

SPECIALISTS NEWSLETTER

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VISUAL ARTS

Grade Prep will explore different modelling mediums such as kinetic sand and modelling clay. They will look at construction materials and learn that they can fit together and change by cutting and decorating.

Grades 1 and 2 will create three-dimensional forms through modelling materials. They will construct puppets and use them to tell a story.

Grades 3 and 4 will learn about geometric and abstract patterns and create patterns of their own. They will use simple sewing techniques on hessian.

Grades 5 and 6 will further examine perspective when drawing and painting, particularly in relation to landscapes. They will learn about lines and shapes when drawing. They will manipulate air dried clay to make a three-dimensional sphere.

LIBRARY

Grades Prep and 1 will have picture story books read aloud to them and will discuss the story and illustrations. They will also draw or colour aspects of the story.

Grade 2 will be listening to the rhythm and rhyme of the Dr. Seuss books. They will write their own rhyming words and create simple poems.

Grades 3 and 4 will be focusing on novels. Sentence structure and parts-of-speech will be discussed. Students will write about some of the events in the chapters.

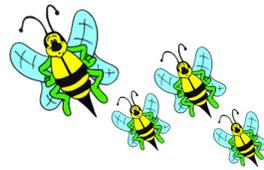
Grade 5 will be looking at short stories. They will discuss how authors carefully choose sentences to create imagery and atmosphere. Activities will include ways of writing good sentences and how to use parts-of-speech to enhance sentences.

PERFORMING ARTS

Grades prep - 2 will sing well known nursery rhymes and play simple beats on percussion instruments. They will learn about notes and their values.

Grades 3 and 4 will engage in a stomp unit where they learn to make music with random everyday objects and use body percussion to create beats.

Grades 5 and 6 will look into a classical unit concentrating on works from Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. They will learn how to add beats using other instruments (such as the drums and guitar) with the piano and jazz up classical favorites.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Grades Prep - 2 will participate in various activities/sports incorporating all of the knowledge/skills learnt throughout the first three terms in 2015. The key Fundamental Movement Skills of running, leaping, dodging, skipping, bouncing, throwing, catching, kicking and striking will be the focus.

Grades 3 and 4 will focus on 'striking'. They will develop their one-handed forehand and backhand striking technique and two-handed side-arm striking technique while participating in various sports including hockey, bat tennis, tee-ball and cricket.

Grades 5 and 6 will also focus on 'striking'. They will further develop their one-handed forehand and backhand striking technique and two-handed side-arm striking technique while participating in various sports including hockey, softball (with an introduction to baseball), cricket and badminton.

The Specialist Team