

Music Time!

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WRE just finished celebrating Veterans' Day with an awesome assembly in the school gym. The 2nd graders sang a song we have been working on in music called, "Proud of our Veterans." The 3rd graders also shared a song called "Thinking of You." Both grades did an amazing job and I was so proud of their effort! Way to go WRE singers!!! Thank you so much Veterans!

What's Happening in Music ?

2nd Grade:

The 2nd graders have been practicing the steady beat. This is perhaps the most important part of music. Without the steady beat, things would sound very

messy and unpleasant to the ear. We are also learning the value of quarter notes and eighth notes. We have been learning that "p" stands for soft and "f" stands for loud. We have also been learning the differences in high, medium, and low pitches. The 2nd graders practice all of these different parts of music each music time with their welcome song. Ask your second graders to sing it to you.

3rd Grade:

The 3rd graders are continuing to work on steady beat, pitch, "p", "f", quarter note, and eighth note. Some new terms they are

learning about include bar line, measure, and rest. Around Halloween we learned about a spooky sounding instrument called an organ. Ask your 3rd graders some differences between an organ and a piano. We also listened to a spooky song by Johann Sebastian Bach entitled Toccata and Fugue in D minor. The students loved listening to this with their eyes closed while using their imaginations to guide them through the song. Most recently we have been working on the instruments of the orchestra. We learned about the 4 families that are represented such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion instruments. We learned how the instruments in each family are similar

Important Dates:

WRE's Got Talent Days

December 20—Day 1

December 21- Day 2

3rd Grade Musical Nights

Feb. 17, 2012 : Mrs. Shawe, Mrs. Strunk, and Mrs. Cobb

Feb 22, 2012 : Mrs. Hoelscher, Mrs. Crow, and Mrs. Burle

Feb 24, 2012 : Mrs. Cosgrove, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Brown



www.sfskids.org

An excellent website for kids to enjoy the instruments of the orchestra and perhaps even write a song or two. This would be a fun activity for the whole family.

Counselor



Library Land

Mrs. Burkemper,
Library Media Specialist

Are you curious about what your students are learning in library and computer time? Take a look at the library website hosted on our school's homepage. I have links and lesson plans updated as we go along. You can follow along and see what skills your students are

learning in library/computer time. There are links related to what we have talked about and go along with skills I would like students to learn. In library we have been focusing on fiction, non-fiction, and genre. In computer lab students are working on

keyboarding skills, web navigation basics, and are utilizing the Study Island Program (see last story on page).

Here are the steps to reach my homepage.

- 1) Go to Warren-cor3.org
- 2) Select Warrior Ridge Tab
- 3) Choose Staff Pages along the left hand side

4) Choose my name, Jill Burkemper

This will take you to my main homepage.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to email or call me.

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Book Fair Success

Book fair was a great success this past October. It was a lively event that promoted literacy and encouraged students to get excited about reading. It was a nice activity for our students to participate in with their family members during Grandparent's Day.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Book Fair a wonderful event for students, WR families, and our staff.

Upcoming Book Fair Schedule

Spring Fair
March 5—9, 2012

BOGO
May 14—18, 2012

Look for volunteer forms after winter break. Thank you!

Check out Scholastic's website. They have great resources for kids and parents!

www.scholastic.com



Study Island Time : Fun and Learning at Home

Study Island is a great resource for students that promotes growth in mathematics and communication arts skills. It is an internet based program which means you can access this from home. In order for your student to access this website they need their user login and password

that was given to them during their computer time.

If you have internet access simply open a browser and type in the following address:

www.studyisland.com

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Study

Island, please contact

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WORLD OF ART NEWS



By the end of this school year, students at WRE will have journeyed on Ms. Garrison's imaginary airplane to explore art on six continents! Our adventure began with our own continent of **North America** with **Folk art** and **Op Art** themes, and we have already made our way to **South America** to explore beautiful **textiles** and the Amazon **Rainforest**.

In addition to our travels, we have also learned about four different Artists of the Month, making some awesome artwork inspired by them along the way. **Check out student artwork** inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci, Vincent Van Gogh, and much more on the new **Online Art Gallery** on my faculty webpage—just click on "Garrison, Stephanie" and then follow the links on the homepage! More student work will be added throughout the year, so be sure to keep checking in!!!

As the new art teacher, I want to **THANK** all of the students, staff, and parents for the warm welcome to WRE! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each child personally in this creative, challenging, and fun environment!

Happy Holidays Go Warriors!

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ARTISTS OF THE MONTH:

AUGUST- Leonardo Da Vinci, Painter of *Mona Lisa*

SEPTEMBER- Howard Finster, American Folk Artist

OCTOBER- Vincent Van Gogh, Famous for beautiful *landscapes*

NOVEMBER- Henri Rousseau, Famous for rainforest scenes

What's Happening in PE?

Here at WRE, we have been very active and are learning about how to be healthy, and fit. Since the beginning of the school year we have been practicing and learning about the *Presidential Fitness Challenge*, an assessment of our fitness levels. Our fitness challenges include; the shuttle run, pushup test, curl-ups, a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or $\frac{1}{4}$ mile run, and a sit and reach flexibility test. Ask your child about *the National and Presidential* levels of fitness and what their goals are to attain them. 2nd and 3rd graders have been working on various units that meet the Missouri state guidelines. These include; learning about body and space awareness, balance, pathways and locomotor skills, throwing and catching, playground games, soccer skills, and cooperation activities.



Weekly "Health Tips" help us learn ways to make easy, small, positive choices to live a healthy lifestyle. We have discussed;

"No Morning Chaos," getting ready for school the night before so we have everything and are not late.

* "Get up and go with a better breakfast," eating healthy in the morning to give us energy the rest of the day.

* "Get your Zzzzzzzzzzzzz!" getting plenty of sleep each night.

* "Color your plate" picking colorful food choices are usually healthy choices.

Making small, simple, positive health choices help us to be better learners in the classroom. We have also started practicing "Brain Gym" exercises. Have your child show you some of the ways we can connect our body and brain to enhance our focus

at school.

As an incentive to be active, especially with our families, I have started the "Fitness Club" this year. Each month, students receive a worksheet to keep track of their daily activity. The worksheets are represented with big numbers on them that contain 25 squares. 20-30 minutes of daily activity allow students to color 1 square per day. They may color 2 squares if they are active with a family member. The goal is to be active daily and complete a worksheet from the beginning to the end of the month. Students earn a certificate, shoe token and are eligible to earn a special "Fitness Club" lunch in the gym. The club will end in April!!

I enjoy each and every student this year! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call!

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