



Stafford Elementary School

The Specials Scoop

November 2022

ART Mrs. Veilleux

Artists are currently working in drawing studios, meaning each table has a different drawing activity that includes conceptual and observational drawing. Artists in each grade are working in their sketchbooks toward a final artwork. 1st: Romero Britto/Piet Mondrian Mixed Media, 2nd: Bug Creations, 3rd: Animal Sidekicks, 4th: Graphic Novel Characters, 5th: Gaming Characters. Additionally, during the month of October, 4th and 5th grade classes and some 3rd grade classes explored and created art in the style of Tim Burton. Other 3rd grade classes explored and created art in the style of Basquait and 1st grade classes explored and created art in the style of Kusama.

BAND Ms. Sayles

Advanced band is currently preparing for their winter concert on Thursday, December 15th. Beginning band students are learning their first songs: "Hot Cross Buns" and "Au Claire" de La Lune. Both beginning and advanced bands will be performing during grades 1, 2 and 3 lunches as a part of the Stafford Elementary Serenade starting in December!

HEALTH Mr. Terry & Mr. Turley

In our Health classes, the lessons have been focused on the unit of Disease Prevention in grades 1, 3 and 5. We start by reviewing proper handwashing in 1st grade and progress up to 5th grade by learning about the workings of the immune system. In grades 2 and 4, the lessons have been focused on our emotions and how to manage these emotions, especially when trying to problem solve. We will end the month touching upon the importance of being thankful.

LIBRARY Mrs. Funk



November is [Picture Book Month](#) and we'll be celebrating with some great read-alouds, as well as highlighting staff recommendations of their favorite picture books. After all, SES students know that picture books are for E-V-E-R-Y-O-N-E! Throughout October and November, students and staff have been enjoying our One School, One Book read-aloud of [The Year of Billy Miller](#) by Kevin Henkes. We hope your child has shared this charming story with you, which follows Billy Miller through the challenges and triumphs of his school year. Finally, please help protect our books by giving your child a large plastic storage bag to put it in.

MUSIC Mrs. Bienvenu

The music room has been full of a lot of different instrument sounds! Students in 1st grade learned the song "Leaves are Falling" and played xylophones, colored plastic tubes called boomwhackers, egg shakers and rhythm sticks. Students in 2nd grade learned the song "Autumn Leaves" and played rhythm sticks, bells, boomwhackers and egg shakers. Students in 3rd and 4th grade have started to play recorders and students in 5th grade have begun playing the ukulele. Chorus students are excitedly preparing for their first concert, which will be December 15th, with a snow date of December 20th. Stay tuned for more information to be coming home about that soon!

P. E. Mr. Terry & Mr. Turley

Our P.E. classes have been having fun and learning a lot of skills! Mr. Terry's 1st and 2nd grade classes have been working on their teamwork and cooperation skills as they use the parachute, and his 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes have been practicing their hand-eye coordination as they speed stack cups. Mr. Turley has been practicing soccer skills (dribbling, trapping, passing and shooting) with grades 1-5, as they play games and activities that help those skills, as well as modified game play. We are including aspects of the four components of fitness inside every lesson, as we want the students to be physically fit and have fun moving!