

Specialist Newsletter October 2009

Music
Ms. Bailey
Mrs. Benischek



Computer
Mr. Tebo



It's time once again to offer up some websites for your children to work on at home.

Kindergarten: Daniel Cook
<http://www.thisisdanielcook.com/#intro>

1st Grade: Kidport
<http://www.kidport.com/Grade1/Grade1Home.htm>

2nd Grade: Max's Math Adventures
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/max/>

3rd Grade: Cool Math for Kids
<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

4th Grade: Build a Prairie
<http://www.bellmuseum.org/distancelearning/prairie/build/index.html>

5th Grade: HM English
http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hme/k_5/

Hope you enjoy these sites!!!

The following are some of the September music activities (room 702) by grade level:

Kindergarten

- * Singing new and familiar songs with movement activities
- * Listening and moving to music of contrasting styles

First Grade

- * Singing and moving to music
- * Steady beat, rhythm patterns, melodic patterns with sol - mi interval
- * Identify patterns which are the same/different

Second Grade

- * Identifying notes and rests in music
- * Singing and moving to music
- * Reading song books and learning to recognize verse/refrain forms, coda, D.C. al Fine, etc.
- * Students continued to sing American patriotic songs

Third Grade

- * Exploring melodies with "High Do" (tonic octave) through singing and playing instruments
- * Singing rounds

* Singing folk songs and patriotic songs

Fourth Grade

* Singing American Folk Songs and patriotic songs

* Singing partner songs and rounds
* Playing recorder and other instruments

Fifth Grade

* Reading and singing choral music
* Singing counter melodies and partner songs
* Singing American patriotic songs

Physical Education

Mr. Armogast

Mr. Kosmicki



It is hard to believe that we have entered the month of October. Here a few things that your child has worked on: Throwing, catching, kicking, striking and dodging to just name a few. The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have been working hard on their fitness testing. These students have completed their shoulder stretch and pacer run.

Here are some upcoming areas where your child will be tested on:

- 1st Grade-Skipping
- 2nd Grade-Basketball Dribble
- 3rd Grade-Short Jump Rope
- 4th Grade-Throwing and Catching
- 5th Grade-Striking with a Racquet

3rd, 4th and 5th graders will need to continue their focus on push-ups, sit-ups

and trunk lift to complete their fitness testing.

Mr. Kosmicki and I will be in the library October 8 and October 15 for any parents that would like to conference with us. With the fall air rearing it face, please start to layer your child's clothing. Also, for the safety and success of your child please send them to PE wearing appropriate gym shoes.

Art

Ms. Hergott



Welcome back!!

First I want to share with everyone that I now have a website. This is located on the Maxey website, under the staff page. It is <http://isite.lps.org/blenzen/web/index.html>. Here you will find class projects by grade level, how Maxey students are graded, Banner Club information and much more! Please check it out for the most current information.

Media Center

Mrs. Christen

This month, we welcome the Scholastic Book Fair to the Media Center October 8-15 Students (Preschool through Grade 5) will have an opportunity to preview the book fair with their class and our open hours for families to attend are:

October 8 (Conference Night) 8-9 a.m. and 3-8 p.m.

October 9 8-9 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

October 13 (Conference Night) 8-9 a.m.
and 3-8 p.m.

October 14 8-9 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

October 15 8-9 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

What will be big this year? A new
Wimpy Kid book, and many others that
are in the book fair flyer, which you
hopefully already received!