



CTES Special Area News



Library News

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Art News

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Grade K: Students are working on perfecting their library citizenship by caring for books and materials. Please help your child remember to return his/her book each week. This is also a great opportunity for you to read with your child to complete the nightly HW calendar.

Grade 1: Students are continuing to demonstrate how to care for library materials. We are also working on fast and accurate ways to find a book that is "just right." Ask your child to tell you about our "5" finger rule for finding a book!



Grades 2-5: Students begin every year with Digital Citizenship. We continue to learn and share the safest ways to participate in an online community. Together we are continuing to practice good digital citizenship by creating mock passwords and profiles and using safe search options. Students are also focusing on the impacts of cyberbullying. We will be recognizing the impacts of bullying and cyberbullying as we read and share stories in library. We will also participate in National Bullying Prevention Month!

We are getting ready for an exciting year of art!

K-3rd grade classes have been getting Art Smart! Besides working on our classroom routines and procedures, we have been learning and revisiting the elements of art! Students will continue their introduction to multi-cultural artists and works of art. We will be using a variety of materials in the art room to explore!

4th-5th grade classes will be researching hats through history and creating a plan for their Trashy Fashion unit. Students will design a drawing for their hat and begin constructing it out of recycled materials! Be sure to send any materials your student would like to use in a labeled bag to be stored in the art room. Students are welcome to work on this project at home but they are required to bring them during art days so that I can monitor their progress.

Phys. Ed News
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Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades have been practicing the locomotor movements of hopping, skipping, jumping, galloping, leaping, walking and running. Have your child demonstrate these movements for you at home! 3rd graders have been participating in endurance games and discussing ways to increase endurance. Encourage your 3rd grader to take a long walk, jog or bike ride. 4th and 5th grades will begin scoring the Punt, Pass, Kick competition the first week of October (weather permitting!). A little extra practice at home could make the difference! Awards will be given to the top 3 boys and top 3 girls in each grade.



Music News
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The cold/flu/allergy season has started and the music room is in need of tissues. If you can spare a box, it would be greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten: We are singing songs in class that focus on following directions, counting, and moving to the steady beat.

Grade 1: Students will practice finding and moving to the steady beat in songs and instrumental listening pieces.

Grade 2: Students are singing and listening to songs that have multiple verses (parts that are different) and a chorus/refrain (the part that repeats multiple times). We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 3: Students are practicing switching between patting the steady beat (same sound) and clapping the rhythm (the way the words go). They are practicing this using body percussion and classroom instruments. We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 4: Students are singing songs that create community. This month we are working on learning a song in Spanish. We will focus on singing with proper posture and volume to create a balanced pleasant sound. We are also identifying notes and rests in rhythmic examples.

Grade 5: Students are singing patriotic songs and making connections to events in American History. Students are highly encouraged to take notes in class as they can use notes during the end of unit test.

Instrumental Music News
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Grade 4: Students will be playing the Violin, from the String family, in the month of October. Students will pluck the open strings (G,D,A,E) and use simple bow techniques to sustain notes.

Grade 5 Instrumental: The only instrument I am holding an audition for is for Percussion students. Many students are interested and we have six spots that will be filled. Papers will go home to families as students are tested and decide which instrument they would like to play.

Grade 5 College and Career Readiness Seminar (C&CRS): Over the next four weeks we will work on the following topics (Not in any specific order).-Introducing another student to the class. -Reading a poem or selected reading to the class. -Discussing the different magnet school options in Baltimore County.

