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| <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Back!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**The Library Winter Reading Challenge is due January 31st!</p> <p>K: Students will be introduced to six different authors in the unit called, Awesome Authors. The unit will introduce students to Eric Carle, Mo Willems, Grace Lin, Matt de la Pena, Melanie Watt and Kevin Henkes. Together we will listen to a variety of stories while learning to use reading strategies with each text.</p> <p>Grade 1: Students will explore family relationships in the unit called, We Are Family! We will examine how families love and care for each other, how families work together, and discuss family traditions. Students will create a scrapbook that illustrates their family and their family's traditions.</p> <p>Grade 2: Students will study a variety of genres in the unit called, Genre Genies. During the unit, we will reinforce the skills of tracking one's thinking while reading. We will classify texts based on elements specific to each genre.</p> <p>Grade 3: Students will explore various types of severe weather conditions in the unit called, Wicked Weather. During this unit, we will work to determine the best ways to remain safe in a severe weather situation. We will work to develop an emergency plan for survival.</p> <p>Grade 4: Students will analyze elements of a great book by looking closely at characters and settings in award-winning books in the unit called, Reading is LIT. Students will use promotional strategies in order to generate interest in self-selected books.</p> <p>Grade 5: Students will combine what they have learned about the conventions of <i>graphic novels</i> in library and information about a historical figure in their ELA class. Together they will create their own historical figure graphic novel panels in the unit called, Historical Graphic Novels.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Happy New Year!</p> <p>K: Students are continuing their exploration of the elements of art and literacy by creating art based on stories we are reading together!</p> <p>1st: Students are focusing on their vocabulary word "Symmetry" and creating artwork that is the same on both sides.</p> <p>2nd: Students will begin exploring the artwork of Henri Rousseau and his jungle paintings.</p> <p>3rd: Students will begin learning about pop artist George Rodrigue and creating their own pop art!</p> <p>4th: Students will explore composition and shape through Piet Mondrian's artwork! We will work together to apply our knowledge of composition and then create our own work based on Mondrian's geometrical paintings.</p> <p>5th: CTES 5th grade students will participate in the MDSPCA annual art "Kindness for Paws" fundraiser. Students will complete a piece of artwork based on a photo of a shelter pet. The artwork will be hung at White Marsh Mall from February 8th-15th. February 16th from 11:00am to 2pm, MDSPCA will hold an art sale with all proceeds benefitting the MDSPCA. Students are very excited to use their work to help local animals get healthy and find homes!</p> |

Phys. Ed News
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Welcome to CTES Lanes! PE classes have begun our bowling unit. We will be participating in a variety of activities which focus on skills ranging from rolling, aiming and accuracy to proper bowling scoring. It would be a great time for a family trip out to the lanes for some extra practice!

As winter is fully upon us and the chance for outdoor activities is limited, I encourage families to seek indoor activities and opportunities for fitness. Bowling alleys such as AMF Dundalk, indoor mini golf facilities such as Monster Mini Golf or Jurassic Golf, trampoline parks such as Skyzone, and climbing facilities such as Climbzone all provide active and engaging activities for kids of all ages. Of course, a good day of sledding and snow play gets the heartrate up as well, just stay bundled up! Finally, spice up a board or video game with some movement. Skip a turn in a game could be 10 push-ups, do jumping jacks for each number you roll in a game using dice, do a wall sit while you wait for your next turn. What fun, creative ideas can your family come up to incorporate fitness this winter??

Music News
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K: Students will continue to practice playing the steady beat on various classroom instruments. They will learn new songs and practice clapping games with a partner.

1: Students have moved on from symbolic representations of music! They will begin to practice reading and composing with REAL quarter notes and eighth note pairs. They will also learn a new music symbol, the quarter rest!

2: Student will start their orchestra unit. They will learn about the four instrument families and the characteristics that make each family unique.

3: Students will learn how to label notes on the lines and spaces of the treble staff. After they can successfully label notes, we will begin our recorder unit! A form regarding purchasing a recorder for your child will be sent home this month.

4: Students will practice singing with good diction. They will learn about rounds, and they will begin to sing in two-part harmony.

5: Students will sing rounds and partner songs to sing in two-part harmony. They will begin practicing rhythmic and melodic ostinati.

Instrumental Music News
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5th Grade Instrumental: Strings will begin using the bow on open strings and playing the D Major Scale. Band will continue to learn notes and fingerings to play simple songs.

C&CRS - We will finish with the Financial Literacy lessons for Biz Town.

4th Grade- We will begin to play the Violin which is a member of the Brass Family.

Students will learn to play the notes on the D and the A string to play a D Maj Scale.