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Computer

6th Grade Computer Applications

Even though I am sad to say goodbye to my 6th graders in World Studies, I am happy to know I will be seeing them second semester in the computer lab! We have lots of fun projects planned for the year, including several collaborative projects using our Google accounts. We'll start out with an extensive unit called Digital Citizenship about developing a positive digital presence.

Each class begins with 15 minutes of keyboarding, which is an essential skill for students throughout their educational careers. It is important student's practice their keyboarding at home as well, as 15 minutes twice a week may not be enough for your sixth grader. I recommend finding lessons online, either by visiting my website via the Woodland homepage, or by doing a search. Just as we did in 5th grade, students will be taking a monthly timed test to evaluate their improvement, progress, and effort from month to month. I'm looking forward to another great semester!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)



Physical Education 5th and 6th grade P.E.

The Students at Woodland will be starting our basketball unit. We will be going over the following skills: Dribbling, Passing, and Shooting. The students will discuss some of the rules of the game of basketball also. Finishing up our unit the students will consist of getting into modified games of Basketball.

The students will also be testing at the end of the month. The test will include: Sit-n-Reach, Pacer, Shoulder Stretch, Push-up, and Sit ups. We continue to work in class to improve our scores from the Fall Test.

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)



World Studies

5th Grade World Studies

Welcome to World Studies fifth graders! I am so excited to get to know each of you better as we travel around the world, visiting three different countries and cultures- Japanese, Hmong and German. We will be starting out with a general world geography overview, and then heading to the beautiful country of Japan. There we will learn what the word "culture" is comprised of, as we study the homes, lifestyle, traditions, food and clothing of the people there. Bon voyage!

In World Studies, we are always looking for guests to come in and talk about the countries we are studying. If you have visited any of them, or have connections to people who have, I would love to talk to you. I may be reached at eberndt@kimberly.k12.wi.us.

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Choir information:

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the all-state choir festival for Wisconsin Choral Director's in Wausau on Saturday, January 13: Siana Bruce, Maddy Dillenburg, Joseph Mancheski, Rowan McClure, Joy Peterson, Madelyn Strebel, and Bridgette Zietlow. They were responsible for learning and memorizing the music on their own and in a few rehearsals with Mrs. Been, so this indeed was a challenge!

The next event for choir will be held February 9 at Lawrence University. Details for Choir students have been sent home. It is very important that students attend every rehearsal to be prepared. Attire for this event will be white shirt or blouse and black dress pants or skirts. Dress shoes with little or no heel. This will be a ticketed event, at the cost of \$3 per ticket to help defray the cost of the facility.

You can purchase tickets here: https://www.showtix4u.com/boxoffice.php?submit=Search+for+Events&begin=1542968¤t_client=055204101119579



Healthy Living 5th Grade

Another semester has just flown by this time ending our year and my class time with the 5th graders. Of course, I will see them a year from now during Healthy Living 6. One of the best aspects of my job is seeing how students grow (physically, mentally and socially) from one year to the next.

This past month we have discussed some pretty important health issues. (Of course I think all the topics we discuss are important! :)) Students listened to a presentation from the sexual assault crisis center. The presenters answered questions about what is sexual abuse and why is it important to talk about sexual abuse and harassment? (State Mandate requires all schools in Wisconsin educate youth about sexual abuse as a health concern). Students were taught about boundaries (establishing them and communicating them with others) and how to "assertively communicate in all relationships. 5th graders viewed the Human Growth and Development video this past month as well.

Tobacco was another topic that was discussed during this last month of healthy living. Students were asked to have a "Top 5 List" of why they will say NOPE (not one puff ever). As "invincible" 5th graders, it is often difficult for them to grasp the idea that choices they make now will have immediate and long term effects on their health. Thank you for your support in helping your son/daughter in their commitment to not become a tobacco user.

I will miss the 5th graders and have reminded them I am still around, they just have to find me in the mornings. I am also looking forward to reacquainting myself with the 6th graders.

Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)

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MUSIC

The 5th Grade students did a great job of performing at their concert! Since the concert we are working with classroom instruments and getting ready to play on the piano keyboards. All students will play on piano keyboards. We will review note names and practice on the computer program Music Ace to prepare. Those students who would like more time to practice note names and keyboard notes are welcome to come in at recess to work on Music Ace.

The 6th grade students are continuing to practice reading music through tone chimes. We are making beautiful sounding major chords and practicing playing rhythms and melodies. We will once again be playing keyboards soon, emphasizing more of the bass clef (left hand) than we did last year.

CHOIR

School choir will perform on April 17th, the same date as the band concert. We will begin rehearsing for that concert in February after the festival. Please see the Intermediate Music website for information on how to join choir and to keep up to date with announcements. <https://sites.google.com/a/kimberly.k12.wi.us/music-maestros/choir-announcements/untitledpost>

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Band

Concert Dates for Band:
Please mark your calendar!!!!

April 17, 2018-6:30 pm – 5th and 6th grade band/choir, and Art show.

Congratulations to all 5th graders on preparing and performing a wonderful concert. There is an extreme amount of effort that goes into strengthening your talents. We are happy and proud to see you sharing your learning with family, friends and peers. We are grateful to work with such amazing students.

6th grade band students are just about at the end of book one. Please consider purchasing Book 2 very soon. We will start using Book 2 by the beginning of February. The title of the lessons book is Essential Elements Book 2. It looks similar to book 1, but has a red strip across the top of the cover.

Ms. Shimek (ext. 2621)
Mrs. Carpenter (ext. 2654)

ART



6th Grade Art

The 6th grade students learned many different techniques of drawing such as: adding value and form (3-D) to their drawing with contour lines, cross hatch, smudge and scribble. By learning different techniques of drawing the 6th grade students were able to draw out things that looked realistic and three dimensional. The students then selected different images, patterns or ideas that had personal meaning to the student. The 6th grade students then drew a continuous line on their paper and filled in all of the sections on their paper with their favorite images. The students used the techniques that they had just learned to help them create all of their drawings. After the students were finished drawing everything out they used a variety of materials to add color to their drawing. Once the students finished their drawings they added a frame to them so they can be hung up in the hallways.

*The Elements of Art we have covered are:
Color, Form, Line, Shape, Space, Value and Texture.*

I have truly enjoyed having the 6th grade students the past two years! I wish all of you a wonderful second semester, and please do not be strangers...Come and visit me.

Mr. Calmes (ext. 2321)

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