning for this special night that is now an NCC tradition.

Hey alright!

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