



Encore Info

December 2011



From the Art Room

In art, all grade levels have started the Maryland unit! We are learning a lot about state symbols, animal species in our area, and what it means to be a Marylander!

Here is a breakdown of grade level projects:

- K - Black Eyed Susan oil pastel drawings (they are looking really beautiful!)
- 1 - White Oak leaf pendants (we are getting to use real earthenware and glaze!)
- 2 - Maryland flag collages (we are using rulers to measure and working really hard!)
- 3 - Baltimore Oriole pen and ink (wait until you see these!)
- 4 - STINK BUG sculptures (yup, you heard that right!)
- 5 - Maryland Blue Crab clay figures (Mrs. Dean is so impressed with our skills using clay!)

As always, any donations are always welcome. If you don't need it, we probably have a use for it!

Have a wonderful holiday and check back soon for art room updates!

From the Music Room

Ms. Bolyard shares that fun and fantastic things continue to happen in the music room. For the month of December all classes will be concentrating on Holiday Songs and traditions.

Ms Bolyard would like to thank all students, parents and staff who helped to make the third grade music program a success.



From the Gym

If you haven't been joining us on Monday and Friday morning for "Bester Moves" please do. It is a great way to get your day started and to help you get your body in shape. It takes place from 8:10-8:30.

We will be learning about the upper body and muscular system. Upper grades will be starting floor hockey, lower grades will be working on scooters. We will be doing fall fitness testing in early December, too.



From the Library

We have been learning a lot of 21st Century Skills in the library and will continue with those in December.

Grades 3-5 are using Gaggle, Type to Learn, Edmodo and many websites

Grades 2-5 recently learned to use Pixie and have enjoyed letting the creativity flow.

Grades K-2 have been using powerpoint to view many books and using the internet to enrich their background knowledge and learn more about the books and stories we are reading.

Students have been doing an outstanding job with book care and book return. One trick to helping students return their book on time is to keep the book in their backpack. They can take it out to read it and return it when they are finished. That way it will be there on library day. Returning their book on time is important to their grade and team.

Kindergarteners recently learned the "Backpack Song" and I am sure they would sing it for you if you asked. Students in Grades 1 & 2 may remember it too.