



C.L.A.M.P. Newsletter

Keep up to date with information from Counselor, Library, Art, Music and P.E. at WRE!

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World of Art News

By Ms. Garrison

What are the WRE Artists making?

The artists at WRE began their journey through the continent of **Europe** by viewing, discussing, and creating original **abstract** artwork. Third grade artists demonstrated their understanding of **abstraction** by creating artwork inspired by the famous work, *(Figures) Descending a Staircase* by **Marcel Duchamp**. They learned the difference between **3-dimensional forms** (for example, the human figure)

and **2-dimensional shapes**. Further defining their knowledge of abstract art, the third graders used warm and cool colors in a **non-objective print-making** project, experiencing the value of **recycling** as they reused toilet paper rolls.

Second grade artists used **geometric shapes**, **overlapping**, and **value** to create original **abstract** artwork on black paper. Then, they continued to explore the continent of Europe, learning about **French Impressionist Claude Monet** and



Don't forget to check out student artwork on the consistently updated **Online Art Gallery** on my faculty webpage!



making their own water lily paintings. Second graders also studied the European **still life**, drawing and painting the **geometric forms** positioned on their art tables.

*After viewing and discussing European portraits, all WRE artists are currently making their own **self-portraits**, inspired by all of the qualities that make our students unique!*

What is an "Ask Your Artist" Tag?

Student artwork that has been displayed in the hallways at WRE is sent home with a small tag on the back. This tag reads, "Ask Your Artist" followed by a **few questions that can help you start conversations with your artist about their artwork**. As the art expert, your artist will be challenged to recall key elements of the lesson and vocabulary linked with the artwork that they so successfully created! Good job featured WRE Artists!



PE Ponderings by Mrs. Jennifer Westphal

On January 26th, Mrs. Westphal will kick off our JRFH fundraiser at WRE. WRE has partnered with the American Heart Association to help raise funds and awareness for heart disease and stroke, the #1 and #3 killers in the US. We will culminate our fundraising efforts with a JRFH celebration on **Friday, February 24th** during PE class. Throughout February, students have an opportunity to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Top fundraising students will earn awards, prizes, River City Rascals tickets, Sky Zone passes and much more. The **Show-Me Jumpers** will be here on January 27th for an assembly to "show off" their jumping skills and abilities. You won't want to miss their dynamic show! For more info or to get started with fundraising, go to www.heart.org/jump and click on "student sign up."



WRE has earned state awards the last 3 years for their fundraising efforts. Last year we raised \$7,772.86 and were the **8th highest fundraising school in the state!** Wow, that is an accomplishment that all students and faculty should be proud of!!

November and December kept us very busy in PE. We learned some "Brain Gym" activities that help us in the classroom, how to maneuver ourselves on scooters, cooperative games challenged us, and we participated in the "12 Days of Fitness." Ask your child some of the "big points" about their movement activities and challenges. The Fitness Club continues each month, encouraging all students to be active 20-30 minutes daily, and especially as a family.

Noteworthy News by Mrs. Ashley Gadberry

WRE's Got Talent Days:

February 28 - Day 1 Classes

February 29 - Day 2 Classes



Remember to bring in a song to sing or dance to, a joke written down to tell, a magic trick to share, or an instrument to play.

All selections must be school appropriate.

Awesome Website:

www.makingmusicfun.net - this website has great music-making fun for the whole family to enjoy!



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Counselor Corner

Save the date for the 3rd Grade Performances of "America Salutes!"

All performances are located in the WRE Gym. Students will meet in the cafeteria promptly at 6:15pm. Performances start at 6:30pm. All Students should wear red, white, or blue. We look forward to seeing you there!

February 16 Mrs. Shawe's Class, Mrs. Strunk's Class, & Mrs. Cobb's Class

February 21 Mrs. Hoelscher's Class, Mrs. Crow's Class, & Mrs. Burle's Class

February 23 Mrs. Cosgrove's Class, Mrs. Smith's Class, Mrs. Brown's Class, & Mrs. Halter's Class

It's hard to believe the first semester of school is over! The guidance classroom ended the month of November talking about friendship. The learning objectives were to introduce the concept of friendship, teach them how to make friends, and help them understand that personal qualities, not appearance, are what make a good friend.

December was spent talking about how to resolve conflicts. We read Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class. The learning objective was to find peaceful ways to resolve differences. December also was about giving and helping. At WRE we have many activities for giving and helping. We collect canned food for Agape, pet supplies for the animal shelter, make cards to send to our military persons, collect aluminum tabs so we can help Irving Elementary in Joplin, and we hold two penny drives throughout the year for Agape.

January has begun our journey talking about BULLIES and how to deal with bullies. The learning objectives include understanding common motives behind the bullies' actions; learn non-violent, positive strategies for coping with bullies; and learning ways to maintain self-esteem despite the bullies continued attempts to damage their self-esteem.

I enjoy working with all of our students here at WRE! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Website to Explore with your Reader

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/>

This site has book trailers, reviews, blogs, lists, and more



This month students have been working on a project in conjunction with Ms. Garrison's self-portrait projects. In library students are utilizing their technology and composition skills to produce a self-portrait poem. Students reflected on their families, their role in the classroom, hobbies and interests and composed poems all about themselves. These writers composed, typed and printed their poems to be displayed with their completed self-portrait.

This lesson was designed to engage students in cross-curricular thinking and to build a strong sense of self-worth!



Be sure to ask your writer to share his or her poem with you! I am very proud of each and every WRE author!

Celebrate Spring Break with a Book Fair Luau!

Book Fair will be here from

March 5-9, 2012

@ the WRE Library

Make sure spring break is full of reading and relaxation for the whole family!

Library Land

By Mrs. Jill Burkemper

