

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R Drew Elementary School

Media:

Learning: In April and May students in Grades K-5 will participate in lessons about digital citizenship. Students in kindergarten, first, and second grade will continue to explore ways they can stay safe online by making good choices about sites they visit and by limiting the personal information they share with others. Students in third grade will explore what they can do when someone uses unkind or hurtful words online. Fourth grade students will consider the difference between personal and private information and learn why private information should not be shared online. Fifth grade students will discuss cyberbullying and identify ways to be an upstander when they see cyberbullying happening. Students in prekindergarten, Head Start, and SCB classes will enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities about changes we see around us during Spring.

Reminders:

- Please reach out to me if you have questions about Drew's media center. My email is Lori_Tecler@mcpsmd.org
- Students can access ebooks and audiobooks on demand using the SORA app. There is a great selection of titles for all readers on SORA. Students can access SORA through the Clever app or through [this link](#). For the username and password, students should enter their MCPS student identification number and their password.
- If you would like additional ideas for managing your child's technology or media use at home, you can sign up to receive free text message tips from Common Sense Media. Information about this free program is available [here](#).

Art:

Learning: All students have 2 units left for April and May. Our first unit focuses on the art of textiles (sewing, weaving, quilting) and our second unit will be focused on upcycling!

- *Pre-K / HS:* Pre-K and Head Start students are starting their warm and cool color quilt squares! This will focus on color families, pattern and playing with yarn. Our second project will use paper mache with recycled materials!
- *Kindergarten and 1st Grade:* Students will be creating paper weavings focusing on color families and the process of "over, under". Our last project will be using recycled materials to create funky treehouses!
- *Second grade:* Second graders are building their own looms and weaving with a warp and weft using lots of different colored and textured yarn. Our last project will be using recycled materials to learn about architecture and create a place!
- *Third grade:* Third graders are learning how to use sewing supplies to create the sewn project of their choice! It might be a pillow or a bag! Our last project will be using recycled materials to learn about architecture and create a place!
- *Fourth grade:* Fourth graders are beginning to create stuffed creatures or pillows. Fourth grade students are learning about design, cutting fabric, and sewing and pinning techniques. Our last project will be using upcycled materials to create a piece of art that shows a statement or environmental cause!

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- *Fifth grade:* Fifth graders are beginning to create stuffed creatures or pillows. Fifth grade students are learning about design, cutting fabric, and sewing and pinning techniques. Our last project will be in collaboration with the music teacher on video game music and character design!

Reminders:

- Please wear old, dark-colored clothing on art days!
- The annual “Mall Show” is coming! This show will feature the artwork of select Drew students. Location: Montgomery Mall // Dates: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 2nd – 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2023
- Our emails are jennifer_l_potter@mcpsmd.org and jacquelyn_h_skandalis@mcpsmd.org (PreK). If you need to contact us, please feel free! Thanks so much for your support.

Music:

Learning: Music Measurement Topics for the fourth marking period are creating music and reading/notating music. We will be using various instruments to create and perform music. We will continue to learn notation and add our own creative beats to songs we learn in class.

- *School Community-Based program:* students in the SCB program will be learning new songs. We add instruments, scarves and body percussion to make the songs come alive.
- *Pre-K / HS, Kindergarten, and First grade:* Students are having a great time learning about pitch and rhythm especially when there is an exciting game to play too! Students use hands, body percussion, and classroom instruments to perform music.
- *Second grade and Third grade:* Reading notes and rhythms on the music staff is something students need to know so that they can compose their own music. Students will be learning about pitch letter names of the treble clef.
- *Fourth grade and Fifth Grade:* Students will move toward projects such as creating their own music for a video game concept, as well as learning fun rhythms using buckets as drums!

Reminders:

- Our emails are Brian_W_Weyant@mcpsmd.org and Alexander_J_Edwards@mcpsmd.org (Arnold and Blackman). Thank you for your support!

Physical Education:

Learning: Marking period 4 measurement topics for PreK-2 include striking with feet, hands, other body parts and paddles. Students will also learn about goal setting and persistence. Measurement topics for grades 3-5 include striking with a racket, (forehand and backhand), and striking with a golf club and bat. Students will learn the FITT principle and how to apply it when creating a fitness plan.

Adapted PE:

Learning: Our students love PE and are willing to try different activities during our PE time. They are familiar with our PE warm-up and stretching routines. We are seeing so much growth and improvements in many students. We are currently working on some students’ goals and objectives. Students are learning about different activities that promote fitness and how to make healthy choices. Equipment is modified for success.

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Reminders:

- Please make sure that your student wears sneakers on PE days. Safety is our priority!

Please email either of us with any questions! Lauren_G_Rinker@mcpsmd.org and Sean_T_O'Connor@mcpsmd.org (Abdelmegid and Leichtling).

Instrumental Music

Learning: Students are polishing their songs in instrumental music to prepare for our Spring Concert on:

- **Tuesday May 23 at 7 p.m. for STRING families**
- **Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. for BAND families**
- *There will also be a daytime assembly for ALL performers in front of their peers and teachers on May 24, 2023*

Letters about the concert have been sent home via flier and ParentVUE. Please make sure that students are bringing both their instruments, books, and concert packets with them each and every week since we have very few lessons left. Looking forward to ending the school year strong!

Many beginning students are working hard to earn their Karate belts. Make sure students are getting in 10-15 minutes a day of practice about 4 to 5 times a week. Questions? Email Ms. Krohn at daniella_e_krohn@mcpsmd.org or call the school.

Counseling:

Learning: First of all, thank you to all of the parents and family members who volunteered for Career Day. It was a wonderful success! In the March/April rotation we talked about anger. Specifically, we talked about the science of anger and the ways that it affects our body. We concluded that lesson with a discussion of strategies to help calm ourselves when we feel agitated. For the April/May rotation we will be talking about meanness and bullying. As with anger, we will take a look at where meanness comes from and appropriate responses to hurtful comments. We will also define bullying and take a look at strategies and supports should someone find themselves at the receiving end of such behavior.

Reminders:

- Every student has counseling in their rotation once every 4 weeks.
- There is no grade for counseling lessons, students just need to be ready to participate.

If you have any concerns please feel free to reach out, my email is sara_b_krauss@mcpsmd.org.