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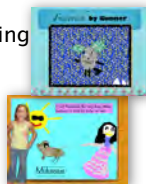
Technology Mrs. Esmail

The technology program continues to be successful due to curriculum that is fun, interactive, and informative for our bright and curious students. The programs readily meet national and state standards, while incorporating entertaining and educational activities for your children.

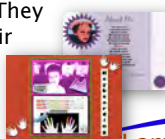
Kindergarten: Kindergartners continue to hone their tech skills while creating projects such as thankful and penguins. They are becoming very familiar with kidpix and their mouse skills.



First Grade: First graders are counting, adding, and identifying odd and even numbers by applying spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. The Thankful Project was a success. Students created slide shows of their own original sentences with graphics.



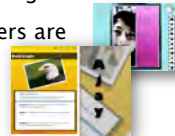
Second Grade: The second graders continue practicing keyboarding skills while they're learning Microsoft Word. They created posters about their hopes and dreams. Be ready to be astonished at Open House. They will be



working on their sound project using Garageband to record their voice and display their sounds' waves.

Third Grade: Third grade created beautiful pictures for school projects. They used Image tricks to apply filters to their photos. They are working diligently on a research project learning about patriotic symbols and their importance in America. They are also improving their keyboarding skills by taking WPM tests and recording their score to display their progress.

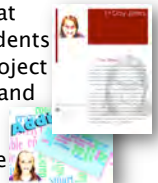
Fourth Grade: Our movie makers are doing an excellent job on their Claymation movies! They are creating a clay movie based on their research paper. We are moving to our measurement units where students are wall papering their room while exploring area and perimeter!



Fifth Grade: These experienced students

I am thrilled to continue working with your talented children on various projects. Here are highlights of our program:

continue to hone their typing skills using Microsoft Word, as well as learning how to import pictures, insert text, format paragraphs, and much more! Students are working on a fun fast food project to find and organize the calories and fat of their favorite meal!



Sixth Grade: The sixth graders have had the opportunity to design their dream houses using Home Sweet Home application. In creative business card, students worked on their logos and stationary. They also created business cards for clients! In Interactive storybook class, student wrote and illustrated their children book. They recorded their voices and created their DVD covers.

As a physical education teacher, my goal is to give students the necessary knowledge and ideas to enjoy physical activity for a lifetime. Throughout the year I will primarily work with second, third, fifth and sixth grade. Students will participate in a variety of activities that teach them teamwork, problem solving, building positive relationships, and fitness and sport concepts. I am grateful to be a part of such an awesome community here at Sage Canyon.

Music Mr. Igarashi



Kindergartners are singing and playing percussion instruments.

First graders are preparing for their Rainbow Fish program. Their performance will be in March.

Second graders are preparing to perform the Three Piggy Opera in February. They are also learning to play Orff instruments.

Third graders are singing about famous Americans. They will be performing in March.

Fourth graders are playing guitar and learning Finale Notepad, a computer music program.

Fifth graders are learning "The Elements", a song about the periodic table; playing guitar, and drumming.

The instrumental students are performing in February.

Second Grade: Students are participating in a variety of activities that focus on teamwork and individual skill development.

Third Grade: During this additional PE time outside of ESC students are participating in activities to build trust and positive relationships among their peers while working together as a team. Math concepts learned in the classroom are applied in PE to reinforce what they are learning in the classroom.

Fifth Grade: minutes of PE one time per week. During this time students are participating in activities that focus on the fitness concepts that each student will be tested on for the state fitness test in March.

Sixth Grade: Each unit consist of basic skill activities, implementing the skills in mini games, developing strategy to be successful in a game, and mini tournaments to practice everything learned throughout the unit. Some units that have been offered include alternative fitness, hockey, soccer and tennis.

Physical Education

Mr. Tracy



As a physical educator, my goal is to make health and fitness a priority and promote a healthy lifestyle to our students. Throughout the year students engage in a variety of fun and exciting activities that teach them how to work together as a team, problem-solve, create positive relationships, develop a wide range of fitness skills, and learn fundamental sports concepts. It's a pleasure to work with such a supportive and committed community of teachers, parents, and students. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten: Students are learning about their body parts and how they are used in basic physical activities. We are also focused on simple skills such as tossing, kicking, and moving in defined spaces.

1st Grade: Students are developing coordination and agility by participating in activities that contain locomotor skills and movement pathways.

