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Artsy Leaders

Our school year started with EVERYONE making their dot for International Dot Day.

Kinder learned a variety of lines and drew them, painted them and even constructed roller coasters of zigzags, spirals and loops! They also explored shapes.

First Graders created patterns, using lines and shapes. Ask your 1st grader about the cut out art of Henri Matisse. They used geometric and organic shapes to create collages inspired by him.

2nd graders used emotions in their art and used Pablo Picasso as their inspiration.

3rd grade explored symbolism and storytelling. This is reflected in their Aboriginal dot paintings.

4th and 5th both looked at the element of Value, learning shading techniques using pencil and paint.

Kinder, 3rd and 5th will have their artwork on display during Community Fest, Dec. 8th

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Sharpening the Saw in PE

Welcome to a new year in physical education at Teravista! It has been great to see a lot of returning students and getting to meet students who are new to the school. Each nine weeks in PE we work on different skills and discuss some science and life lessons.

We started the year with cooperative games so the students could get to know one another and synergize together. During the first nine weeks the students completed a throwing unit and practiced overhand, underhand and Frisbee throws. After practicing each skill the students then used that skill in small sided games or in the case of Frisbee throws, the students played disc golf.

Teravista students don't just learn physical skills in PE but they learn about the human body and how it works. In the month of September we discussed different muscles in the body and what purpose they serve. October was the month for bones and we covered many different bones in the human skeleton.

The PE department started the second nine weeks with a Halloween dance party and a striking unit. We hope the second nine weeks is just as awesome as the first!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 18th - T-shirt order for due for the Awesome Awesome 5K

December 15th - Awesome Awesome 5K (3rd-5th)

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Counseling Corner

The school year has been off to a great start!! Both Ms. Jelden and Ms. Sickert have been going into every classroom bi-monthly to provide guidance lessons aligned with the 7 habits.

Students have had the opportunity to discuss being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, putting first things first, and synergizing with one another. Check out our counselor website to learn more about our guidance lesson focus.

<https://sites.google.com/a/roundrockisd.org/tvecounseling/guidance-lessons>.

Our next few lessons will be thinking about problem solving with peers and how to identify if a conflict has turned into something more. Resources will be added to the website to help reinforce conflict resolution strategies at home.

Also, counseling initiatives such as Morning Greeters and Peacemakers have begun. Each group is focused on spreading kindness to the TVE Community.

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Noteworthy Habits in Music

- Kinder is working on the fast and slow concept and how it pertains to music. We have been singing our songs fast and slow as well as listening to different types of music to demonstrate the concept. We are also working on the 5 different types of voices we have: whisper, talking, singing, inner and yelling. Be sure to ask your child what voices are used indoors and what voices are used outdoors.
- First grade is working on the quarter note (1 sound on 1 beat) and 2 eighth notes (2 sounds that go on 1 beat).
- Second grade is working on the half note-1 long sound that takes up 2 whole beats.
- Third grade is working on the rhythm of 1 eighth note followed by 2 sixteenth notes-3 sounds (one equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat and 2 that get $\frac{1}{4}$ of the beat each) on 1 whole beat.
- Fourth grade is working on syncopation-uneven sounds that fall off the beat. This is a difficult but fun rhythm to learn. It is 3 sounds that total 2 whole beats-eighth note ($\frac{1}{2}$ the beat) followed by a quarter note (1 whole beat) followed by another eighth note ($\frac{1}{2}$ the beat).
- Fifth grade is currently reviewing every music concept they have learned in elementary school so far. On top of that we are learning a new rhythm that is 2 sounds that take up 2 whole beats (the long sound gets 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ beats and the short sound gets $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat).

Upcoming music events:

November 11th-Third grade Veteran's Day concert @ 8:00am in the cafeteria. Please have students wear red, white and blue.

November 14th- Choir Vertical Concert @ RRISDPAC @6:30 pm

December 1st- Choir "Make a Difference" concert in the cafeteria @6:00pm

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Leading in the Library

WOW! The first nine weeks have just flown by. In the library, students have already gone through orientation, created Augmented Reality dots for Dot Day, had lessons on genre and traditional literature, and on top of all that, our students and staff checked out an impressive 7,212 books in September!

On October 28th, we hosted Bluebonnet author, Chris Barton, for the 3-5th graders. It was a blast! We are also collecting Coins for Coats until Nov. 1st. Please send in your spare change for a wonderful cause. One class that donates coins will win free cupcakes!

Finally, we have some great news. There's a new addition to our library family. Library assistant, Stephanie Sheridan, welcomed her baby boy Brodie into the world on October 17! Great things are happening in your Teravista Library!



Dot Day fun in the library!

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