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<p>K: Students will continue to learn about awesome authors and focus on the habits of good readers. The topics will include identifying the beginning, middle and end of a story, sequencing story events, making predictions and forming personal connections to a story.</p> <p>Grade 1: Students will continue to listen to stories connecting to family relationships in the unit called, We Are Family! We will be focusing on traditions, and ways in which families are similar and different. Students have been working on a scrapbook that illustrates their family. Please ask them to share it with you when it comes home at the end of the month.</p> <p>Grade 2: Students will begin a new unit called, Reading Is LIT! Students will read a variety of award-winning books in order to explore what makes great books so awesome! Together we will focus on interpreting illustrations, sequencing & retelling, citing evidence, using voice, and determining cause and effect.</p> <p>Grade 3: This month, students will focus on their own unique qualities. Students will explore how their accomplishments, goals, interests, talents, and appearance enhance the concept of their own unique identities through the creation of a "Unique Me" presentation.</p> <p>Grade 4: Students will begin a new unit called Wordless Picture Books. Students will be interpreting and analyzing wordless books. Students will be making inferences about the stories, determining the theme, and creating a written story to accompany the illustrations of a wordless book.</p> <p>Grade 5: Students will focus this month learning about a famous African American. Each student will select a person to research and then create a few graphic novel panels to display what they have learned about their research and the conventions of a graphic novel.</p>	<p>During the month of February, all students of CTES will be participating in the Square 1 Art Fundraiser. This is an annual fundraiser that allows students to create artwork for families to have printed on different items such as travel mugs, pillow cases, bowls, and phone covers. Students will plan and create an artwork that will be replicated by the Square 1 company. Each student will receive a free set of stickers featuring their own artwork as well as a brochure for families to order from. A percentage of our sales will be donated back to Chesapeake Terrace Elementary to buy necessary materials for students and classroom teachers, as well as our art program. The brochure will be sent home in the spring.</p> <p>5th grade students have participated in a service learning project called Kindness for Paws in which they have created an artwork based on a shelter dog or cat for the MDSPCA to showcase! Students who returned their permission slip will have their artwork hung in the art show at White Marsh Mall from February 8th to February 15th. On February 16th from 11-2pm MDSPCA will hold a "Name your donation" event where they will sell the student's artwork to fundraise for shelter animals as well as the community. We hope to see you there!</p>

Phys. Ed News
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This month all grades will be working on fitness activities and concepts. 4th and 5th grades will be participating in required BCPS fitness testing entitled Fitnessgram. These tests are given from 4-12 grades and allow students to monitor their fitness levels through their school career. This is a great tool for students to actively take charge of their wellness! While students will never be graded on their individual performance or scores, participation is required and giving your best effort will provide the most accurate results. This in turn will allow students to best identify areas of strength or areas for improvement. Younger grades will practice some of the Fitnessgram tests, but will not be scored.

Spring Sports

Spring Sports registration will soon be gearing up! Recreational sports are a great way to increase daily physical activity beyond weekly PE classes, as well as learn perseverance and teamwork. Our local rec council, Edgemere-Sparrows Point (esprec.com, and on Facebook), has many programs available including Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Dance and more.

A quick reminder for students missing PE:

If a student needs to be excused from a single PE class, a parent/guardian note is sufficient and helps me be informed of any health issues a student may be having. If a student needs to be out of PE for an extended period of time (more than a week), a physician's note is required both to remove the student from activity and to allow the student to resume activity. Students restricted from activity in Physical Education class should also be restricted from physical activity at recess. Without a note, the expectation is full participation of students in all class activities.

Music News
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K: This month students are singing songs about animals that hibernate. We will also be singing songs about love, friendship, and valentines day. Students will practice clapping patterns with partners.

1: Students are now reading and writing music using quarter notes, eighth note pairs, and quarter rests! In February, we will look at music examples and begin to identify pitch- the highness or lowness of a sound.

2: Students just completed their unit on FORM. They will begin their orchestra unit in February. We will study the four families of the orchestra and learn how instruments are divided into each family. Students should be able to identify instruments by sight and sound by the end of this unit.

3: Students have been working hard to learn how to identify notes on the treble staff. They can identify notes on the lines and spaces! This month, they will take this knowledge and apply it to playing a pitched instrument - the recorder. Students are expected to come prepared to each music class with their recorder and a music folder to keep all their papers organized. They will have homework to practice skills learned in class at home.

4: This month students are practicing singing with proper diction. They will also begin to sing in rounds. This is a tricky skill to master as it involves being confident in your vocal part while others are singing something different.

5: Students are learning about a new rhythm called syncopation. They have been singing folk songs from Africa to identify the new rhythm. We will continue to sing these songs and add classroom instruments to accompany the music. Students will be graded on their performances of the songs and playing rhythm patterns accurately to accompany them. We will also begin looking at African American spirituals.

Instrumental Music News
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C&CRS - Students will finish the Community and Economics Unit for the Biz Town Field Trip. We will talk about the circular flow of goods, services, resources and money in a free economy and a very simple view of how the free enterprise system works.

Instrumental Music 5th - Students are building up musical knowledge to play songs in the spring concert. Every student should be practicing 3-4 times a week.

Exploratory Music 4th - Students began the Strings Unit in January. The students have started bowing on the Violin. Students will continue by playing the Violin and learning the similarities and differences between instruments in the string family.