

Encore Info

January 2012



From the Art Room

Students in all grades are either finished up or nearing the end of their Maryland projects! Mrs. Dean is so excited about the quality of their work and can't wait for the show in the spring!

After the break, Bester artists will begin a unit on famous painters and sculptors- be on the lookout in the next newsletter to see what your little artist is creating!

Mrs. Dean hopes everyone had a Happy Holiday and know that we are going to have a great new year!

Things we need in the art room:
beads and other decorative items
flower seeds

From the Music Room



Ms. Bolyard shares that music students have just finished a Holiday Unit. This unit included accompaniments using Orff and percussion instruments, singing and creative movement using ribbons and scarves.

Students had great fun while demonstrating their musical and creative abilities! Look for more great things to come in the new year

Technology Tips



If you have never visited the Bester Website please do. There is a lot of information there such as a school calendar, a "what day is it?" calendar, links to teacher websites, copies of the newsletters, email addresses for all Bester staff, pictures from events and activities and much more. The address is:

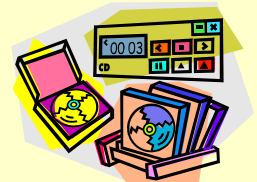
http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us/custom_pages/005/Main/index.htm



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.

Student's just finished up fitness testing and floor hockey. In January we will be moving onto Basketball as well as learning about the digestive system. We will also start talking about "Jump Rope for Heart" which is in February.



From the Library

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

Grades 2-5 are using laptops to access the internet, keyboard and learn how to locate and share information

Grade 1 enjoyed using the laptops to put books of a shelf in ABC order. They enjoyed learning how the laptops are different than the desktops.

Many of the websites used in class can be found on the library page on the Bester Website. There is also a page on the library website devoted to the databases paid for by the school system. These can be used by anyone in the family. Please use them. The username and password is the same on all of the sites. It is:

Username – wctys1
Password – beste



Most 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.