



# STARK ELEMENTARY SPECIAL CLASSES NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

## LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Lower grades are learning about how to stay safe when surfing online, and how to be a good "digital citizen."

Upper grades are reviewing research texts and how to use the online versions., learning about the Veterans Day holiday through the use of choice board activities, and will be either researching about or going on a virtual field trip to historic Plymouth Plantation.



## ART

Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade are working on their Color Unit. They are learning about primary and secondary colors. They are creating their own color wheels, and they are learning how to mix two primary colors together to make a secondary color.

Third, fourth, and fifth grade are finishing up learning about optical illusions. Each student created their own optical illusion with the goal of making it look like it was moving when it really wasn't. Third, fourth, and fifth grade are now moving on to perspective landscape drawings. Students are required to show perspective in their landscape by drawing closer objects bigger and farther away objects smaller.



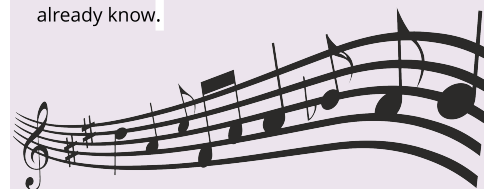
## MUSIC

Kindergarten is working on "Sound Stories". It is a great tool for improving students' reading and comprehension skills through music. By incorporating music into a story it is a great tool to enhance cross-curricular connections. It also teaches students collaboration and waiting for their appropriate turn in music. Students are also learning about Forte and Piano dynamics.

1st grade is learning Music Form and how songs have patterns and how to respond when each musical section appears. They are also reviewing musical notation of Quarter Notes and Quarter Rest and to play alongside a recording.

2nd and 3rd grade are learning choreography to dances. They are also reviewing musical instruments. Students will be able to improvise melodies with guided rhythms and will be able to identify musical notation of notation of Quarter Note, Paired Eighth Notes and Quarter rest. Students will learn songs to accompany with these notations.

4th and 5th grade are starting to continue to use pitched half notes, half rest, Paired eighth notes, Quarter Note, Quarter Rest and Sixteenth notes. Students will also learn how to write lyrics to accompany an arrangement of music they already know.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education during the month of November we will be completing the Fitness Gram test for 4th and 5th graders. This involves sit-ups, push ups, a pacer run, and a sit and reach test. K, 1,2, and 3 just so height and weight! We also will be working on throwing and catching skills for all grade levels. Lastly we will begin collections for the American Heart Challenge. The event will take place on January 20th of 2023.

