



# Specialist's Report

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## Music:

So far we have had a great time in music this year. We started the year by learning our school song "Stand Up and Cheer" as well as the Peace Builder Pledge Song. We discussed the music room rules and expectations. A copy of those expectations, along with the grading rubric, was sent home to parents during the first week of school.

Most of the grade levels spent September reviewing concepts from the previous year. The primary grades used various songs to show the difference between beat and rhythm. The intermediate grades used patriotic songs to review concepts from the previous year such as meter in two versus three.

Fifth and sixth grade parents please keep an eye out for the upcoming concert announcement. These classes are about to start rehearsing for our fall concert, set for Thursday November 6th at 7:00pm in the gym.

We're off to a great start!

-Ms. Anderer



## Library:

**Book Care/Over Dues:** In Library we have talked about making sure books are well-taken care of and returned on time. Please be aware that if students have more than four over due books in a grading period it may lower their grade.

**Birthdays Book Club:** On the back is information about a new program to help get new books for the Red El Library. Take a look.

### **CLASSROOM UPDATE:**

**Kindergartners** are listening to stories demonstrating Life Skills. They are excited about checking out books now.

**1st Grade:** Students are listening to books of different Genres such as Adventure and Classics.

**2nd Graders and the 1/2 Class** are hearing Folklore stories from around the world and learning about Character, Plot and Setting.

**3rd Graders** are working on Shelf Markers while reviewing Character, Plot and Setting and how to use the Library catalog.

**4th Graders and the 3/4 Class** are working on research skills which will help them with future Library projects.

**5th Graders** are beginning a unit learning about the Non-Fiction section of the Library.

**Sixth Graders and the 5/6 Class** will be working on a Library Scavenger Hunt reminding them how to use the Library Catalog and find Library resources.

## Physical Education:

We are off to a great start in PE.

**Our primary grade students** spent the first few weeks learning classroom rules and consequences. We worked extensively on all the different ways to move safely and how to transition between activities.

Ask your student to show you our Brain Dance warm-up.

**In the intermediate grades** we have also gone over class expectations and consequences, as well as completed our first round of fitness tests. From this base level of fitness we will begin to work on our fitness goals and how they relate to the 8 aspects of PE.

Ask your student which test scores they are most proud of and what their goals are.

When you send your students off to school, please keep in mind that on PE days they need to dress safely for moving around. Students who come in sandals, high heels or backless shoes and skirts or dresses without tights or shorts underneath will not be able to participate.

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