

September Art, Music, and Library Newsletter

Art News:

We have had an exciting start to our school year in the art room learning about the different types of balance in art. Students have worked on a group radial balance project to display in the upstairs hallway. Also students have been working on their still life drawings and many of these have already been sent home. Currently all students are working on a state wide art contest called "I Love My County," in which they pick a favorite place in their county and draw or paint it. They have been learning about how to make idea sketches to plan out their best idea. There is a form coming home today that needs to be completed if you would like for me to submit your child's artwork to the state contest. There are cash prizes for the top three places. I need to get all of these forms no later than Monday October 2nd. Please help your student write an artist statement of 1-3 sentences about the scene they have chosen on this form. Also, 3rd-5th grade students have been studying art history and have learned about famous artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keeffe.

Music News:

Music students have been working diligently on music for Veteran's Day. 1st-5th grade students have learned all five of the United States military theme songs as well as The Star Spangled Banner. We have also been having fun with some of our favorite songs such as The Crawdad Song, This Land is Your Land and My Old Kentucky Home. Some of the composers we have talked about so far are John Williams, John Phillip Sousa, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and George Gershwin. I always like to incorporate music theory by learning note values and learning to identify notes on the staff. 4th and 5th grade students have already started to practice reading music by playing the recorders and the xylophones. We will begin Christmas music in October!!

Library News:

Thank you for helping to remind your students to return library books every Tuesday. I will allow them to check out 1-3 books per week if they have returned all of their materials from the previous week. Please continue to encourage your children to read every night if possible. It is important to develop these skills while they are still young. Please let me know if there is anything specific I can help your child to check out during library. Third grade has already finished their group reading book by Jesse Stuart called "Old Ben." 4th and 5th will also have a group reading book coming up in the next few weeks. Also if you would like to volunteer time to help in the library we are always in need of volunteers to help keep books in order.

Thank you all for your support and donations to the arts at Holy Family. It is a pleasure to share the arts with your children every day. If you have not yet sent in your \$10 special area fee please send this in so that I can keep supplies refreshed. If you need to contact me or would like to volunteer, my email is jpeacock@cdlex.org or you may send a note with your child.