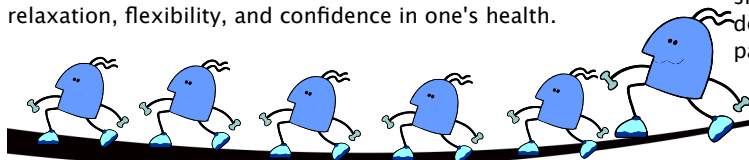
2nd Grade: Students are participating in a variety of activities that focus on coordination, agility, individual skill practice, and teamwork.

3rd Grade: Students are participating in team building activities to help develop good sportsmanship, positive relationships, and problem solving to achieve a common goal.

4th Grade: Students are participating in team building activities to help develop good sportsmanship, positive relationships, and problem solving to achieve a common goal.

5th Grade: Students are beginning to prepare for state fitness testing. A variety of games and activities that correlate directly to the fitness concepts are used to motivate students.

6th Grade: Students have focused on football, ultimate frisbee, hockey, soccer, and boot camp. Each unit contains skill progression activities, mini-games to work on each specific skills, and game play strategies that will develop and optimize successful competitive performance. Yoga has also been introduced as an alternative exercise unit to help promote relaxation, flexibility, and confidence in one's health.



Art

Miss O'connell

As the art teacher at Sage Canyon, I could not be more fortunate. The students here are so creative and energetic, and they continue to impress me each day with their knowledge and enthusiasm for art. All of the Sage Canyon artists have been busy and creative so far this year! Each grade level has been working hard on various projects, discussing art history, and working on art concepts and vocabulary. Below you will find some of the exciting things our students have been doing in the art room.

Kindergarten: So far we have learned about shapes, primary colors, secondary colors, and the illustrator Leo Lionni. We are currently getting ready to start a clay project and several print projects.

1st Grade: Our first graders are learning art concepts through the work of famous illustrators! Throughout the year they will create projects inspired by Eric Carle, Rebecca Emberley, Dr. Seuss. and more.

2nd Grade: Our second graders are continuing to discover that art is all around us. So far they have created oil pastel sunflowers based on Vincent Van Gogh and just completed a clay unti based on The Day of the Dead. They will complete several more projects based on cultures around the globe.

3rd Grade: Our third graders are embarking on a journey through art history. We began with Cave Art and each student created a tapa cloth filled with symbols representing the things they value in their life. We just completed our unit on American watercolor landscapes and are currently studying the Impressionist painters. As the year continues they will study post-impressionis and modern art.

4th Grade: Our fourth graders are doing an in depth study of the Elements of Art. We have created projects using line, shape, texture and color. Right now, they are learning how to weave.

5th Grade: Our fifth graders learn about various artists who have shaped the art world. We have looked at art by Pablo Picasso, Renaissance artists and their use of one-point perspective and we are currently studying the Pop Artists including Wayne Thiebaud, Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

6th Grade: Our six grade elective program is in full swing and the sixth graders have had the opportunity to sign-up for: fashion design, painting, drawing without a pencil, and they will soon have paper mache, and book arts.

Science
Ms. Cavallini



I would like to thank everyone who is participating in and supporting the Sage Canyon Family Science Fair. Your projects are always so impressive, and I always learn tons of interesting information. This year in the science lab, we have continued to explore new concepts through hands on activities.

Kinder: We are currently investigating the five senses. Later this year we will be exploring sinking and floating, and learning about the parts of plants.

1st Grade: We are currently investigating solids, liquids, and gas. Later this year we will investigate weather.

2nd Grade: We are currently investigating force and motion. We have been busy making tops, zoomers, and rollercoasters, and figuring out what type of force makes them move. Soon we will be exploring simple machines.

3rd Grade: We have been busy exploring energy and matter. We used solar power to operate a motor, and investigated how to bend light using mirrors.

4th Grade: We finished up our unit on environments, and we had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets to learn more about food chains. Later this year we will be investigating rocks, minerals, landslides, and volcanoes.

5th Grade: We are currently working on our living systems unit. During this unit, students had the opportunity to build a model lung and look at cells under a microscope.

6th Grade: So far this year we have been busy building in engineering class, planting and taking care of the garden during gardening class, designing experiments in experimental design, and investigating aerodynamics in my sky's the limit class. Next session we will start science olympiad, and students will have the opportunity to participate in the egg drop and launch a rocket.

