



Specialists' Report

November 6th, 2008

Library:

BOOK FAIR starts November 20th at 3:30. See the reverse side for more information and the hours it is open. We will have a wide variety of books and other items on sale. 30% of the proceeds go to help the Red El Library purchase books.

CLASSROOM UPDATE:

Sixth Graders have finished up a unit to help them use the Library catalog and find books in the Library. They are now beginning an ongoing unit to help them become familiar with some of the research databases and evaluate their resources.

Fifth Graders are continuing to learn about the Non Fiction section of the Library. They are focusing on the 500's (Natural Science) and 600's (Pure Science) right now.

Fourth Graders are beginning several stations to practice the research skills, such as using research databases, they've been learning.

Third Graders are finishing up their shelf markers and hearing some award-winning stories.

Second Graders are continuing their Folklore unit, hearing great stories from around the world while focusing on character, plot and setting.

First Graders are continuing learning the Genres such as Historical Fiction and Tall Tales.

Kindergartners are continuing their unit on Life Skills including Organization and Patience.

Physical Education:

Things were very busy in the gym during October.

Primary students learned a number of new games involving the concept of opposition, with regards to throwing and rolling various objects. They had opportunities to work with bean bags, balls and discs.

In connection with the idea of opposition we have begun to practice juggling skills. This is a process we will work on throughout the year, progressing towards three-bean-bag juggling.

Intermediate students spent the month of October working in groups to create unique exercise stations. Each group was given a focus for their station (Agility, Cooperation, Flexibility, etc.)

and then allowed to choose equipment needed for their ideas. Groups also designed a station sign, wrote a description of the exercise and presented their idea to classmates. The project generated a lot of great exercises that we will use over again in classes this year.

Looking forward to the rest of November grades K-2 will participate in a number of activities that focus on jumping skills. Meanwhile, students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade will be engaged in various fitness stations as they begin working toward their personal fitness goals.

I hope you all enjoy the fresh fall air while there is still some daylight.

Mr.D

Music:

November is a huge music month. Tonight is the fifth and sixth graders' fall concert, "Gotta Be Jazz." We start at 7:00pm in the gym and students need to arrive in their classrooms by 6:45pm. Please stay for the PTSA bake sale afterwards. Proceeds go towards purchasing new books for the library.

Next Thursday, November 13th is the fall band concert at the Redmond Junior High gym at 7:00pm. Our Redmond Region band students will show off the skills they have learned to far this year.

The following Thursday, November 20th is the Tenor and Bass Institute at the Redmond High School performing arts center. Male students from grades

six through twelve have been nominated to perform alongside the University of Washington Men's Glee Club, directed by Dr. Steven Demorest. Congratulations to our Redmond Elementary representatives: Stone Cao, Devansh Kukreja, Braydon Walker, Richard Wen and Chris Yu.

During October, in our classrooms, second through fourth grade reviewed their mallet instrument skills with some fun songs like Yabba Dabba Doo and the Cabbage Café. Fifth and sixth grades were preparing for their performance tonight and looking forward to it!

-Ms. Anderer

OVER PLEASE

GOTTA BE JAZZ



FALL CONCERT TONIGHT IN THE REDMOND EL. GYM

GRADES 5 & 6 ARRIVE AT 6:45PM, PERFORM AT 7PM



Imagine a book store in the Redmond El Library. During the Book Fair you'll find one with great picture books, mysteries, sports, classics,

Grand Opening: